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Final Standings (Top 20)

#	Seed	Fed	Title	Name	Rating	Points	TB1	TB2
1	6		GM	Esipenko, Andrey	2682	7.5	2860	46.5
2	1		GM	Erigaisi, Arjun	2801	7	2787	48
3	2		GM	Abdusattorov, Nodirbek	2777	7	2695	40
4	13		GM	Sargsyan, Shant	2646	6.5	2758	48
5	15		GM	Karthikeyan, Murali	2637	6.5	2738	45.5
6	18		GM	Salem, A.R. Saleh	2622	6.5	2690	46
7	22		GM	Idani, Pouya	2603	6	2683	44
8	31		GM	Abdisalimov, Abdimalik	2536	6	2680	44
9	30		GM	Zemlyanskii, Ivan	2543	6	2677	43.5
10	24		GM	Pranesh, M	2582	6	2654	42
11	8		GM	Nihal, Sarin	2676	6	2646	45.5
12	26		GM	Lodici, Lorenzo	2564	6	2643	40
13	23		GM	Daneshvar, Bardiya	2600	6	2630	45.5
14	5		GM	Tabatabaei, M. Amin	2695	6	2620	43
15	20		GM	Paravyan, David	2620	6	2617	42
16	14		GM	Mendonca, Leon Luke	2642	6	2608	42.5
17	4		GM	Artemiev, Vladislav	2701	6	2604	42
18	9		GM	Yakubboev, Nodirbek	2668	6	2603	43.5
19	19		GM	Pranav, V	2621	6	2566	39
20	41		IM	Srihari, L R	2484	6	2566	37.5

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□ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
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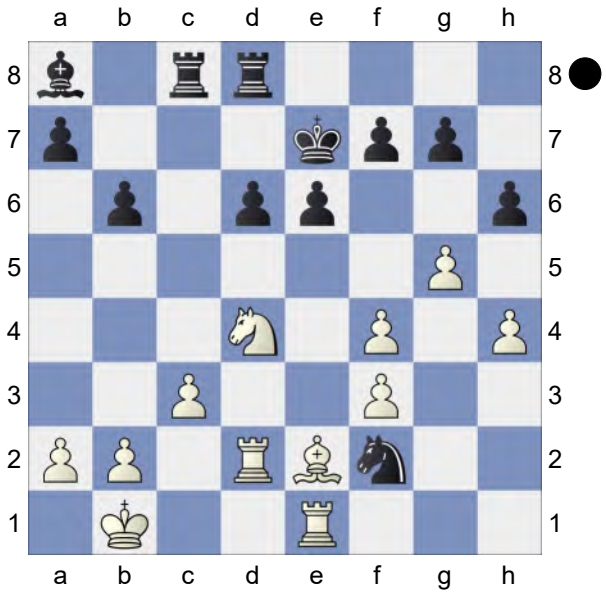
[Kitty Kat]

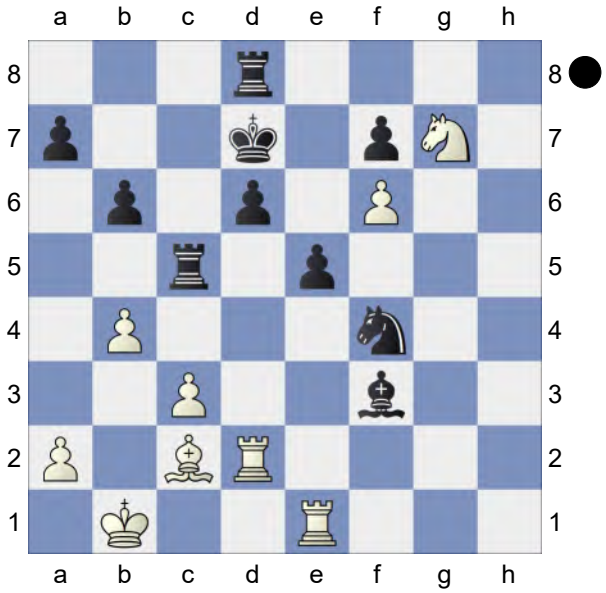
A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (2.1)]
2...e6N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation]
3.Nf3 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 h6 6.c3 Nh5 7.dxc5 Nxf4 8.exf4 White wants to play Ne4. The position is equal.
8...Bxc5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Nd6+ Bxd6 11.Qxd6 Qe7 12.Qxe7+ -0.01/23
[12.Qd2± 0.46/18 might be stronger.]
12...Kxe7= 13.0-0-0 Bb7 14.h4 Rac8 15.Kb1 Rhd8 16.Be2 d6 17.Rhe1 Nb8 18.g3 Nd7 19.Nd4 Nf6 20.g4 Ba8 0.16/20
[20...g6 -0.25/17 should be considered.]
21.g5 Ne4 22.f3 Nf2 23.Rd2

(Diagram)

Hoping for Ba6. **23...Nh3! 24.f5** Ba6 would now be deadly. **24...Nf4! 25.Bd1 hxg5 26.hxg5 Rc5 27.Bc2 e5 28.f6+ gxf6 29.Nf5+ Ke6 30.Ng7+** -0.84/28
[30.gxf6!∓ -0.39/20 was preferrable.



Bd5 31.Rh2]
30...Kd7∓ 31.gxf6 Bxf3 32.b4



Rd5
[And not 32...Rxc3 33.Rxe5 Kc7 34.Re7+ Kb8 35.Kb2± *(35.Rxf7 Bc6±)*]
33.Rh2 Bg4 -0.49/22
[Black should play 33...a5∓ -1.32/20 34.Nf5 axb4 35.cxb4 Ra8]
34.Bb3 Rd3
[34...b5 simplifies 35.Re3 Rd3 36.Rxd3 Nxd3 37.Rh4 Nf2]
35.Bxf7 Rxc3 36.Rh4 Rf8 -0.26/17

[36...Be6∓ -0.99/19 37.Nxe6 Nxe6]
37.Bb3 -3.30/24 This costs White the game.
[37.Be8+= -0.26/17 and White is okay. Rxe8 38.Nxe8]
37...Ng2 38.Rxg4 -3.25/25
[38.Ba4+ -2.27/20 is a better defense. Kc8 39.Rxg4 Nxe1 40.Nf5 Rxf6 41.Ne7+ Kd8 42.Nd5]
38...Nxe1 39.Ba4+ Kc8 40.Kb2 -3.49/20
[⌓40.Nf5 -2.11/20]
40...Rf3-+ 41.Ne6 Nd3+
[Worse is 41...R8xf6 42.Rg8+ Kb7 43.Rg7+ Kc8 44.Rg8+ Kb7 45.Rg7+ Ka6 46.Nc7+ Kb7 47.Ne6+=]
42.Kc2 Rh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.17 (very precise)
[Weaker is 42...R8xf6 43.Rg8+ Kb7 44.Rg7+ Kc8 45.Rg8+ Kb7 46.Rg7+ Kb8 47.Rg8+ Kb7=]
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E81
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2777**
■ **Mahdavi,Reza 2394**
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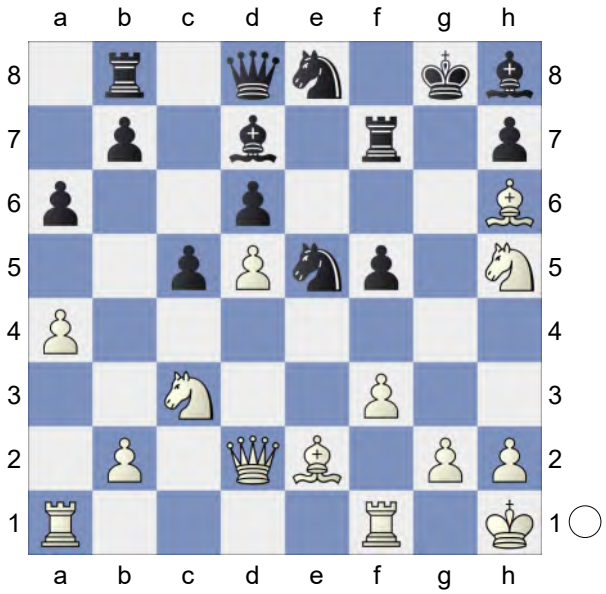
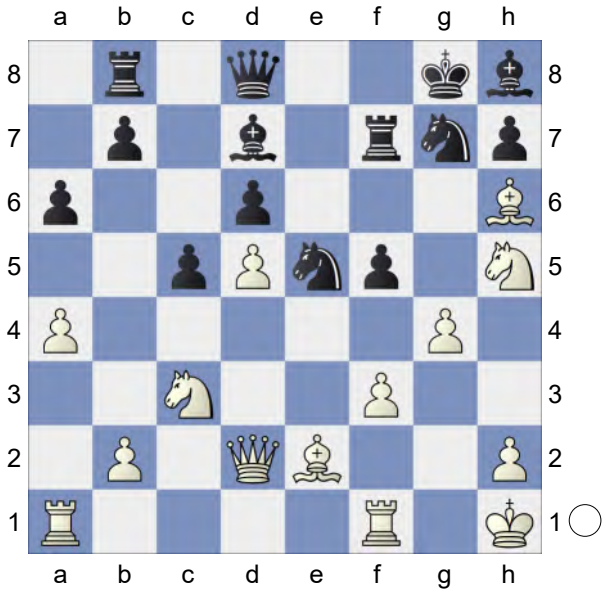
[Kitty Kat]

A65: Modern Benoni: 6 e4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nge2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Ng3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Be2 Rb8**
[11...h5 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.Nf1 Re8 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.0-0 Nh7 16.Bh4 g5 17.f4 gxf4 18.Bxh5 Qb4 19.Rb1 Ng6 20.Bf2 b5 21.axb5 axb5 ½-½ Bancroft,H (2645)-8. ♗g3 ♘e4 9. ♘d2 ♘g3 (2550) WT/M/454 corr ICCF 1989]
[11...Nh5 12.Nxh5 gxh5 13.Qd2 f5 14.Qg5 Qxg5 15.Bxg5 Nf6 16.Bf4 Ne8 17.0-0 Bd7 18.Ra3 Rc8 19.Bc4 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Kg7 21.Rb3 Rc7 22.Rb6 Bc8 23.Rxd6 Nxd6 24.Bxd6 Rd7 25.Bxf8+ Kxf8 26.exf5 1-0 Ladron de Guevara Pinto,P (2425)-8.e5 b5 9. ♕b3_63585 (2419) Zadar 2004 (3)]
12.0-0 Ne8 13.Bf4N
[13.f4 Nc7 14.Kh1 b5 15.e5 bxa4 *(15...dxe5 16.f5 bxa4 17.Nce4 Nb6 18.f6 Bh8 19.d6* King's Indian - ...c5 lines-King's Indian with ...c5 - Ea*)* 16.Nce4 Bb7 17.Nxd6 Bxd5 18.Qxa4 King's Indian - ...c5 lines-King's Indian with ...c5 - Ea]
[13.Be3 Nc7 14.a5 b5 15.axb6 Rxb6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 h5 18.Rfe1 h4 19.Nf1 h3 20.g4 Qh4 21.Ng3 Rb4 22.Rg1 Nb5 23.Nf5 gxf5 24.gxf5 Nxc3 25.Qxc3 Ne5 26.Qa3 Rxe4 27.Bg5 Qf2 0-1 Chapter Part9 Complete Games-4. ♗g2 ♗b7 5.0-0 c5 La 72/57 Havana 1998]
13...f5 0.78/20
[13...c4= 0.25/20 14.Bxc4 Qb6+ 15.Rf2 Bd4 Pin]
14.Qd2 0.36/19
[14.exf5± 0.78/20 Ne5 15.Kh1]
14...Ne5 0.84/22
[14...Qf6± 0.36/19]
15.Kh1 Bd7 1.05/22
[15...fxe4± 0.61/17 should be considered. 16.Ngxe4 *(16.Ncxe4 b5=)* 16...Bf5]
16.exf5± gxf5 17.Nh5 Bh8 18.Bh6 Rf7

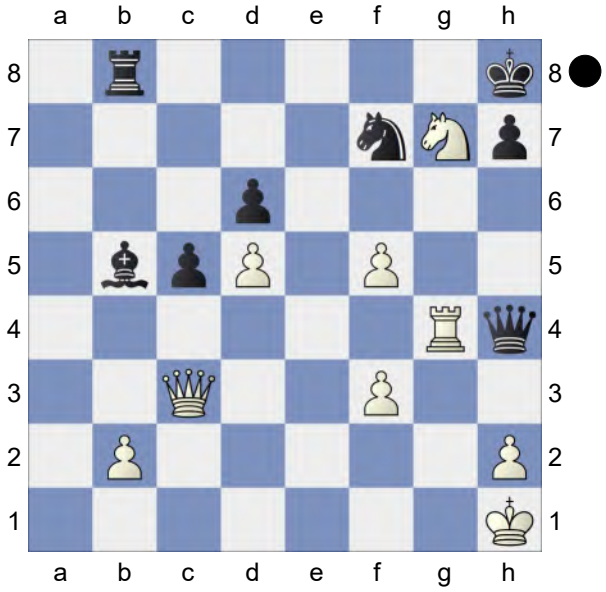
(Diagram)

19.g4! Ng7
[19...Ng6 20.Bg5]





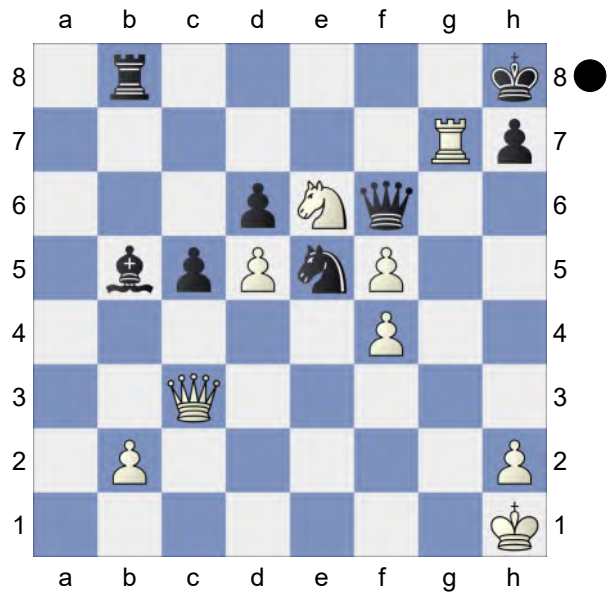
20.Rg1!
[20.Bg5?! Qf8±]
20...b5 2.52/23
[20...Ng6± 1.48/18 might work better.]
21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7? 0.37/18
[White should play 22.Bg5+- 2.15/22 Qf8 23.gxf5 Bxf5 *(23...b4? 24.Ne4+-)* 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.fxe4]
22...b4± 23.gxf5 bxc3 24.Qxc3 Strongly threatening f6. **24...Qh4**
[24...Qb6 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 26.Nxg7± *(26.Bxg7 Rxg7* Remove Defender *27.Rxg7+ Kf8+-* Pin *)*]
25.Bxg7 Bxg7 26.Nxg7 Kh8!→ Black attacks. Chess con chili. **27.Bb5?** -3.87/20 **Bxb5-+**
[27...Rxb5 28.Ra8+]
28.Rxf7 Threatens to win with Ne6.
28...Nxf7 29.Rg4



Qe7 30.Ne6+ Ne5 31.Rg7 -4.57/21
[31.f4 -3.15/17 was called for. Qb7 32.fxe5 Qxd5+ 33.Kg1 Qd1+ *(33...Qxe5 34.Qxe5+ dxe5 35.Nxc5±)* 34.Kf2 Qxg4 35.exd6+ Kg8 36.Qg3 Qxg3+ 37.Kxg3]
31...Qf6 32.f4

(Diagram)

Bc4! 33.Qd2
[33.fxe5 Bxd5+]
33...Qxf5 (→ ...Qe4+) **34.fxe5 Qf3+ 35.Rg2 Bxd5** -6.35/18 Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.11 (very precise)
[⌓35...Rxb2 -#5/16 36.h3 Qxh3+ *(36...Rxd2* leads to mate. *37.Nf4 Rxg2* Deflection *38.Nxg2 Bxd5 39.exd6 Qxg2#)* 37.Kg1 Rb1+ *(37...Rxd2* gets mated. *38.Rxd2*



Qe3+ 39.Rf2 Qe1+ 40.Kg2 Bxd5+ 41.Kg3 Qg1+ 42.Rg2 Qxg2+ 43.Kf4 Qf3+ 44.Kg5 Bxe6 45.exd6 Qf5+ 46.Kh6 Qg6#) 38.Qc1 Rxc1+ 39.Kf2 Rf1#]

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D86

□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
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[Kitty Kat]

D86: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical Line (7 Bc4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 a6N**

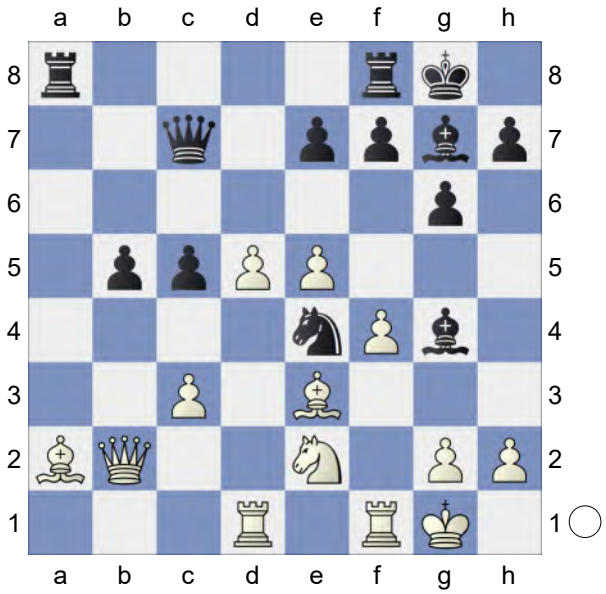
[7...0-0 8.Be3 c5 9.Ne2 Nc6 *(9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5* ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989*)* 10.0-0 b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch, C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]

[7...c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 *(8...0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qa3 13.Rb1 Rd8 14.d5 Na5 15.Be2 Qxa2 16.0-0 Bd7* 1 Exchange Variation Bc4-Exchange Variation: 7.Bc4 *-)* 9.d5 Na5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Qxd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b5 14.Be5 f6 15.Bg3 Rad8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Ng5 Rf5 20.Ne6 Rc8 21.h4 Bf6 22.f4 1-0 Cornelis,F (1629)-8.b3 b6 9. ♖d1 ♗a6 (1793) Prokuplje 44/(182) 1987 (4.3)]

8.a4 White is more active. **8...c5 9.Ne2**

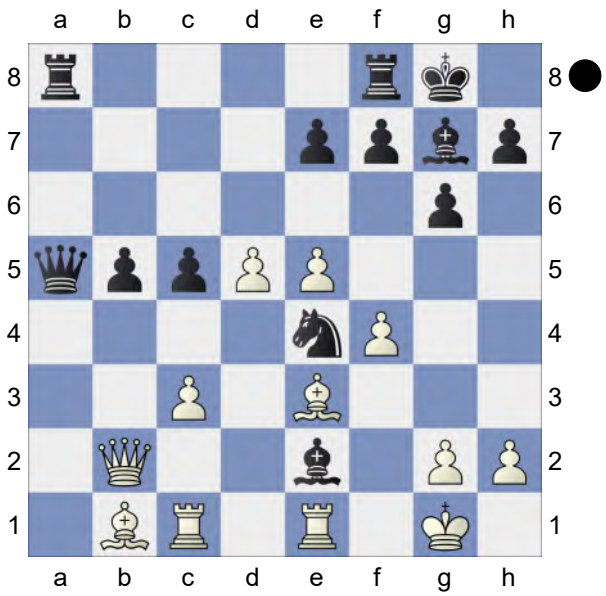
[And not 9.dxc5 Bxc3+ 10.Bd2 Qd4∓ *(10...Bxa1 11.Qxa1 f6 12.Nf3=)*]

9...Nc6 White has an edge. **10.d5 Na5 11.Ba2 b5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.axb5 axb5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qd2 Bd7 16.Rad1 Nb7 17.f4 Nd6 18.e5 Ne4** The position is equal. **19.Qb2 Bg4**



Hoping for ...Bxe2. **20.Rc1! Qa5 21.Bb1 Bxe2 22.Rfe1**

(Diagram)



Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Qxc3 24.Rxc3 Bc4 25.Bxc5 Bxd5 26.Bxe7 Rfe8 27.Bd6 Ra4 28.Rc5 Rd4 29.Rxb5 Bc6 30.Rb8 Rxb8 31.Bxb8 Rxf4 32.Rc1 Bb7 33.Ba2 h5 34.Rf1 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1= Endgame. KBB-KBB **35...Bc8 36.Bd6 Bh6 37.h3 Kg7 38.Be7 Be3 39.Ke2 Bd4 40.Bf6+ Kf8 41.Bd5 Bc3 42.Kd3 Be1 43.Bc6 Be6 44.Ke2 Bg3 45.Kf3 h4 46.Ke4 Kg8 47.Bd5 Bf5+ 48.Ke3 Kf8 49.Bf3 Be6 50.Bc6 Kg8 51.Bf3 Kh7 52.Bg4 Kh6 53.Bxe6 fxe6** KB-KB **54.Ke4 Kh5 55.Bd8 g5 56.Bf6 Kg6 57.Bd8 Kh5 58.Bf6 Kg6 59.Bd8 Kh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

A05

□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
■ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
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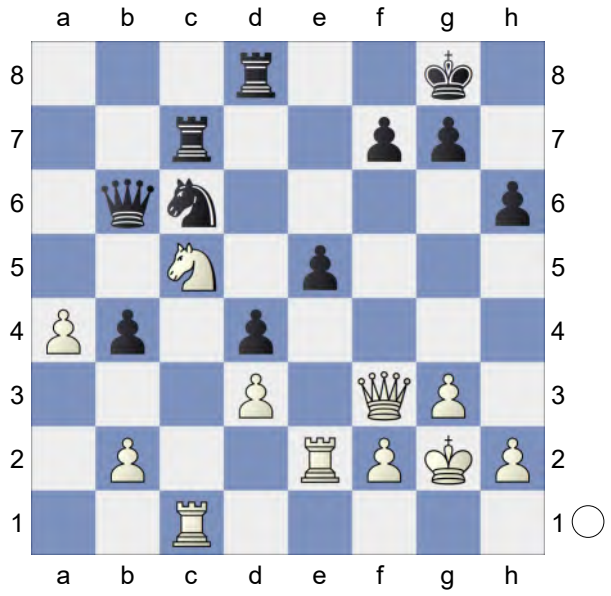
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5**
[3...c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 *(5.h3 Bh5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Bg6 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.b3 a5 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rc4 Rab8* 1-0 Hidalgo,J (2532)-7.♕d6 ♕f6 8. ♕ f6 ♘ f6 (2374) Hiroshima Chushikoku-ch 2023 (7)*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nfxe4 17.dxe4 Ne6 18.Qg3 ½-½ Akopian,V (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2711) World Team Championship, Ningbo 2011 (3)]
4.0-0 e6 5.c4N
[5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.h3 b5 10.a4 b4 11.e4 Ba6 12.Re1 Nd7 13.Nh2 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.f4 Rad8 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 f5 19.Qh5 fxe4 0-1 Terelya,I-Hamiliton 85/342 Russia 2002 20.Nxe4 Nd4 21.Rac1 Rf5 22.Qg4 Bb7 23.Re3 e5 0-1 Ozols,K-Zirnis,A Latvian Exiles 5254 corr 1952]
[5.d3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b5 11.Nf1 Bb7 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.N1h2 Kh8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Qh6 h4 17.Nxh4 Nxe5 18.N4f3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 d4 1-0 Ravisekhar,R (2325)-Miheso,C Thessaloniki ol (Men) 1988 (2)]
5...d4 6.e3 Nc6 7.d3 Bd6 8.exd4 cxd4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nbd2 Qe7 12.a3 a5 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rc1 Rd8 15.Ne4 Bc7 16.c5 Bd7 17.Rc4 e5 18.Nfd2 Be6
[18...f5!? 19.Nd6□ Rab8±

(19...Bxd6 20.cxd6 Qxd6 21.Rc1=)]
19.Rc1 a4 20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.cxd6 Qxd6 22.Ne4! Qc7 23.Nc5 Bd5 24.Nxa4 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 b5 0.36/24
[25...Qe7= 0.00/20]
26.Nc5± Qb6 27.Qf3 Prevents Rd5. Nd7! is the strong threat. **27...Rac8** 0.73/22
[27...f6!± 0.37/22]
28.Re2 White is more active.
[28.Rc2!?]
28...b4 29.a4 Rc7 0.90/20
[29...b3!± 0.40/21]



30.Nb3 0.10/19
[White should play 30.Rec2!± 0.90/20]
30...Na5!= 31.Rxc7 Qxc7 32.Nxa5 Qxa5 Endgame. KQR-KQR **33.Qc6** 0.00/35
[33.Qb7± 0.39/20 feels stronger.]
33...b3 The position is equal. **34.h4 Qd5+ 35.Qxd5 Rxd5** KR-KR **36.f4 exf4 37.Re8+ Kh7 38.Rb8 Ra5! 39.gxf4 Rxa4 40.Rxb3 Kg6 41.Kf3 f5 42.Rb5 Ra1 43.Rd5 Rb1 44.Rxd4 Rxb2 45.Rd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

B90
□ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
■ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
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B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.h4 Nc6 10.g5 hxg5** White has an edge. **11.hxg5 Rxh1+ 12.Bxh1 Nh7 13.f4** -0.02/20
[13.Nxc6± 0.54/20 bxc6 14.Qh5 *(14.g6 fxg6 15.Qd3 e5 16.Qc4 Bd7 17.Bd2 Bg5 18.0-0-0 Qf6 19.Na4 Rb8 20.Bxg5 Qxg5+ 21.Kb1 Nf6 22.a3 Qh4 23.Qd3 d5 24.Nc5 d4 25.Qxa6 Qxf2 26.Rf1 Qg3 27.Bf3 Qh3 28.Rh1 Qxf3* 0-1 Wohl,R (2759)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2798) Jugoslavija 44/508 1987 *)*]
13...Qb6N 0.89/21
[13...Nxd4!= -0.02/20 14.Qxd4 e5 15.fxe5 Nxg5 16.Qg1 dxe5 17.Bd2 Nh3 18.Qxg7 Bh4+ 19.Ke2 2) Najdorf: 6.h3 e6-7...h6 8.Bg2 Be7 #4 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023]
[13...e5 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 exf4 16.Qh5 Qb6 17.Qh2 *(17.Kf1 Nxg5 18.Bxf4 Qxb2 19.Bxc6+ bxc6 20.Re1* 2) Najdorf: 6.h3 e6-7...h6 8.Bg2 Be7 #3 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023*)* 17...0-0-0 18.Nd5 Qd4 19.c3 Qe5+ 20.Kd1 Nxg5 21.Bxf4 Qxf5 22.Qg2 Bf6 23.Kd2 Re8 24.Rd1 Ne6 25.Be3 Nc5 26.Qf1 Ne4+ 27.Bxe4 Qxe4 28.Kc1 0-1 Abdullah Al,R (2608)-

Kramer,A (2562) Monarch Assurance 15th Pori Erin 2006]

14.Nf3 0.00/24

[White should play 14.Be3!± 0.89/21]

14...Bd7 15.Qd2 Rc8 0.32/20

[15...f6= -0.12/21 is more appropriate.]

16.b3± Na5 1.22/21

[Better is 16...e5± 0.37/20]

17.Qd3 0.36/21

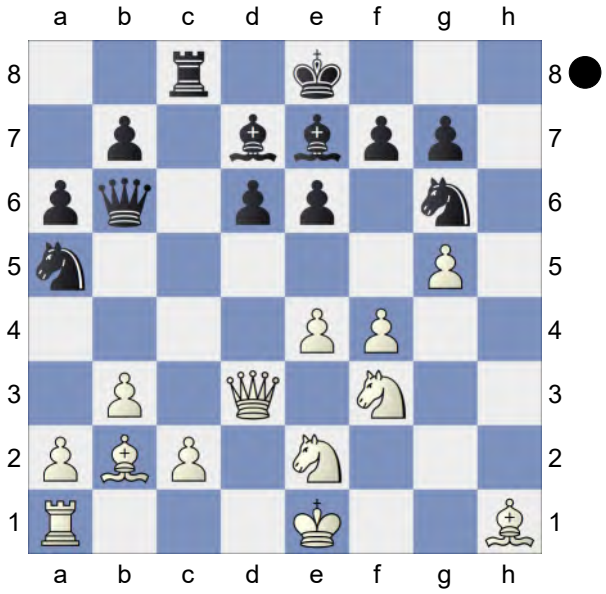
[17.Ba3± 1.22/21]

17...Nf8 18.Bb2 -0.28/19

[18.Ne2± 0.40/21]

18...Ng6= 19.Ne2 -0.69/21

[⌓19.0-0-0 -0.33/23 Nxf4 20.Qd2]



19...d5 0.01/21 **20.exd5 Bb5!**

[20...Qb4+?! 21.c3 Qd6 *(21...Nxf4? 22.Qd2+-)* 22.c4±]

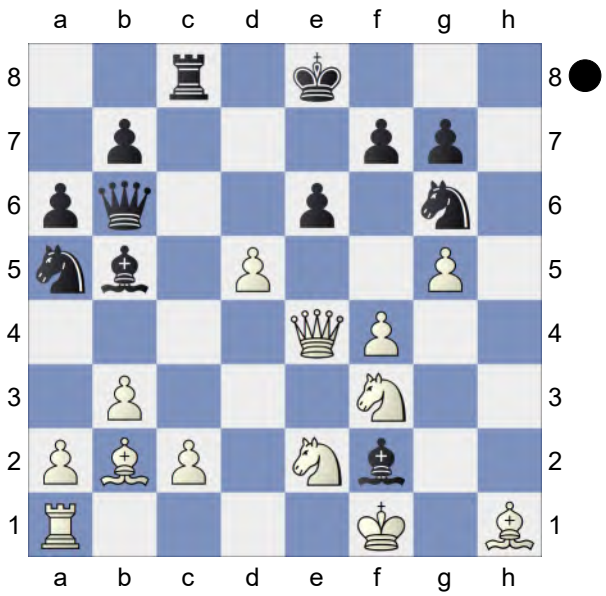
21.Qd4 Repels Bb4+ **21...Bc5** Black has compensation. **22.Qe4** aiming for Ned4.

[22.Qxg7? Bb4+ 23.c3 Qe3-+]

22...Bf2+ 23.Kf1 -0.96/18

[23.Kd1∓ -0.38/20 Bxe2+ Remove Defender 24.Kxe2]

(Diagram)



23...Nc4!∓ 24.Bd4

[24.bxc4 Rxc4 25.Qd3 Bg1 26.Nfxg1 *(26.Nexg1? Rxc2 27.Bd4 Bxd3+-+)* 26...Rxf4+ 27.Nxf4 Nxf4 *(27...Bxd3+? 28.Nxd3 Kf8 29.Re1+-)* 28.Bxg7 Nxd3 *(28...Bxd3+ 29.cxd3 Qe3 30.Be4-+)* 29.cxd3 Bxd3+ 30.Ne2 Qe3-+]

[24.Bxg7? Nd6 25.Bd4 Bxe2+ *(25...Nxe4? 26.Bxb6 Bxe2+* Remove Defender *27.Kxe2-+; 25...Bxd4 26.Qxd4 Bxe2+ 27.Kxe2∓)* 26.Qxe2 Bxd4-+]

(Diagram)

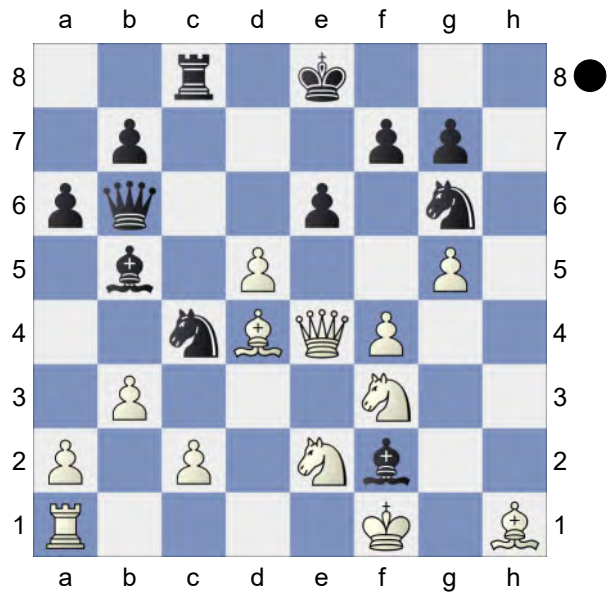
24...Nd2+! Deflection **25.Nxd2 Bxd4 26.c4! Bxa1 27.cxb5 axb5** ...Rd8 would now be deadly. **28.dxe6 Qxe6** -0.01/18

[28...Ne7∓ -0.85/19 29.Qxb7 *(29.exf7+ Kxf7 30.Qxb7 Qd6∓)* 29...Qxe6 30.Qxb5+ Kf8]

29.f5⇄ Pin, Double Attack. White is not keeping still. The position is equal.

[29.Qxe6+ fxe6 30.Bxb7 Rc2-+]

29...Qxe4 30.Nxe4 Threatens to win



with Nd6+. **30...Ne7**
[30...Ne5!? 31.Nd6+□ Discovered Attack, Double Attack Kd7 32.Nxc8 Kxc8±]
31.Nd6+ Kd7 32.Nxc8 Kxc8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **33.Be4 Kc7 34.Nf4 Kd6 35.Ke2 Be5 36.g6 fxg6**
[36...Bxf4? loses. 37.gxf7+- *(37.Bxb7? fxg6 38.fxg6 b4-+; 37.Bxb7? fxg6 38.fxg6 b4-+)*]
37.Nxg6 Nd5 38.Kf3 b4 39.Nxe5 Kxe5 40.Bxd5 Kxd5 K3P-K3P **41.Kf4 Kd4 42.Kg5 Ke4 43.Kg4 Ke3**
[43...b6!?]
44.Kg5 b6 45.Kg4 Kd3
[45...Ke4!?]
46.Kg5 Kd4 47.Kg6 Ke4 48.Kg5 Ke5 49.Kg6 Kf4 50.f6 gxf6 51.Kxf6 KPP-KPP **51...Ke4 52.Ke6** And now Kd6 would win. **52...Kd4 53.Kd6** Strongly threatening Kc6. **53...Kc3** White must now prevent ...Kb2. **54.Kc6 Kb2 55.Kb5 Ka3 56.Kc4**
[56.Kxb6 is a self mate. Kxa2 57.Kc5 Kxb3 58.Kd4 Kc2 59.Ke3 b3 60.Kf4 b2 61.Kg5 b1Q *(61...b1B 62.Kh6=)* 62.Kg6 Kd3 63.Kg7 Qf1 64.Kg8 Ke4 65.Kg7 Kf5 66.Kf7 Qc4+ 67.Ke8 Qc7 68.Kf8 Kf6 69.Kg8 Qg7#]
56...Kxa2 (→ ...Ka3) **57.Kxb4 Kb2 58.Kc4 Ka3 59.Kb5 Kxb3 60.Kxb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

B51
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
■ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
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[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3

Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.Ba4 Ngf6 5.0-0 e6 6.d3 Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Ne5 9.Ne1 Bd7 10.Bc2 Nc6 11.f4 Nd4 12.Nf3 Nxc2 13.Qxc2 a6 14.b3 b5 15.Bb2 Bc6 16.Rae1 b4 17.Nd1 a5 18.Ne3 a4 19.f5** -0.10/19

[19.g4!± 0.39/23]

19...axb3= 20.axb3 e5 0.92/21

[20...h6= -0.20/20]

21.g4± Nd7 22.Qf2 Ra2 23.h4 f6 24.Ra1 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Kf7 26.Qg3 h6 27.Bc1 White is much more active.

27...Rh8 1.80/22

[27...Ke8± 1.31/20 28.Nd5 Rf7]

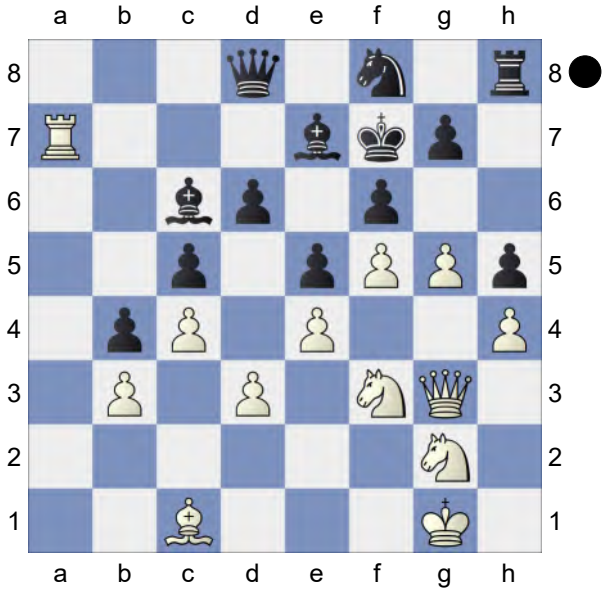
28.Ng2 1.14/24

[28.Nd5+- 1.80/22]

28...Nf8 29.g5 h5 2.44/21

[29...hxg5± 1.29/18 30.hxg5 Ke8]

30.Ra7+-



Threatens to win with gxf6. **30...Rg8** 3.43/22

[30...Ke8 1.95/21 was called for. 31.Ne3 Qb6]

31.Qf2 Qb6 32.Qa2 Nd7 33.g6+ Ke8 34.Ne3 Hoping for Nd5. **34...Bd8 35.Nd5 Bxd5 36.exd5** Black must now prevent Qa4.

[Much less strong is 36.cxd5 c4+ 37.d4 Ke7 38.bxc4 b3+-]

36...Bc7 Black is weak on the light squares **37.Nd2 Ke7 38.Ne4 Bb8 39.Ra6**

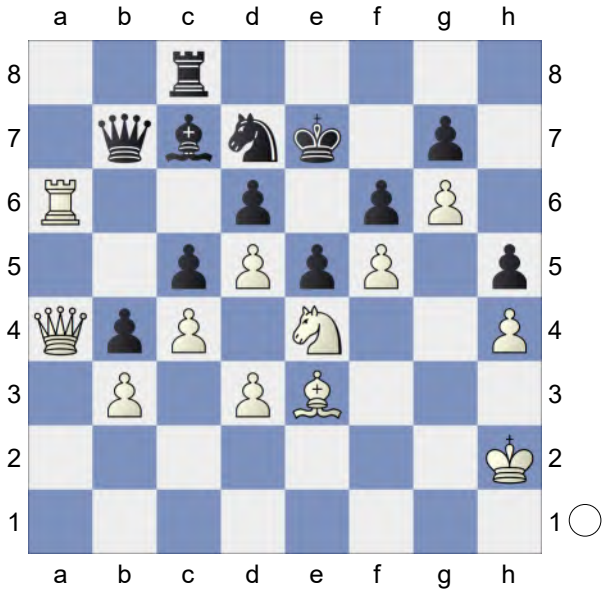
[39.Ra8 Qb7 40.Ra5 Rf8+-]

39...Qb7 40.Be3 Rc8 41.Kh2 Nb6 5.44/19

[⌓41...Bc7 3.85/21 42.Ra7 Qb6]

42.Qa5 Nd7 43.Qa4 Bc7? 8.37/20

[43...Rf8 3.25/18 44.Qc6 Qc8]



44.Bxc5! Nxc5

[44...Rh8 45.Ra7]

45.Nxc5 dxc5 46.Re6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.35

1-0

A47

□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**
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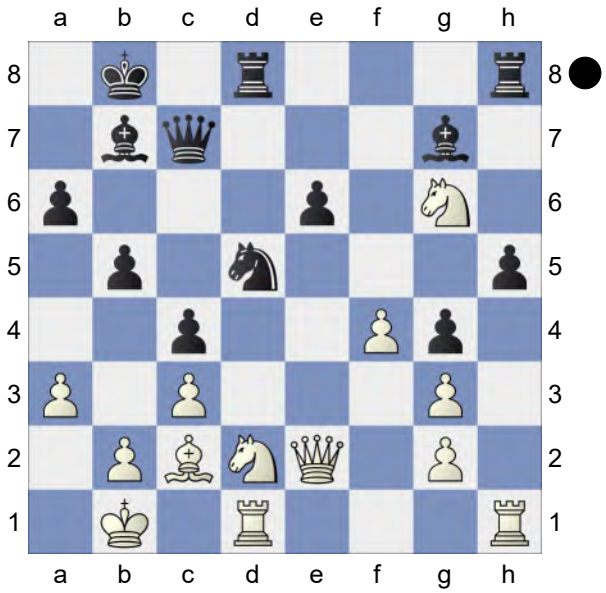
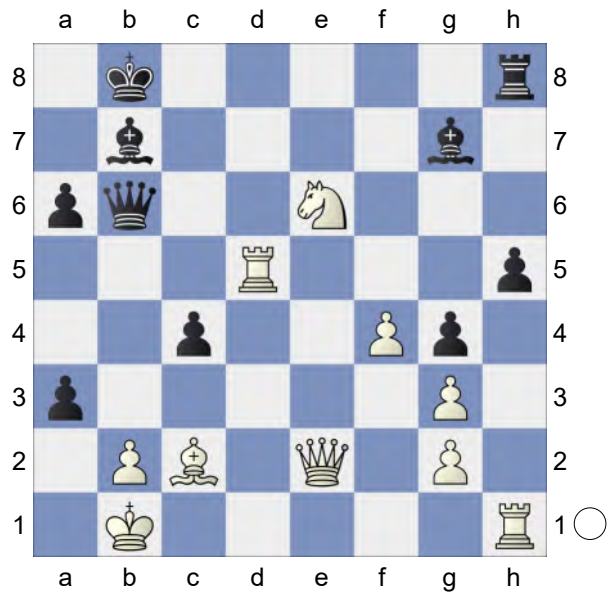
[Kitty Kat]

A47: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6: Torre, London and Colle Systems ChessCalisthenics: 'A31: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4' Inf 6/647 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bg5N**
[3.c4 c5 4.d5 e6 5.Nc3 exd5 6.cxd5 d6 7.e4 Be7 8.e5 dxe5 9.Bb5+ Kf8 10.Nxe5 Bd6 11.f4 a6 12.Be2 b5 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Bf3 Nbd7 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Qd2 h6 17.Nxd7+ Qxd7 1-0 Jimenez Zerquera,E-Drimer, D La 6/647 Havana 1968 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Re8 20.Bc2 Qc7 21.h3 c4 22.Kh1 Bc5 23.Rfe1 Rd8 24.Be4 h5 25.Rad1 Rh6 26.Bf3 b4 27.Qf2 Bxe3 28.Qxe3 Qd6 29.Rd4 a5 30.Rxc4 h4 31.Re4 Qd7 32.Re7 Qb5 1-0 Jimenez,E-Drimer,D La Habana La Habana 6/647 1968]
[3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 c5 5.0-0 cxd4 *(5...g6 6.c4 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d5 d6 9.e4 Na6 10.Re1 Nd7 11.Bf4 f6 12.a3 Nc7 13.b4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.Be3 Qd7 16.Qd2 Rfb8 17.Reb1 Bc8 18.Rb3 Rb7 19.Rab1 Rab8 20.R1b2* 0-1 Filip,M-Kortschnoj,V (ol) 10/645 Siegen 1970*)* 6.Nxd4 Bxg2 7.Kxg2 g6 8.c4 Qc8 9.b3 Bg7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.e3 Rd8 12.Nc3 Nc6 13.e4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 d5 15.Ng5 dxc4 16.Qf3 Ne5 17.Qe3 h6 ½-½ Charnushevich,A (2435)-Inkiov,V (2448) Evry 1st 2001 (1)]
3...e6 4.Nbd2 Bb7 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Nh5 8.Ne5 -0.35/20
[8.Be5± 0.40/22 Rg8 9.h3]
8...Nxg3∓ 9.hxg3 d6 10.Nef3 Bg7 11.c3 Nd7 12.Bd3 g4 13.Nh4 h5 14.Qe2 a6 0.36/24
[14...c5= -0.20/19]
15.0-0-0 c5 16.Kb1 0.01/20
[16.f3!± 0.42/23]
16...b5= 17.f3 Nf6 0.53/21
[Black should try 17...c4= 0.01/20 18.Bc2 Nf6]
18.e4 0.08/24
[18.dxc5± 0.53/21 d5 *(18...dxc5 19.Ne4=)* 19.e4]
18...Qc7 19.d5 0-0-0 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Ng6 Prevents Bh6 **21...Rh6 22.e5** -0.22/22
[22.Nf4!± 0.34/19 Qf7 23.fxg4 *(23.e5? dxe5 24.Nh3 gxh3-+)* 23...hxg4 *(23...c4? 24.Bxc4 Nxg4 25.Rxh5+-)* 24.c4 *(24.e5? dxe5 25.Rxh6 Bxh6-+)*]
22...dxe5 23.Nxe5 Nd5 24.f4 c4 25.Bc2 Kb8 26.a3 Rhh8 27.Ng6



Bxc3 28.Ne4 Bg7 29.Nxh8 Rxh8 30.Ng5 b4! And now ...bxa3 would win.
31.Nxe6 Qb6 32.Rxd5
[32.Nxg7? Nc3+ 33.bxc3 bxc3+-+]
32...bxa3

(Diagram)



33.Bf5! Black must now prevent Re5!

33...Bxb2

[33...Bxd5? 34.Nxg7 Ka8 35.Qe5 *(35.Rxh5? Rb8-+; 35.Nxh5 c3∓)* 35...Bxg2 36.Be4+ *(36.Rxh5? Rb8-+)* 36...Bxe4+ 37.Qxe4+ Kb8 38.Qe5+ *(38.Rxh5? Qxb2#)* 38...Ka8 39.Nxh5+-]

34.Rd7? -5.64/21

[34.Nc5!= 0.19/21 and White has nothing to worry. Ka7 35.Qxc4 Bc3+ 36.Nb3 a2+ Decoy 37.Kxa2 Qf2+ 38.Nd2 Bxd5 39.Qxd5 Qxd2+ 40.Qxd2 Bxd2 41.Bg6]

34...Bc8-+ This pair of bishops is nice.

[34...Qb3 35.Rxb7+ Qxb7 36.Qc2= *(36.Qxc4? Bd4+ 37.Kc2 Rc8-+* Pin *)*]

35.Rd2 Bc3+ -3.09/23

[⌓35...Bd4+ -7.24/23 36.Kc1 Be3 Pin]

36.Kc1 Bxd2+ 37.Kxd2? -4.47/21

[37.Qxd2 -2.23/23 was the only chance. Re8 *(37...Bxe6 38.Bxe6 Rd8 39.Qe2-+)* 38.Re1 *(38.Nd4? c3-+)*]

37...Qa5+ 38.Kc1 Qxf5 39.Nd4 Qc5 40.Qe5+ Qxe5 41.fxe5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **41...Bb7 42.e6 Kc7**

[42...Bxg2? 43.Re1-+]

43.Re1 Re8

[43...Bxg2 44.Re3-+]

44.Re3 Bxg2? -1.08/20

[44...Bd5-+ -3.99/21 45.Kc2 Kb6 *(45...Bxg2 46.Rxa3 Be4+ 47.Kd2∓)*]

45.Rxa3∓ Bb7 -0.49/25

[45...Bd5∓ -0.93/26 Threatens to win with ...Kb6. 46.Re3 *(46.Rxa6 h4∓)* 46...Bc6 *(46...Kd6 47.Nf5+ Kc7 48.Nd4∓)*]

46.Kd2 -1.08/25

[46.Re3!∓ -0.49/25]

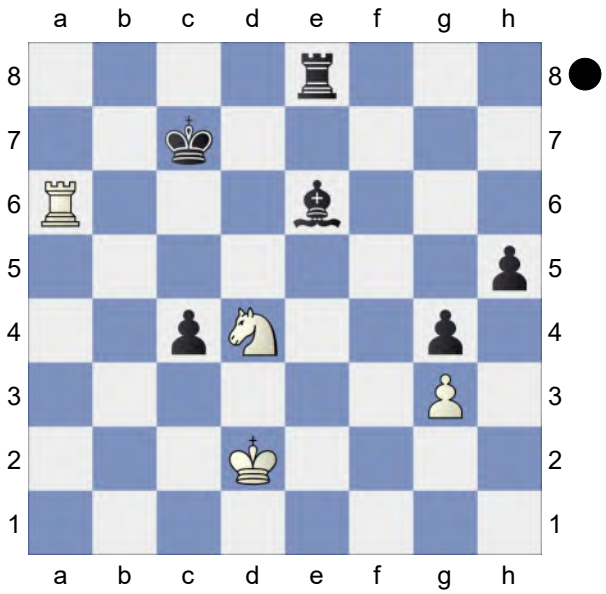
46...Bc8 -0.44/26

[46...Rd8!∓ -1.08/25 47.Kc3 h4 48.gxh4 g3]

47.Ra5 -1.00/24

[47.Re3∓ -0.44/26]

47...Bxe6 48.Rxa6



Bd5 -0.58/20

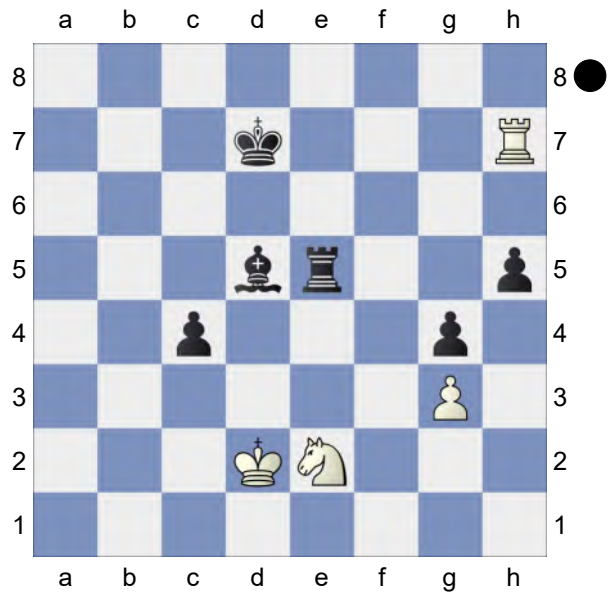
[Black should play 48...Bg8!∓ -1.20/26 Hoping for ...Re5. 49.Ra5 h4 50.gxh4 Rd8]

49.Rh6? -2.28/24

[White must play 49.Nb5+∓ -0.58/20 Kb7 50.Rh6]

49...Re5-+ 50.Ne2 Kd7 51.Rh7+

(Diagram)



Ke8! 52.Nf4 Bf7 53.Rh8+ Ke7 54.Rh6 Kf8 55.Rf6 Kg7 56.Rc6 Ra5 57.Ne2 Rf5 58.Ke3 Rf3+ 59.Ke4? -5.78/21
[59.Kd2 -3.22/21]
59...Rd3? -1.03/18
[59...Bg6+ 60.Ke5∓]
[59...Rf6-+ -5.78/21 has better winning chances. 60.Rc5 Re6+ 61.Re5 Rc6]
60.Rc7 -4.33/19
[60.Kf5∓ -1.03/18]
60...Kf6 (→ ...Bg6+) **61.Rc6+ Kg5** ...Bd5+ would now be deadly. **62.Rc5+ Kh6 63.Nf4** Black is clearly winning. **63...Rxg3 64.Kf5 Ra3 65.Kf6 Rf3 66.Rf5**

(Diagram)

Bg6! 67.Nxg6 Rxf5+ 68.Kxf5 c3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.39
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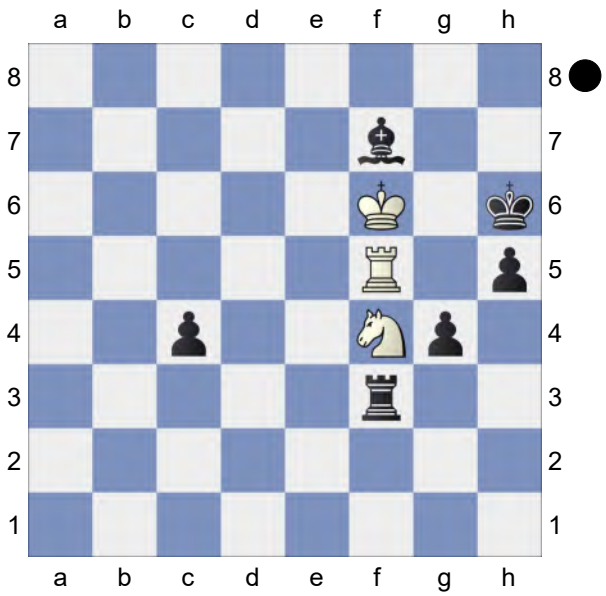

D35
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
■ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
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D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5**
[4.Bg5 dxc4 5.e3 c5 6.Bxc4 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 a6 11.Bb3 b5 12.d5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 exd5 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nd4 Bb7 16.a4 b4 17.Nce2 Qd6 18.Ng3 Rfe8 1-0 Holstein,F (2434)-4.b4 ___ (2094) Top16 Evry 2004 (1)]
4...Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3N
[5...Nb6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.a3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.Bd3 Na5 11.b4 Nac4 12.0-0 Nxe3 13.fxe3 a5 14.Rab1 Bd7 15.Ne5 axb4 16.axb4 Be8 17.Rf3 Bd6 18.Nc4 Nxc4 19.Bxc4 Qe7 20.Qb3 1-0 Rasic,D-Mascellani,M lichess.org (Int.-blitz) 148/(7) 2021]
[5...Nf6 6.Nf3 *(6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nf3 c5*

8.e5 Nfd7 Aguiar,A-Bejar,J Riobamba 2010 *)* 6...Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Qe2 Bb7 10.Rd1 Re8 11.e5 Nfd7 12.Ne4 Nf8 13.h4 Nbd7 14.h5 f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.h6 g6 17.Neg5 Qd6 18.g3 a6 19.Bf4 Qd7 20.Ne5 1-0 Mert,C (1781)-Cetinkaya,V (1955) TUR-ch Seniors 50 Ankara 2023 (6)]

6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.h4 b6 The position is equal. **10.h5 h6 11.Rh3 Kh8 12.Rg3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb7 14.Bd3 Nd7! 15.e5** Dodges Nf6 **15...Rc8 16.Kf1 f5! 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Bf4 Bxf3** 0.55/21

[18...Qe7= 0.11/22]

19.Qxf3 Qe4 would now be deadly. **19...Bh4** Black is weak on the light squares **20.Rg6** -0.49/17

[20.Rg4!± 0.46/20 Bg5 21.Re1]

20...Rc3 0.92/21

[20...Bg5? 21.Qe4 Rf7 *(21...Bxf4 22.Rxh6+ Kg8 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Qg6+ Kg8 25.Rh8+* Decoy *Kxh8 26.Qh7#)* 22.Rxe6+- *(22.Qxe6? Rxf4 23.Bf5 Qf8-+; 22.Rxg5 Nf6+-)*]

[20...Nc5!∓ -0.49/17 stays ahead. 21.Rg4 *(21.dxc5 Rxf4 22.Qe3 Rxf2+ 23.Kg1 Rf7-+)* 21...Qxd4]

(Diagram)

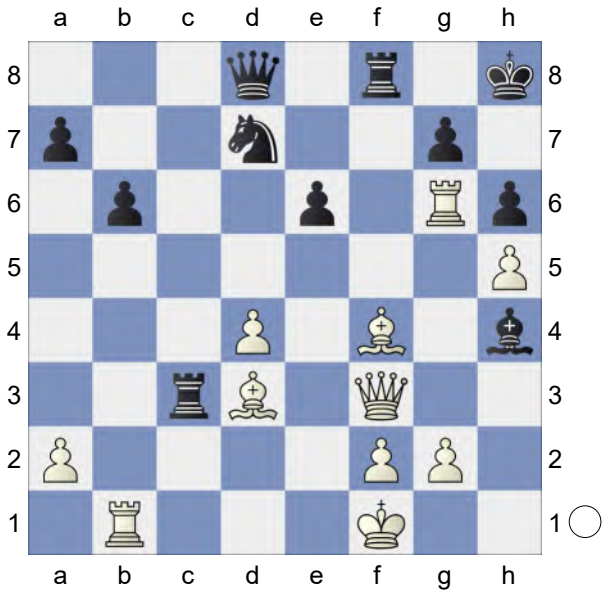
21.g3 0.00/24 White is more active.

[21.Rxe6 Rxd3 *(21...Rxf4? 22.Qxf4 Rxd3 23.Rbe1+-)* 22.Qxd3 Rxf4∓ *(22...Nc5 23.Rxh6+ gxh6 24.Be5+ Bf6 25.Qe3∓)*]

[Better is 21.Rb3!± 0.92/21 Rc1+ 22.Ke2]

21...Nc5⇄ Black is not holding back **22.dxc5**

[22.gxh4? Rxd3-+ *(22...Nxd3? 23.Qb7-+; 22...Nxd3? 23.Qb7∓)*]



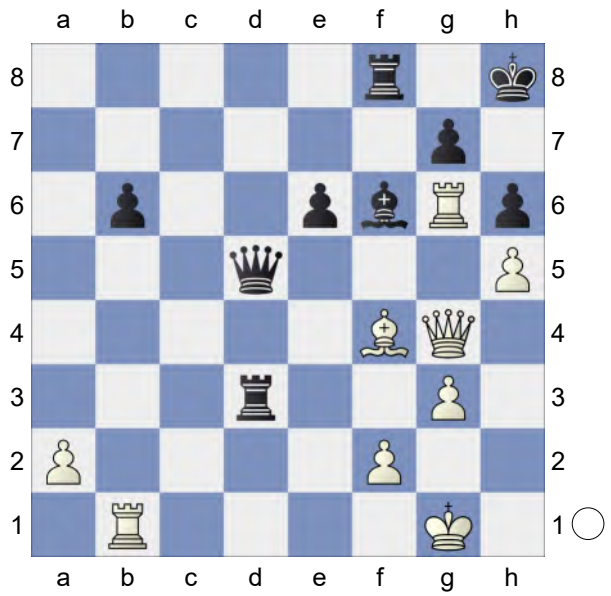
[22.Rd1 simplifies Nxd3 23.Rxd3 Rxd3 24.Qxd3 Bf6 25.Qe4]

22...Rxd3 23.Qg4 Bf6 24.cxb6 Qd5 25.Kg1 Inhibits Qh1+.

[25.bxa7 Qh1+ *(25...Qxa2? 26.Rb8+-)* 26.Ke2 Qxb1]

25...axb6 1.17/23

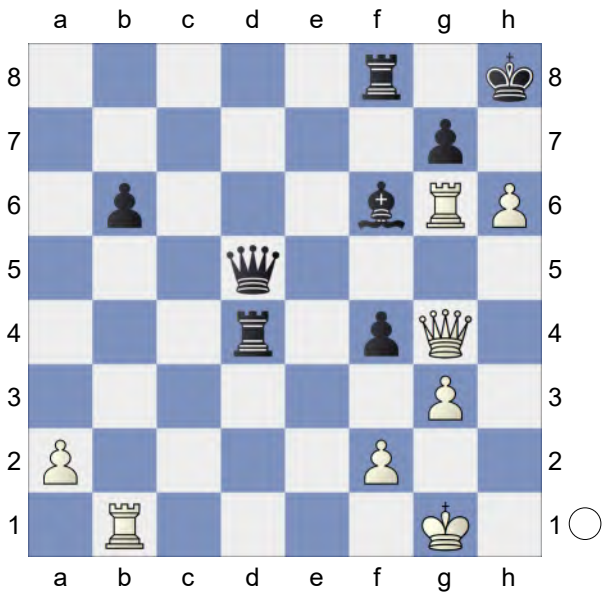
[25...Bd4!= -0.01/20 keeps the balance. 26.Qxe6 *(26.Rxe6 Bxf2+ 27.Kh2 Bxg3+ 28.Bxg3 Rxg3∓)* 26...Bxf2+ Decoy *(26...Qf3 27.Rxh6+ gxh6 28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.Qg5+ Kh7 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Kh8 32.Qh6+ Kg8=)* 27.Kxf2 Qc5+ 28.Ke1 *(28.Kf1 Rf3+ 29.Kg2 Rf2+ 30.Kg1 R2xf4+ 31.Kh1 Qxh5+ 32.Kg1 Rf2)* 28...Rxf4 Remove Defender *(28...Qxh5 29.Rc1=; 28...Qg1+? 29.Ke2+-* Discovered Attack*)* 29.gxf4 *(29.Rxh6+? gxh6 30.Qxh6+ Kg8-+)* 29...Re3+ *(29...Qxh5 30.Qe8+ Kh7 31.Rxg7+* Discovered Attack *Kxg7 32.Qxh5 Re3+ 33.Kf2 Re7 34.b7)* 30.Kf1 Rxe6 31.Rxe6 Qc4+ *(31...Qxh5 32.b7±)* 32.Re2 Qxf4+ 33.Rf2 Qe4]



26.Bxh6!± Hoping for Rxf6! **26...Rd4** **27.Bf4** aiming for h6.
[27.Bxg7+? Bxg7 28.h6 Bf6 *(28...Qxa2 29.hxg7+ Kg8 30.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 31.Qf3+)* 29.Rxf6 Rxg4-+]
27...e5? 4.05/20 This move loses the game for Black.
[27...Qe4± 1.27/21 was worth a try. 28.Rc1 *(28.Rxb6? Rfd8-+)* 28...Rg8]
28.h6!+- Threatening mate with Rxf6!
28...exf4? 7.15/25
[28...Rf7 3.87/18 29.Qh5 *(29.hxg7+ Bxg7 30.Rg5 Qc6+-)* 29...Kg8 *(29...exf4 30.hxg7+ Kg8 31.Qh8#)* 30.hxg7 Bxg7 31.Bxe5 *(31.Qxe5 Kh7+-)* 31...Re4 32.Rxg7+ *(32.f4 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Qa5+-)* 32...Rxg7]

(Diagram)

29.Rxf6! Double Attack **29...Rg8**
[29...Rd1+ 30.Rxd1]
30.hxg7+ Deflection. White mates.
30...Rxg7 31.Rf8+ Rg8 32.Qh4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.52



[32.Rxf4 leads to mate. Rxg4 33.Rxg4 Rd1+ 34.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 35.Kg2 Qxg4 36.f3 Qa4 37.f4 Qxa2+ 38.Kf3 b5 39.f5 b4 40.f6 Qa8+ 41.Kf4 b3 *(41...Qb8+* is a self mate. *42.Kf5 b3 43.Kg5 b2 44.Kh4 b1Q 45.f7 Qh7+ 46.Kg4 Qg6+ 47.Kf3 Qbxg3+ 48.Ke2 Q6d3#)* 42.Kg5 b2 43.g4 b1Q *(43...b1B 44.Kh4 Qf3 45.f7 Qf2+ 46.Kg5 Kg7 47.f8B+ Qxf8 48.Kh4 Qf2+ 49.Kh3 Kh7 50.g5 Bf5#)* 44.f7 Qd5+ 45.Kf4 Qde4+ *(45...Qxf7+* gets mated. *46.Ke3 Qc1+ 47.Kd4 Qff4+ 48.Kd5 Qcc4#)* 46.Kg5 Qe5+ 47.Kh6 Qh7#]
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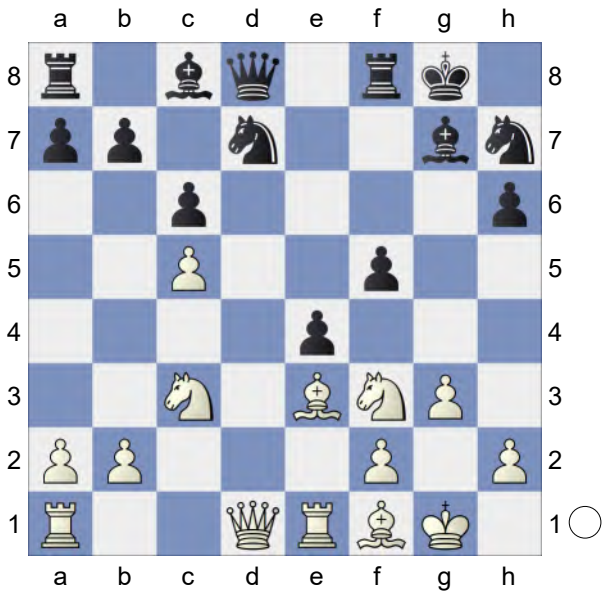
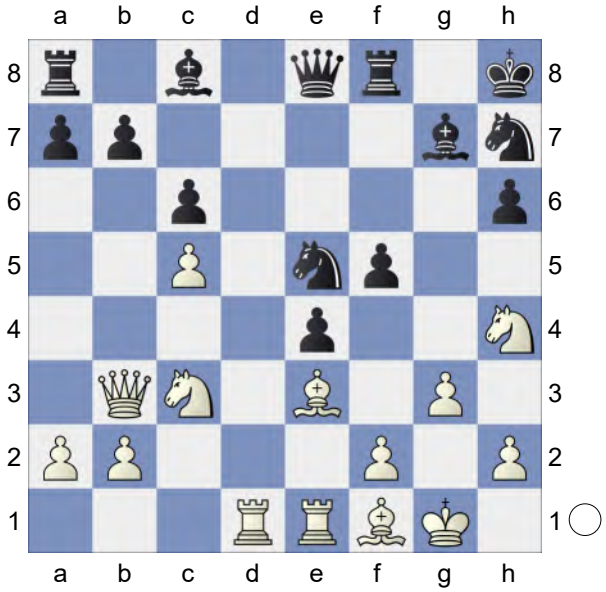
E94
□ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.9) 03.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E95: King's Indian: Classical: 7...Nbd7 8 Re1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0**

h6 8.Re1N
[8.d5 a5 9.Ne1 Na6 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Qc2 Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxg4 13.a3 Bd7 14.b3 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 g5 17.Nd3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 h5 19.c5 g4 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.Kh1 Qg5 22.Nb5 g3 0-1 Gurevich,D (2396)-Yoo,C (2573) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (1)]
[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8
A) 10.Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Bxe5 12.Bxh6 Nc6 *(12...Bxb2 13.Rab1 Bg7 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Bf3 Bf5 16.Rfe1 Nd7 17.g4 Ne5 18.Kg2 Be6 19.Rxb7 Nxf3 20.Kxf3 Bxc4 21.Rxc7 Bd5 22.Rc5 Bb7 23.Rc7 Bd5 24.Rc5 Bb7 25.Rc7 Bd5* ½-½ Tsvetkov,A (2398)-Sargsyan,S (2645) The Game has begun U20 Khanty-Mansiysk 2022 (8)) 13.Bg5 Re8 14.Bf6 Bf5 15.Bxe5 Rxe5 16.Ng3 Nd4 17.Bf3 Rae8 18.Nxf5 Rxf5 19.Rfe1 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Kf8 22.Kg2 Rg5+ 23.Kf1 Ra5 24.a3 Rh5 ½-½ Beydullayeva,G (2375)-Gareyev,T (2602) Baku op 2023 (4);
B) 10.Nd5 Na6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Bxh6 Nc5 13.Ng5 Bg7 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b4 Na4 16.f4 f6 17.Nf3 Nc3 18.Rae1 exf4 19.e5 Bf5 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Nh4 Rd2 22.Bh5 gxh5 0-1 Lagarde,M (2631)-Mamedov,R (2654) 150/197 Reykjavik 2021]
8...Nbd7 9.Bf1 Nh7 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Be3 f5 1.08/21
[⌓11...c6 0.71/20]
12.exf5± White is better. **12...gxf5 13.g3** Hoping for c5. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **13...c6** 1.35/17
[Better is 13...e4 0.75/19]
14.c5 e4 1.83/18
[14...Qe8± 1.44/18]



15.Qb3+!+- Kh8 16.Nh4↑ White has strong initiative. **16...Qe8** Prevents Ng6+ **17.Rad1 Ne5** 2.13/18
[⌓17...Ng5 1.69/16]



18.f4! Ng6

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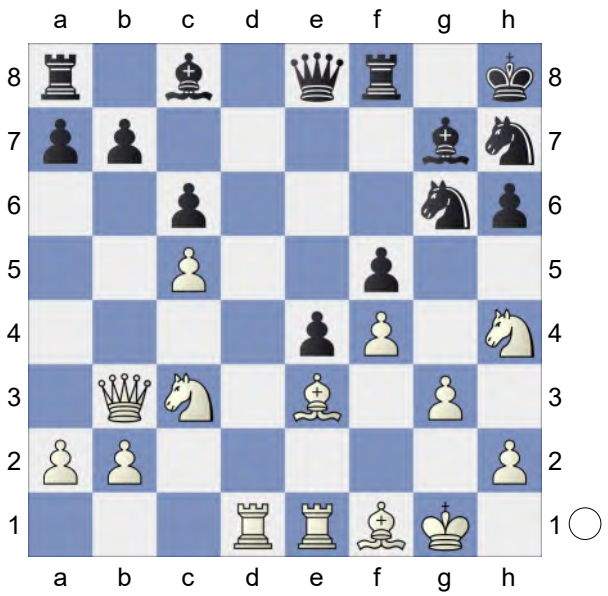

19.Rd8!! Deflection **19...Nxh4 20.Rxe8 Nf3+ 21.Kf2 Rxe8 22.Rd1 Nxh2 23.Bd4 Ng4+ 24.Ke1 Re7 25.Bxg7+ Kxg7 26.Rd6** Inhibits Be6. **26...Nf8** 4.38/20

[26...Nhf6 3.07/15 was called for. 27.Ne2 Rf7]

27.Ne2 Be6 28.Qc3+ Kh7 29.Nd4 Rae8 30.Be2 h5 31.Bd1 2.65/18

[⌓31.Bxg4 4.62/21 hxg4 32.Rxe6 Rxe6 33.Nxf5]

31...a6? 4.57/21

[31...Rf7 2.65/18 32.Bxg4 hxg4]

32.Qc2 And now Qg2 would win. **32...Rg7** 4.16/19

[⌓32...Kg6 2.89/17 33.Bxg4 hxg4]

33.Qg2 Rg6 34.Qh3 aiming for Bxg4. White is clearly winning. **34...h4**

(Diagram)

35.Rd8!! Decoy **35...Rxd8**

[35...Nf6 36.Rxe8]

36.Qxh4+ Rh6 37.Qxd8 Rh1+ 38.Kd2 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.51

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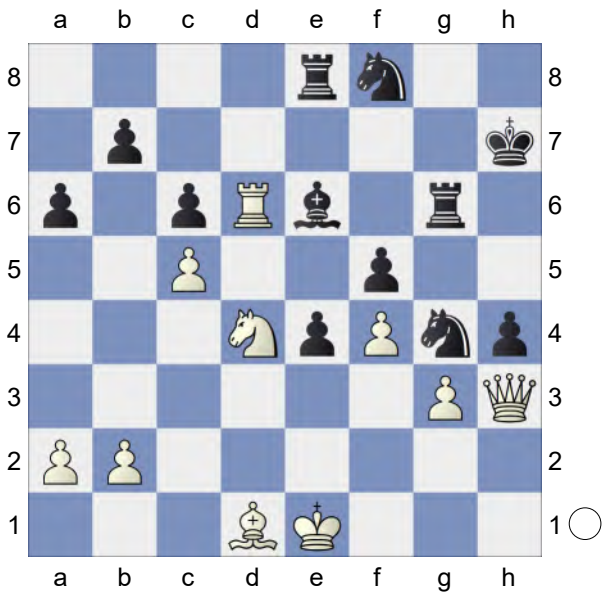


D26

□ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**

■ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.10) 3.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

D26: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3 e6 5 Bxc5 c5 sidelines **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 cxd4**

[6...a6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bf4 Nf6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Na4 Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Bd3 Nce7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Bxb7 Nxa2 21.Qxa2 0-1 C 06/32 (2809)-Deslandes,P (2807) GER-ITA email ICCF email 2012 (2)]

7.Nxd4N

[7.exd4 Nc6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nb4 11.a3 Nbd5 12.Qd3 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Rad1 Rc8 15.Ba2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nd5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.c4 Ba8 20.d5 Rfd8 21.d6 Qb7 22.Qh3*

Rc5 23.d7 Rxe5 24.Rxe5 Rxd7 25.Ree1 0-1 Aadit,B (1945)-Yurovskich,O (2328) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2)) 11.Bf4 Nb4 12.Rc1 Nbd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Be5 b6 15.Qd3 Bb7 16.Qe4 Qd7 17.Qg4 Nf6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Qd2 21.Qe2 Qg5 7 0-1 Hanison,B-Wilkinson,D BCCS ACT Cands 2002]

7...Bc5 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Qe7 White is slightly better. **10.Nd2 Rd8 11.Qc2 b6 12.Ne4 Bxd4 13.Bxd4** And now Nxf6+ would win. **13...Nbd7 14.Ng3** White has more active pieces. **14...Bb7 15.Rad1** 0.00/21

[15.Qe2± 0.56/20]

15...a6 0.66/21

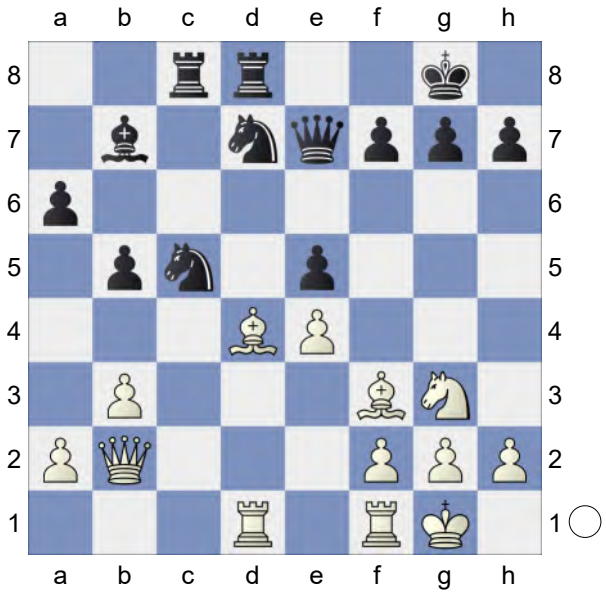
[15...h5!= 0.00/21]

16.e4 b5 17.Be2 Rac8 Against Qc7 **18.Qb1 Nc5 19.Bf3 Nfd7 20.Qb2**

[20.b4!? Na4□ 21.Rc1=]

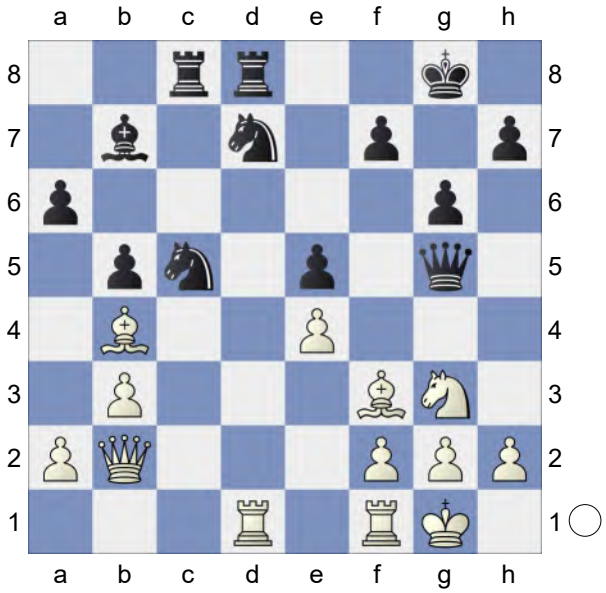
20...e5 0.99/22

[Black should try 20...f5± 0.38/23]



21.Bc3!± This pair of bishops is nice. **21...g6** Prevents Nf5. **22.Bb4 Qg5?** 2.28/21

[22...Nf8± 0.69/19]



Loses the game. **23.Qd2!+- Qh4 24.Ba5 Ne6 25.Qe3 Nd4 26.Bxd8 Rxd8 27.Ne2 Nxf3+ 28.Qxf3 Bxe4 29.Qe3 Bf5 30.Ng3 Be6 31.Qa7 Qe7 32.Ne4 Kf8 33.Qxa6 Rb8 34.Qa7** Threatens to win with Rxd7! **34...Rc8 35.Rc1 Rxc1 36.Rxc1 Kg7 37.Rd1 Qb4 38.Qe3 h6 39.f3 Qa5 40.Qf2 b4 41.h3 Nb6** 5.34/20

[41...Qc7 3.78/19 keeps fighting. 42.Kh2 f5]

42.Qc5 White is clearly winning. **42...Qxc5+ 43.Nxc5 Nd5 44.Nxe6+ fxe6 45.Re1 Kf6 46.Re4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.23 (precise)

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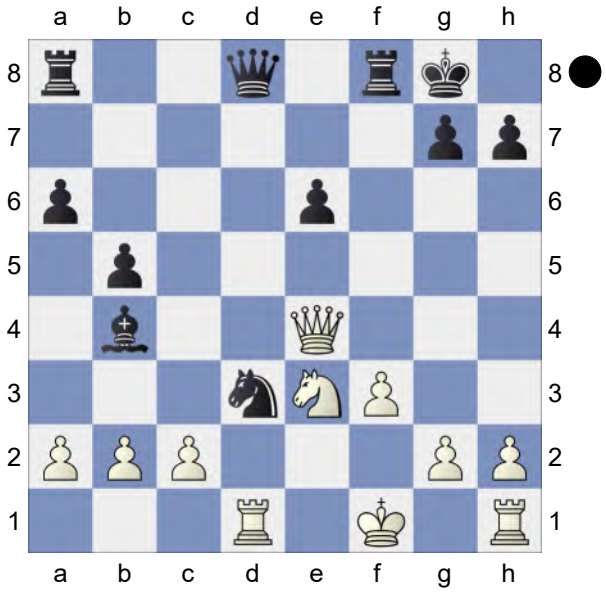
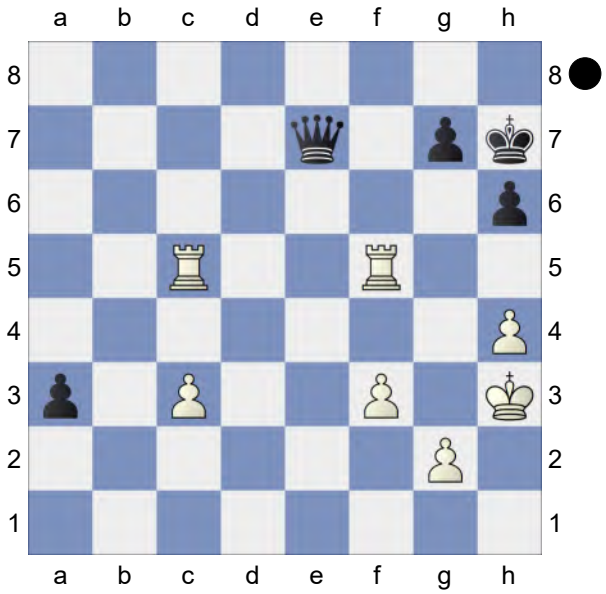
B32
□ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
■ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.11) 03.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Nc4 Nf6 9.Bd3N** 0.20/26
[9.Bg5± 0.58/21 Nd4 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 b5 12.Ncb6 Rb8 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.c3 Ne6 15.a4 Rb8 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra6 Bg5 18.Nb4 Rb6 19.h4 Be7 20.Ra7 Nc7 21.g3 0-0 22.Bh3 Qb8 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Nd5 ½-½ Makarian,R (2550)-Theodorou,N (2619) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (2.4)]
[9.Ne3 0-0 10.Bc4 *(10.g3 b5 11.Bg2 Be6 12.0-0 Qd7 13.Ncd5 Bd8 14.c3 Rb8 15.f4 Bxd5 16.exd5 Ne7 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Ng4 Ng6 20.Qf3 e4 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Qxf6 Qd8 23.Qf5 Re8 24.Bf4 Qb6+* ½-½ Fuentes,A (2098)-Fiori,H (2006) Buenos Aires Masters op 2023 (4) *25.Kh1 Nxf4 26.Qxf4 Qg6 27.Re1 e3 28.h4 e2 29.Rxe2 Rxe2 30.Qxb8+ Kg7 31.Qf4 h5 32.d6 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Rd1 34.Qe5+ Qf6 35.Qxh5 Rxd6 36.Qg4+ Qg6 37.Qe2 Re6 38.Qd2 Qf6 39.b3 Qe5* ½-½ Glosehoff,O (2098)-Gawai,S (2006) IND-chT 42nd Pollachi 2023 (4) *)* 10...Be6 11.Bd5 Rc8 12.a4 Bxd5 13.Nexd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bg5 15.Qg4 Bxc1 16.Rxc1 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.c4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.0-0 bxc4 21.Qe2 Qe6 22.Rfd1 Rc6 23.Rd5 Rfc8 ½-½ Pan,V (1966)-Biesiadecki,A (1847) CZE-ch Amateur Hluk 2023 (8)]
9...Bg4 10.f3 Be6 White has an edge.
11.Be3 -0.25/22
[⌓11.Ne3 0.30/21]
11...Nd4 0.72/21
[11...d5= -0.25/22 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5]
12.Bxd4? -1.21/21
[12.Bf2!± 0.72/21]
12...exd4∓ 13.Ne2 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 -0.42/19
[14...Qxd5?! 15.Nf4 Qg5 16.Qd2=]
[14...Bxd5∓ -1.02/24 ...Qc7 would now be deadly. 15.Nxd4 g6]
15.Nxd4∓ Bb4+ 16.Kf1 b5! 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qe2! Nf4 0.00/25
[18...bxc4∓ -0.38/24 19.Qxe6+ Ne7 20.Qxc4 Qb6]
19.Qe4= Nxd3 20.Ne3
[20.cxd3? bxc4 21.Qxe6+ Be7 22.dxc4 Rb8-+]
20...0-0 White must now prevent ...Qf6!
21.Rd1

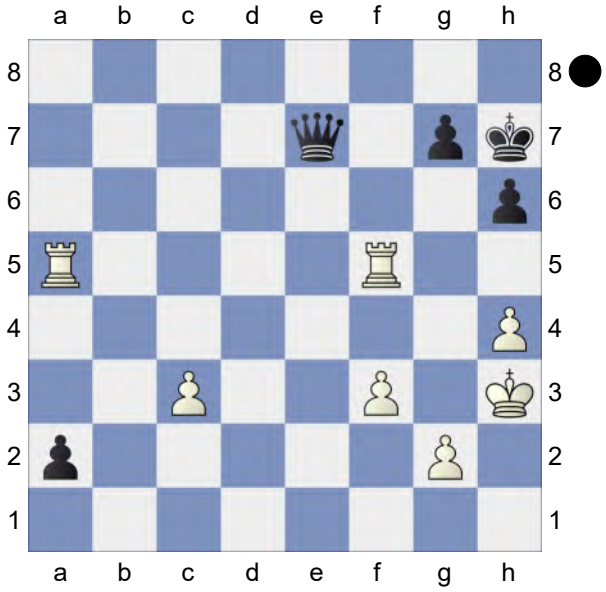


Pin **21...Qf6! 22.Rxd3 Qxb2 23.Qxe6+ Kh8 24.Qb3! Qa1+ 25.Rd1 Qe5↑** Black has good play. **26.Qxb4 Qxe3 27.Qd4 Qa3 28.Kf2 Qxa2 29.Rd2 Qf7**

30.Ra1 h6 31.c3 Rfe8 32.Raa2 Qc7 33.Re2 a5
[33...Qxh2 34.Rxe8+ Rxe8 35.Rxa6=]
34.h4 a4 35.Qd5 Qb6+ 36.Kg3 Red8 -0.36/23
[36...Qb8+∓ -1.15/24 37.f4 Rc8]
37.Qf5 -1.60/20
[White should play 37.Re6!∓ -0.36/23]
37...Rf8 -0.33/22
[37...Qc7+!∓ -1.60/20 38.Qe5 Qc4]
38.Qd5 -0.85/23
[38.Re6!∓ -0.33/22 Rxf5 39.Rxb6]
38...Qc7+∓ 39.Kh3 Rab8 -0.46/23
[39...Qc8+∓ -0.95/21 40.Kh2 Rf5 *(40...Qxc3 41.Qxb5 a3 42.Qb7∓)*]
40.Rab2 Rfd8 -0.30/20
[40...Qc8+∓ -0.70/23 41.Kh2 Rf5 *(41...Qxc3 42.Rxb5 Ra8 43.Qe5=)*]
41.Qe5 -1.15/20
[41.Qf5= -0.30/20 was the only way to keep the balance.]
41...Qd7+ -0.32/21
[41...Qc6!∓ -1.15/20 Strongly threatening ...a3. 42.Qe7 Re8 *(42...Qxc3? 43.Rbc2∓)*]
42.Kh2 -1.48/21
[42.Qe6!∓ -0.32/21]
42...Re8 -0.07/21
[Better is 42...a3!∓ -1.48/21 43.Rb3 Re8]
43.Rxb5!= Deflection **43...Rxe5 44.Rxb8+ Kh7 45.Rxe5** Endgame. KQ-KRR **45...Qc7 46.Rbb5 a3 47.Rbc5 Qd6** Hoping for ...a2.
[47...Qb8!? 48.Rb5□ Qc7=]
48.Ra5 Qc7
[48...a2!? 49.f4□ Qd8=]
49.Rac5 Qf7
[49...Qb8!? 50.Rb5□ Qc7 51.Rbc5=]
50.Rf5 Qe7 51.Kh3 -4.18/29
[51.Ra5= 0.00/24 and White is okay.]

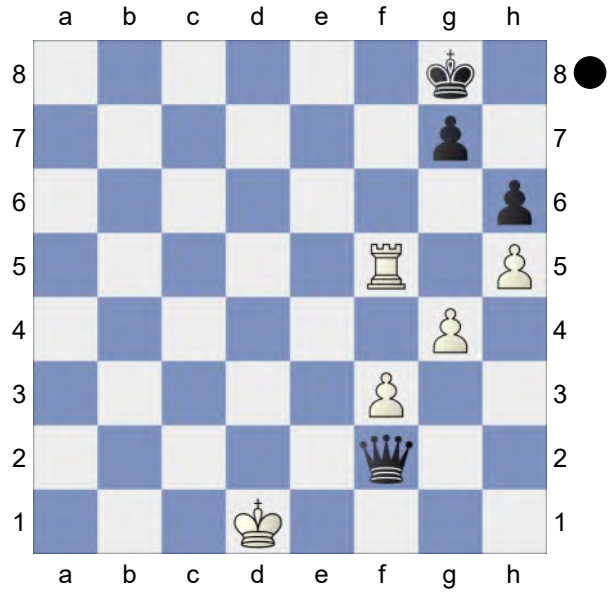


Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
51...a2!-+
[Weaker is 51...Qe1 52.Ra5=]
52.Ra5

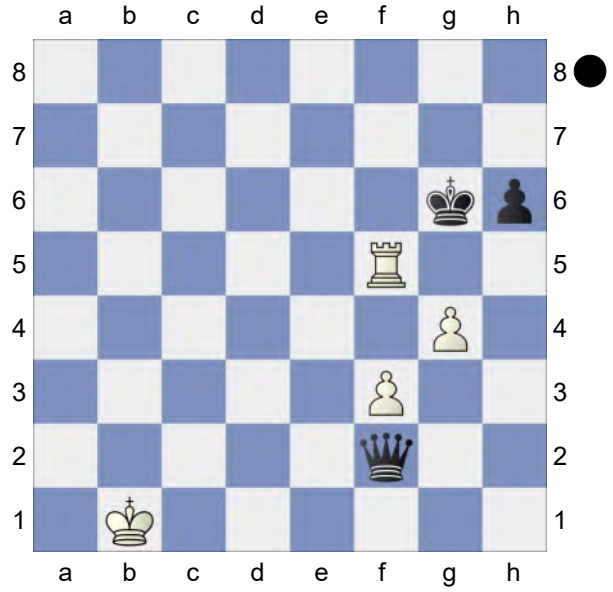


Qe6 53.g4 -5.33/20
[⌓53.Kh2 -3.72/22 a1Q Deflection 54.Rxa1 Qxf5 55.Re1]
53...Qe2 54.h5 Qf1+ 55.Kg3 a1Q 56.Rxa1 Qxa1 KQ-KR **57.c4 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Qf1+ 59.Kg3 Qxc4 60.Kf2 Qd3 61.Kg3 Qe3 62.Kg2 Qe1 63.Rf8 Qd2+ 64.Kf1 Qh2 65.Ke1 Qg2**

66.Kd1 Qf2 67.Rf4 Prevents Qd4+.
67...Kg8 68.Rf5



g6! 69.hxg6
[69.Rf4 Qe3]
69...Kg7 70.Kc1 Kxg6 71.Kb1



h5! 72.Rxh5 Qxf3 73.Kb2 Qxg4 74.Rc5 Qb4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.18 (very precise)
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E97
□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son 2646**
■ **Vaz,Ethan 2378**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.12) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 c6 11.b4 Be6 12.Qa4 Qc7N** White is slightly better.
[12...Nd7 13.b5 Qc7 14.bxc6 bxc6 15.Rab1 Rfb8 16.Rxb8+ Rxb8 17.Qxa7 Qxa7 18.Bxa7 Rb2 19.Be3 Bf8 20.Rb1 Rc2 21.Rc1 Rxc1+ 22.Bxc1 Nb6 23.Bd3 Nxc4 24.Kf1 Bb4 25.Nb1 f5 26.f3 Kf7 27.Ke2 0-1 Ahmadinia,E (2379)-Amin,B (2608) Dubai op 14th 2012 (8) fxe4 28.Bxe4 Nd6 29.a3 Nxe4 30.axb4 Ba2 31.fxe4 Bxb1 32.Ke3 g5 33.Bb2 Kf6 34.g3 h5 35.h4 g4 36.Bc3 Ke6 37.Bb2 Kf6 38.Bc3 Ke6 ½-½ Braun,F (2399)-Chapter Part (2536) Capablanca Memorial Elite 31st Cienfuegos 1996 (8.1)]
13.Rfd1
[13.Bxa7? b6 14.Rfb1 Rxa7-+ *(14...Qxa7? 15.Qc2-+)*]
13...Rfe8 14.Rac1
[14.Bxa7? b6 15.Qc2 Rxa7-+ *(15...Qxa7? 16.a4-+)*]
14...Ng4 15.Bc5 -0.15/22
[15.Bxa7? b6 *(15...b5? 16.cxb5 Rxa7 17.Qc2-+)* 16.h3 *(16.Bxg4? Bxg4 17.Re1 Rxa7-+)* 16...Rxa7-+]
[15.Bxg4± 0.41/19 Bxg4 16.Rd2]
15...Bh6= 16.Rb1 Red8 0.40/20 Wards off Bd6
[16...Bf8!= -0.09/22]
17.h3 0.00/23

[17.Bxa7 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 *(18.Rxd8+? Qxd8∓)* 18...Rxd1 19.Qxd1 *(19.Bxd1? b5-+; 19.Nxd1? b6-+)* 19...Rxa7=]
[17.Rxd8+± 0.40/20 is more appropriate. Qxd8 18.h3]

17...Nf6 18.Rxd8+

[18.Bxa7? Bd2 19.Qc2 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxd1+ *(20...Rxa7? 21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Rd1-+)* 21.Rxd1 Rxa7-+]

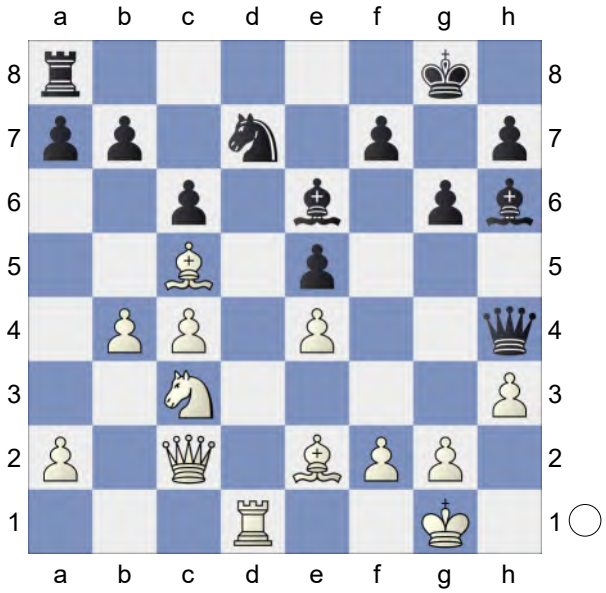
18...Qxd8 19.Rd1 Dodges Qd2

[Of course not 19.Bxa7 Qd2 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.Qxa8+ Kg7 22.fxe3 Qxc3∓]

19...Nd7 20.Qc2

[Don't play 20.Bxa7 Bf8∓]

20...Qh4



Strongly threatening ...Nxc5. **21.Bd6 Qg5 22.Kh1 Qf6 23.Kg1 Qg5 24.Kh1 Qf4 25.Kg1 Qg5 26.Kh1 Qf6 27.Kg1 Qg5 28.Kh1 Qf4 29.Kg1 Qg5 30.Kh1 Qf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

B90
□ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**
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[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 g6 7.f3 e5N**

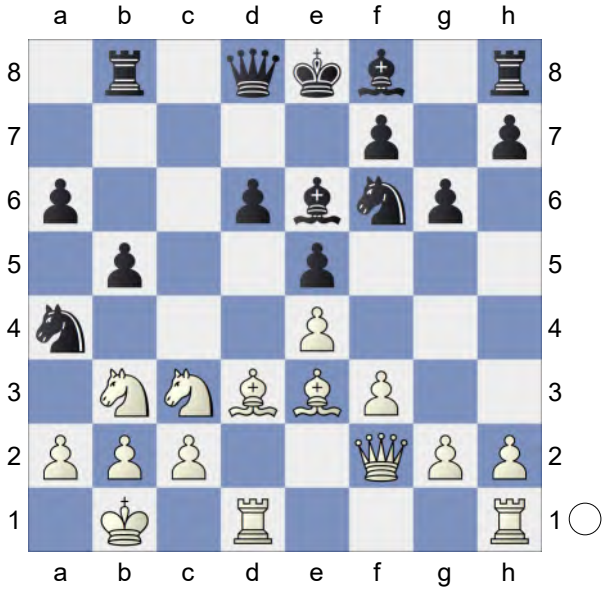
[7...Bg7 8.Be3

A) 8...Nc6 9.Qd2 Nxd4 *(9...h5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 Bd7 12.h3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Ne2 e5 16.Be3 b5 17.g4 hxg4 18.hxg4 Bf6 19.Kg2 Bg5 20.Rh1 Kg7 21.c3 Qe7 22.Bc2 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Rh8 24.Qd2* 0-1 Huston, G (2341)-Naroditsky,D (2619) Charlotte Super op 2023 (2)*)* 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4 b5 12.h4 Qa5 13.a3 h6 14.0-0-0 Rb8 15.g5 Nh5 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.gxh6 Nh5 18.Qg5 f6 19.Qxg6+ Bf7 20.Qg1 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Kd2 Nf4 23.Qe3 1-0 Anand,V (2781)-Morozevich,A (2758) (ol) 92/138 Calvia 2004;

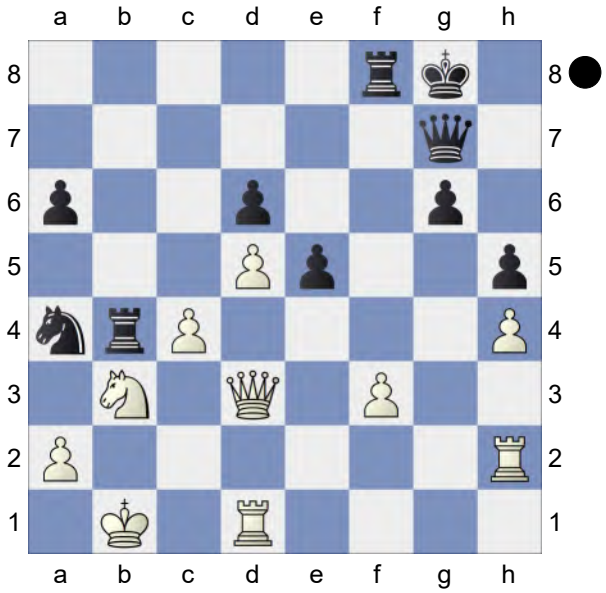
B) 8...0-0 9.Qd2 *(9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nd5 e5 11.Nb3 Nxd5 12.exd5 b5 13.a4 b4 14.a5 Nf6 15.Qd2 Nxd5 16.Bg5 Nf6 17.Qxb4 Qc7 18.Rfd1 Rb8 19.Qh4 Nh5 20.Qc4 Qa7+ 21.Kh1 Nf4 22.Bf1 d5 23.Qc6 Ne6* 0-1 Senf,H (1972)-Schwellnus,G (2061) corr 14898 freechess.de 2016*)* 9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.h4 Rc8 13.Kb1 b5 14.h5 b4 15.Ne2 Qa5 16.b3 Rc5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.g4 Rfc8 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Qh2 Bb5 21.Rd2 Bxd3 22.Nxd3 R5c6 23.Bb2 1-0 Moussard,J (2600)-

Korobov,A (2650) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (4.2);
C) 8...e5 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Qd2 d5 11.Bc5 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Nc6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Bd6 Nd5 16.Nd1 0-0-0 17.Nc4 Nf4 18.Bxe5 Bxc4 19.Bxf4 Bd4 20.Be3 Rhe8 0-1 8.♗c4 0-0 9.0-0 ♘c6-Posizione 47/385 Moscow 1989]

8.Nb3 Be6 9.Be3 White is slightly better. **9...Nbd7 10.Qd2 b5 11.0-0-0** 0.01/20
[11.0-0± 0.42/19]
11...Nb6 0.42/18
[11...b4= 0.01/20 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Bg7]
12.Kb1± Rb8 13.Qf2 0.18/20
[White should play 13.Na5± 0.69/20]
13...Na4



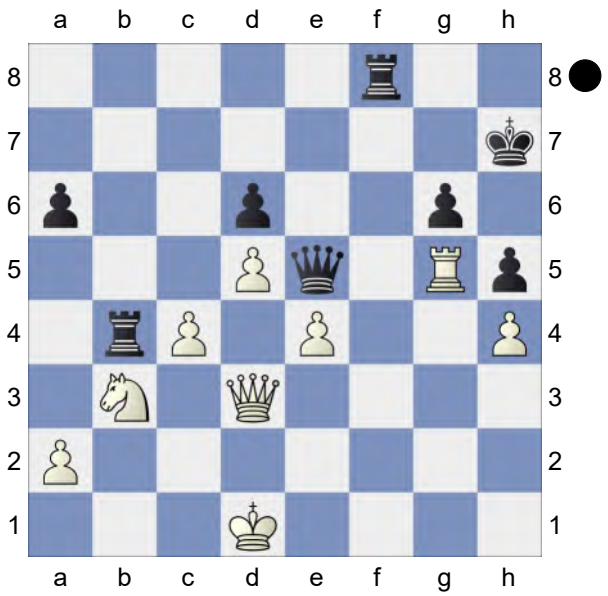
...Nxc3+ would now be deadly. **14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Bg7 16.Be4 h5 17.Qd2** -0.25/20
[⌓17.Rhf1 0.21/20]
17...b4 0.29/20
[⌓17...Nb6 -0.25/20]
18.Qd3= Rb5 19.Bg5
[19.h3 simplifies Nb6 20.g4 hxg4 21.Bxb6 Qxb6 22.hxg4 Rxh1 23.Rxh1 Kf8 24.Qc4]
19...Qc7 20.h4 Nh7
[20...Nxe4 simplifies 21.fxe4 Qd7 22.Qe2 0-0]
21.g4 Hoping for gxh5. **21...f5 22.gxf5 Nxg5 23.f6 Nxe4 24.fxg7 Nec3+! 25.bxc3 Qxg7 26.cxb4** -2.60/19
White is on the road to losing.
[26.c4!= 0.00/18 Nc3+ 27.Kc1 Nxd1 28.Rxd1 *(28.cxb5 Nf2∓)*]
26...Rxb4-+ 27.c4 -3.67/18
[27.Rde1 -2.56/20 keeps fighting. 0-0 28.Kc1]
27...0-0 Strongly threatening ...e4!
28.Rh2



e4! Decoy **29.fxe4 Nc3+ 30.Kc2 Nxd1 31.Kxd1 Qe5 32.Rg2 Kh7 33.Rg5?** -8.19/20
[33.Qd4 -3.25/18 Qxd4+ 34.Nxd4 Rxc4 35.Ne6]

(Diagram)

33...Rxb3! D e f l e c t i o n **34.Qxb3**
Endgame. KQR-KQR



[34.axb3 Qa1+]

34...Qd4+ Black mates. **35.Ke1 Qxe4+ 36.Kd1 Rf1+ 37.Kd2 Qd4+ 38.Kc2 Rf2+ 39.Kb1 Qe4+ 40.Kc1 Qe1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.06 (flawless)

0-1

C78

□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**

■ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**

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[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 h6 11.h3 Re8 12.Re1 Rb8 13.Bc2 Bb7 14.a4** White has an edge. **14...exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.axb5 axb5 17.d5N**

[17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Nfd5 20.Rb3 c5 21.Ne4 c4 22.Rba3 Nxc2 23.Qxc2 Nb4 24.Qe2 Nd3 25.b3 Nxe5 26.Qc2 Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 f5 28.Ng3 f4 29.Ne4 Bxe4 30.fxe4 f3 31.Kh2 Qd6+ 0-1 8.♘c3 ♗f5 9. ♘e5 (1801)-6.d3 ♗g7 7. ♗e3 (1888) 1st matchgame, (Game 46) Linares 1992 (7)]

17...c6 18.dxc6 Nxc6

[18...Bxe3 simplifies 19.Rxe3 Nxc6 20.Bd3 Qb6]

19.Ra3 d5 20.Bxb6 Qxb6 21.e5 Nd7 22.Rae3 d4 23.R3e2 Nb4 Threatens to win with ...d3. **24.e6 Rxe6 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Bb3↑** White has some pressure. **26...Nf8 27.Ne5** Inhibits Nd3. **27...Rd8 28.Qh5 Qc7** Against Qf7+ **29.Qg4 Bd5 30.Qxd4 Nc2 31.Bxc2 Qxc2 32.Ne4 Ra8 33.Nc5 Ra2** 0.55/20

[33...Ng6= 0.05/20]

34.Ncd3± A dynamic duo of knights. **34...Qd2** 1.29/19

[⌓34...Qc7 0.73/18]

35.Rc1± aiming for Rc7. **35...Qg5 36.Qg4** 0.49/19

[36.Nf4± 1.27/22]

36...Qxg4± 37.hxg4 Kh7 38.Nf4 0.02/22 Wards off Ng6

[38.Rc5!± 0.50/22 deserves consideration.]

38...Ra4!=

[38...Rxb2? too greedy. 39.Rc8+-]

39.Nxd5 exd5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **40.Rc5 Ng6 41.Nxg6 Kxg6 42.Rxb5** KR-KR

[Much weaker is 42.Rxd5 Rb4∓]

42...Rd4 43.Kh2 h5 0.68/28

[43...Rxg4= 0.02/21 44.Rxd5 Rb4]

44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Kg3 Hoping for Kf3. **45...Kg5 46.Kf3** 0.40/26

[White should try 46.b4± 0.82/25]

46...Kf5 47.Ke3 Rd1 1.42/22

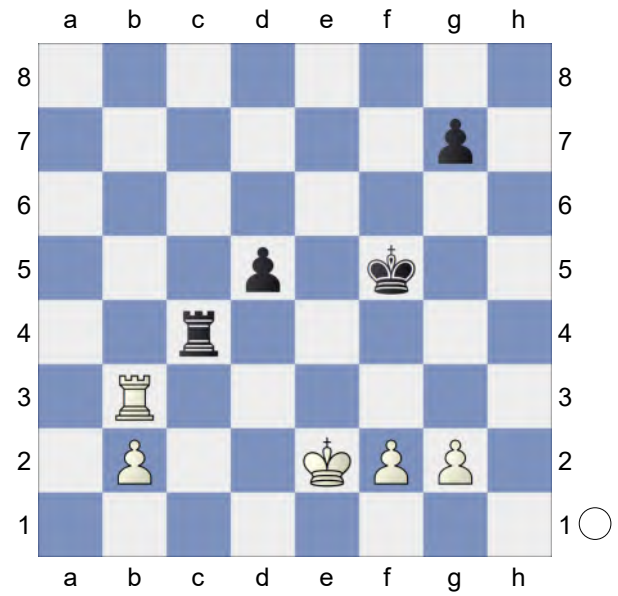
[47...Re4+!± 0.60/25 48.Kd3 Ke5]

48.Ke2± Rd4 49.Rb3? 0.37/24

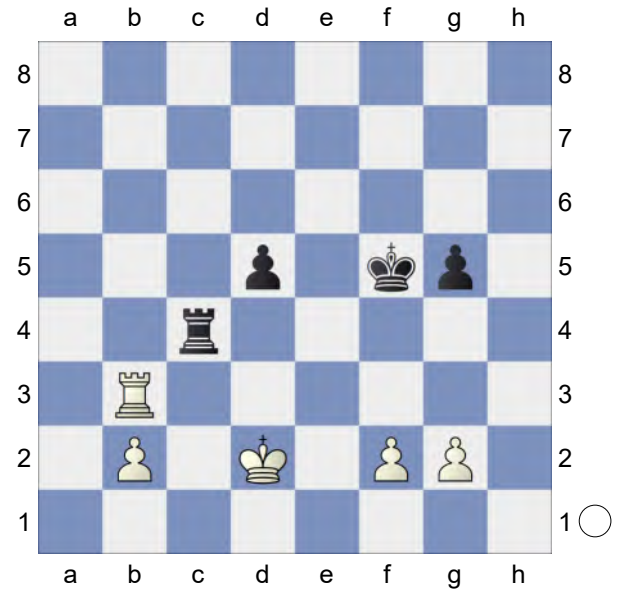
[Better is 49.f3+- 2.14/23]

49...Rc4 1.04/24

[Black should play 49...Ke5± 0.37/24]



50.Kd2 0.61/22
[50.Ke3!± 1.04/24]
50...g5 1.11/26
[50...Ra4± 0.61/22]



51.Re3 0.03/31
[51.Rf3+!± 1.11/26 Ke4 52.Re3+ Kf5 53.Rf3+ Ke6 54.b3]
51...Rb4 The position is equal. **52.Kc2 Rc4+ 53.Rc3** Strongly threatening Rxc4. **53...Rb4 54.b3 g4** Prevents Rf3+ **55.Rc8 d4 56.g3** And now Rf8+ would win. **56...Rb7 57.Rf8+ Ke5 58.Rf4 Rc7+ 59.Kd2 Rc3 60.Rxg4** Rg5+ would now be deadly. **60...Rxb3 61.Rf4 Rb2+ 62.Kd3** Black must now prevent Re4+. **62...Rb3+ 63.Kc2 Rc3+ 64.Kd2 Ra3 65.Rf8 Ke4 66.g4 Ra2+ 67.Kc1 d3 68.g5 Ra1+ 69.Kd2 Ra2+ 70.Kd1 Ra1+ 71.Kd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

	B32
□ **Arun,Kataria**	**2370**
■ **Karthikeyan,Murali**	**2637**

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[Kitty Kat]

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 a6 7.N5c3 g6 8.Be3 Bg7**
[8...Be6 9.Na3 Bg7 10.Nc2 Nf6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Rc8 13.f3 Nh5 14.Qd2 Nf4 15.Rfd1 Qg5 16.Bf1 Na5 17.b3 b5 18.Kh1 bxc4 19.b4 Nc6 20.g3 Qh5 21.gxf4 exf4 22.Bd4 Qxf3+ 23.Bg2 1-0 Teske,H (2470)-8.♗b3 b4 9.♘a4 (2249) 91/238 Miskolc 2004 (1.1)]
9.Nd5N White is better.
[9.Be2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd2 Nd4 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.Nd5 Re8 14.f3 d3 15.Bxd3 Nxd5 16.cxd5 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Bg7 18.Nc4 b5 19.Nd2 Qa5 20.Qc2 Bd7 21.Nb3 Qa4 22.Qc7 Red8 23.Qxd6 Qxa2 0-1 Zaichenko,D (2104)-Janaszak,D (2316) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2) 24.Qe7 Bf8 25.Qh4 a5 26.Kh1 a4 27.Nd4 a3 28.Rf2 Qxf2 29.Qxf2 Bc5

30.Ra1 Ra4 31.Bc2 Bxd4 32.Qd2 Bxa1 33.Bxa4 bxa4 34.Qd1 Bb2 35.Qb1 Rc8 0-1 Reversed Benoni Structure (2104)-Popkov,E (2316) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (2)]

9...Nd4 10.Nbc3 Be6 11.Rc1 Nf6 12.Bxd4 -0.13/23

[12.Nxf6+± 0.53/23 Bxf6 13.Bd3]

12...exd4= 13.Qxd4 0-0 14.Qb6 Bxd5 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.cxd5 Rac8 17.Bd3 b5 18.0-0 Nd7 Black has compensation. **19.Bb1** -0.81/24

[19.g3∓ -0.34/22]

19...Rc5∓ 20.f4 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Rdc8 22.Rce1

[22.Rf3? b4 23.Rff1 bxc3-+]

22...Nb6 23.Nd1 Rc1 Black is more active. White is weak on the dark squares **24.Nc3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 b4** -0.86/21

[⌓25...Bxc3 -1.38/21 26.bxc3 Rxc3]

26.Ne2 Bxb2 27.Bd3 a5 ...a4 is the strong threat. **28.Rb1 Na4 29.Kg1 Bf6 30.Rc1 Rxc1+** -0.44/18

[Black should play 30...Nc3∓ -0.86/24 Hoping for ...Nxe2+. 31.Kf2 Rc5]

31.Nxc1 Endgame. KBN-KBN **31...Nc3 32.Kf2** -1.06/26

[32.Ne2!∓ -0.45/29]

32...a4! 33.Bc4 Nxe4+ -0.82/26

[⌓33...g5! -1.43/26 34.Ke3 gxf4+ 35.Kd3 Nd1]

34.Ke3 Nc3 35.Kd3 Kg7! 36.Kc2 Kh6 37.Nd3 Ne2 0.00/32

[Better is 37...Kh5!∓ -1.16/26 And now ...Nxa2! would win. 38.Nxb4 Kg4]

38.Nxb4 Nxf4 39.g3 Nh5 40.Bb5 -0.58/26

[40.Nc6!= -0.12/24 deserves consideration.]

40...a3 -0.15/26

[40...Bd4!∓ -0.58/26 41.Bxa4 f5]

41.Kb3 -0.94/25

[41.Nc6= -0.15/26]

41...Bd4! White must now prevent ...f5.

42.Kxa3 -1.53/23

[⌓42.Nc2 -0.94/26 Bg1 43.g4]

42...Bg1! 43.g4 Nf4 44.h4 -2.26/25

[White has to play 44.Bf1!∓ -0.50/25]

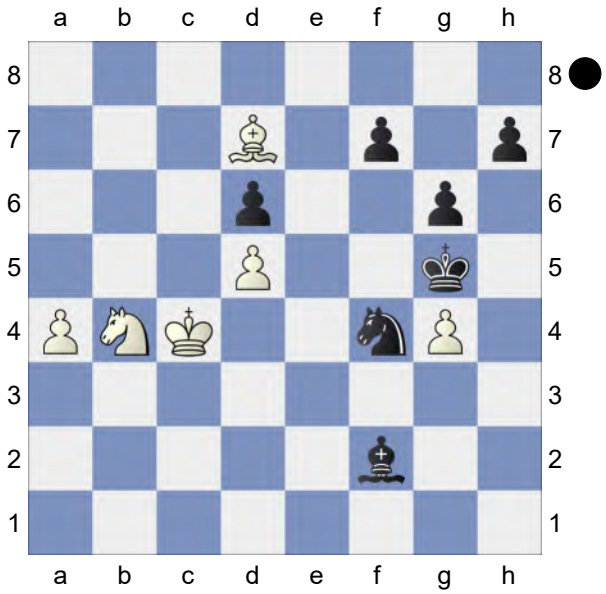
44...Bf2 -0.99/28

[44...Ng2!-+ -2.26/25 is more deadly. 45.Nc6 Nxh4]

45.Kb3 Bxh4 46.a4 -0.52/26

[46.Kc4∓ -1.12/25]

46...Kg5∓ 47.Bd7 Bf2 Strongly threatening ...f5. **48.Kc4**



h5 -0.52/20

[48...f5!∓ -1.21/24 49.gxf5 gxf5]

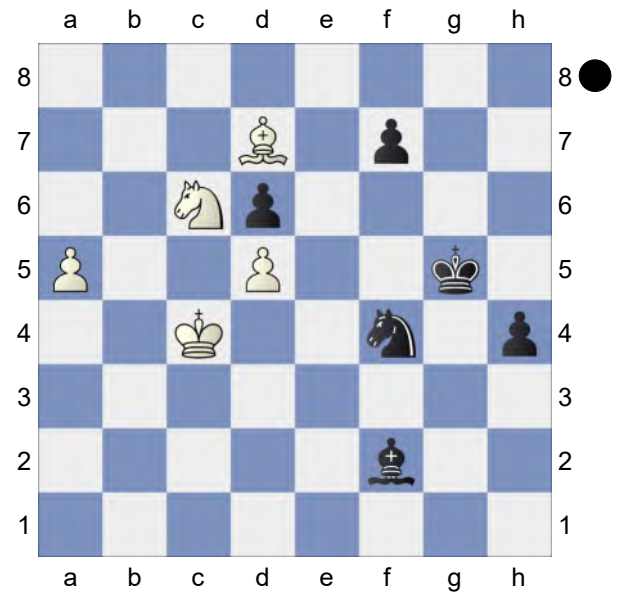
49.gxh5 gxh5 50.Nc6! h4 aiming for ...f5. **51.a5?** -4.54/21

[Only move: 51.Nd8∓ -0.58/21]

(Diagram)

51...f5!-+ 52.a6? -7.71/19

[52.Ne7 -3.73/19 Ng6 53.Nxf5 *(53.Nxg6? Kxg6 54.Ba4 Kg5-+)* 53...Ne5+ 54.Kb5 Nxd7 55.Nxh4 Bxh4 *(55...Kxh4? 56.Kc6-+)*



56.Kc6]
52...h3 53.Nd4 Bxd4 54.Kxd4 KB-KN **54...h2 55.a7 h1Q** (→ ...Qc1!)
[55...h1R? too greedy. 56.a8Q *(56.a8B? Ng6-+)* 56...Rd1+ 57.Ke3 Nxd5+ 58.Kf2+-]
56.a8Q KQB-KQN **56...Qd1+ 57.Kc3 Nxd5+**
[Weaker is 57...Qxd5 58.Qc8-+]
58.Kb2 Qd2+ 59.Ka1 Qc1+ 60.Ka2 Qc2+ 61.Ka1 Nc3 62.Qg8+ Kf4 Black mates. **63.Qc4+ Kg3 64.Bxf5 Qc1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

C19

□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
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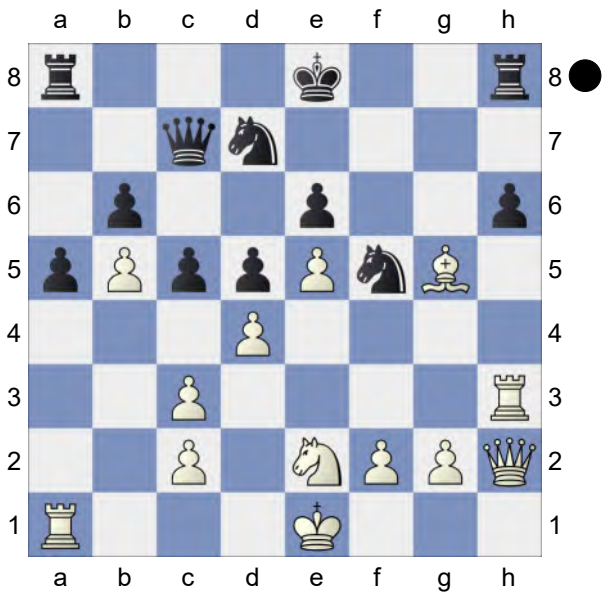
[Kitty Kat]

C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4 John Watson,MH: 'C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4 ' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.h4 Qc7 8.h5 h6 9.Rh3 b6 10.a4N** White is slightly better.
[10.Qg4 Rg8 *(10...Kf8 11.Qf4 Ba6 12.Rf3 Nec6 13.Ne2 Nd8 14.Qh4 Nbc6 15.Nf4 Bxf1 16.Ng6+ Kg8 17.Nxh8 Ba6 18.Bxh6 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Qxe5+ 20.Re3 Qf5 21.Qg3 Qh7 22.Bg5 Kxh8 23.h6 Kg8 24.0-0-0 f6 25.Bxf6* 1-0 Janicsak,J-Queen'S Gambit Semi Tarrasch 89/171 Buenos Aires 2003*)* 11.Rf3 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Ne2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qxc2 15.Bd2 Rc8 16.Rc1 Qe4 17.Rxc8+ Nxc8 18.Qxe4 dxe4 19.Rg3 Ne7 20.Nc3 Nf5 21.Rg4 Nc7 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Nf6+ Nxf6 24.exf6 g6 ½-½ Aronian,L (2782)-Duda,J (2756) Meltwater CCTF 2021 Chess24 (6.3) 25.Ke2 Rh8 26.hxg6 fxg6 27.Rxg6 Kf7 28.Rg4 Rd8 29.Kd3 Kxf6 30.Re4 h5 31.Bf4 Rd5 32.f3 Ra5 33.Bc1 h4 34.Rg4 Kf7 35.Kc3 Rb5 36.Bg5 a5 37.a4 Rb1 38.Bxh4 b5 39.axb5 a4 ½-½ C 06/32 (2782)-Gardon,E (2756) 91/76 Russia 2004 (6.3)]
10...Ba6 11.Bb5+ Bxb5 12.axb5 a5 White leaves nothing to chance now. **13.Qg4 Nf5 14.Ne2** White is more active. **14...Nd7 15.Qf4 g5** 1.93/19
[15...0-0± 0.78/21]
16.hxg6+- fxg6 17.Qh2 g5 3.04/18
[17...h5 2.03/19 keeps fighting. 18.g4 Ng7]
18.Bxg5

(Diagram)

aiming for g4. Pin **18...Rg8 19.Bxh6 0-0-0 20.f4 Kb7 21.Bg5 Rxg5** 4.35/21
[21...Rc8 2.98/18 might work better. 22.g4 Ng7]
22.fxg5 cxd4 23.cxd4



[23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.cxd4 Qxc2+-]

23...Qxc2 24.Qf4 Qb2 25.Rc1 Qxb5 26.Rh7 White is clearly winning.

26...Ne7 27.Qd2

[27.Rxe7 Qb4+ 28.Rc3 Qxe7=]

27...Re8 28.Nf4 Nf8 29.Rf7 Kb8 30.Qc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.46

1-0

B42

□ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**

■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**

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[Kitty Kat]

B42: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Bd3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.0-0 d6 8.c4 Nf6 9.Nc3 b6 10.f4** e5 would now be deadly. **10...Nbd7 11.Qe2 Bb7** White is slightly better. **12.Kh1**

[12.Bd2 0-0 13.Rae1 Re8 14.Bb1 g6 15.e5 Nh5 16.g4 Ng7 17.exd6 Bxd6 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Be7 20.Bc3 f5 21.Nf2 Qc7 22.Rd1 Rad8 23.Rd4 Bd6 24.Qd2 Nc5 25.Rd1 Bxf4 26.Qxf4 e5 1-0 Glek,I (2551)-Rublevsky,S (2670) EU-ch 4th Istanbul 2003 (1)]

[12.e5 dxe5 13.fxe5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Qxd3 15.Qc7 Qd7 16.Qxb6 Qc6 17.Qxc6+ Bxc6 18.Be3 Rc8 19.Rfd1 0-0 20.Rac1 Ng4 21.Bf4 Rfd8 22.h3 Nf6 23.a3 Be8 24.Rxd8 Bxd8 25.c5 Bc6 26.Nd4 Nd7 1-0 Harding,T (2175)-Mounayar,M (1882) Paris Blitz op 2023 (1)]

12...h5N

[12...0-0 13.Nd4 g6 14.f5 exf5 15.exf5 Ne5 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rae1 Nh5 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Nf5 Qd7 21.Nh6+ Kg7 22.Nf5+ Kg8 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.Nf5+ Kg8 ½-½ Xu,Y (2477)-Koneru,H (2616) CHN-chT 4th Chiva 2008 (13)]

[12...Qc7 13.Bd2 h5 14.Nd4 g6 15.f5 gxf5 16.exf5 e5 17.Ne6 fxe6 18.fxe6 Nf8 19.Bg5 Rg8 20.Bxf6 Bxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Rxg2 22.Nd5 Qc5 23.Bxe7 Nxe6 24.Kxg2 Kd7 25.Bf5 Qa5 26.Bxe6+ Kxe6 27.Rf6+ 1-0 Sharma,V (2493)-3. ♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 de 5. ♘e5 (2591) Hans & Lenze Lippstadt 1998 (3)]

13.Nd4 Ng4 1.10/19

[13...h4± 0.57/18]

14.Bd2± Qc7 1.43/21

[⌓14...Bf6 1.07/20]

15.h3 1.03/18

[⌓15.Rac1 1.43/21]

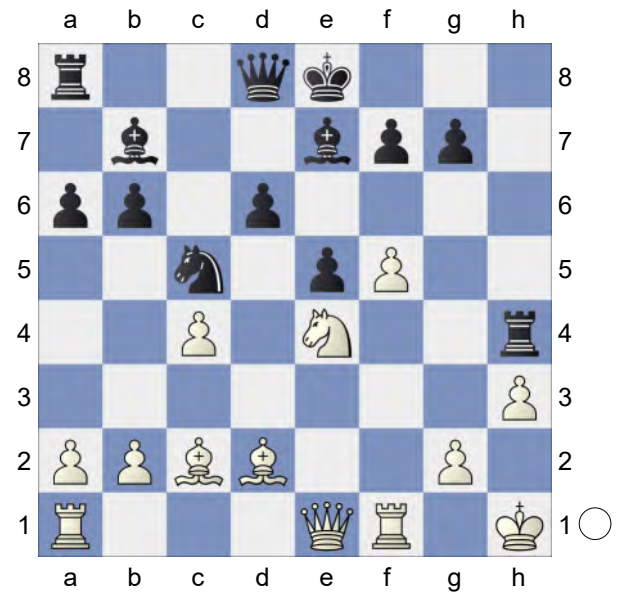
15...Ngf6 16.f5 e5 17.Nf3 h4 18.Qe1 Qd8 19.Nxh4 0.33/20 White is more active.

[19.Bg5± 1.02/18]

19...Nc5± 20.Bc2 aiming for Nf3.

[20.Bb1 simplifies Nfxe4 21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Qxe4 Rxh4 24.g4]

20...Nfxe4 21.Nxe4 Rxh4



22.f6! Nxe4 1.45/23
[22...Bxe4± 0.38/21 23.fxg7 *(23.Qxh4 Bxf6 24.Rxf6 Qxf6=)* 23...Kd7 *(23...Rxh3+?* is the wrong capture. *24.Kg1+-)* 24.Rxf7 Qe8 25.Bxe4 Rxe4]
[22...Rxe4 23.Bxe4]
23.Qxh4? -0.42/18
[23.fxg7± 1.45/23 Kd7 *(23...Rxh3+? 24.Kg1+-)* 24.Rxf7 Rxh3+ 25.Kg1]
23...Bxf6∓ 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qxd8+ Rxd8 26.Be1 a5 Black has compensation. **27.Rd1 Bg5** -0.11/20
[27...Rc8∓ -0.53/21]
28.Rd3 Nc5 0.00/20 Prevents Rb3.
[28...Rc8∓ -0.44/20]
29.Rg3= f6 30.Bf2 Bc6
[30...Ba6!?]
31.Kg1 Rb8 32.Re1 -0.16/20
[32.Rd1± 0.31/23]
32...Ne6! 33.Be4 Bxe4 34.Rxe4 f5 35.Re2 Bh4 36.Rd3 Bxf2+ 37.Rxf2 The position is equal. **37...g6 38.Rfd2 Nd4 39.Kf2 b5 40.cxb5 Rxb5 41.Rc3** -0.45/23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
[41.h4= -0.04/25 deserves consideration.]
½-½

D17

☐	**Salem,A.R. Saleh**	**2622**
■	**Aradhya,Garg**	**2365**

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D17: Slav Defence: 5 a4 Bf5: Lines with 6 Nh4 and 6 Ne5 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.Nxc4 0-0 9.Kf2! h6 10.e4** Against Nd5 **10...Bh7 11.Be3** White is slightly better. **11...Nfd7 12.Qb3**
[12.g3 a5 13.Na2 Na6 14.Nxb4 Nxb4 15.Qd2 f5 16.e5 f4 17.Bxf4 Nb6 18.Nd6 N6d5 19.h4 Qb6 20.Bc4 Bd3 21.Be3 Bxc4 22.Nxc4 Qa6 23.b3 Nxe3 24.Nxe3 Rad8 25.Rhd1 c5 26.Nc2 Nxc2 1-0 Gishi,T (2603)-5. ♘g5 e6 6. ♗d3 ♘gf6_469 (2630) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (14.2)]
12...a5 13.Be2N
[13.Na2 Na6 14.Nxb4 *(14.Rd1 f5 15.Ne5 Kh8 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Nxb4 axb4 18.Qxe6 Nf6 19.exf5 Nd5 20.Nf7+ Rxf7 21.Qxf7 Qh4+ 22.g3 Qh3 23.Qxb7 Ra5 24.Qxc6 Bxf5 25.Rde1 Nf6 26.Bf4 Kh7 27.Re5 Ra7 28.Qc5 Bg6* 1-0 Nguyen,N (2633)-Ibrahimov,R (2527) Julius Baer GenCup PI/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (3) *)* 14...Nxb4 15.Ne5 Kh8 16.Nd3 f5 17.Nxb4 axb4 18.exf5 exf5 19.Bf4 Qb6 20.Bc4 Qxd4+ 21.Be3 Qf6 22.Rhd1 Ne5 23.Bf1 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 Bg8 25.Qc2 Bd5 26.Qf2 Qh5 27.Bf4 Ng6 ½-½ Sargsyan,S (2639)-Karthik,V

(2562) World-chT Rapid Düsseldorf 2023 (12) 28.Bd6 Rf6 29.Bxb4 Nh4 30.Rxd5 cxd5 31.Bc3 Rg6 32.Kh1 f4 33.Re1 Rg5 34.Bd2 Rf8 35.b4 d4 36.Re4 Ng6 37.Rxd4 Rd5 38.Bc3 Rc8 39.Qd2 Ne7 40.Bb2 Rxd4 41.Qxd4 Qg5 42.Qd7 Rc2 ½-½ Skara,M (2639)-9.b4 a5 10.ba5 (2562) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (12)]

13...Na6 14.Rhd1 f5! 15.Kg1 fxe4 16.fxe4 Kh8 17.e5! Nc7 18.Nd6 Nd5 19.Nxd5

[19.Nxb7? Qb8 20.Nxd5 cxd5 *(20...exd5 21.e6∓)* 21.Nxa5 Bxa5-+ *(21...Rxa5 22.Rf1∓)*]

19...exd5 20.Rf1!

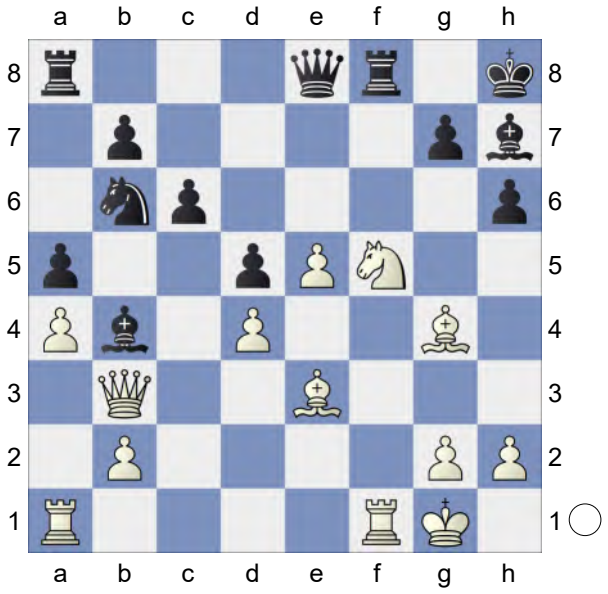
[20.Nxb7 Qb8 21.e6 Qxb7∓]

20...Qe7 Inhibits Nf7+. **21.Bg4!**

[21.Nxb7? Rfb8 22.Rac1 Qe6-+ *(22...Rxb7? 23.Rxc6 Rd8 24.Qd1∓)*]

21...Nb6 22.Nf5 Qe8 0.90/22

[22...Qc7= 0.26/22 remains equal.]



23.Rf2 0.33/23 White is more active.

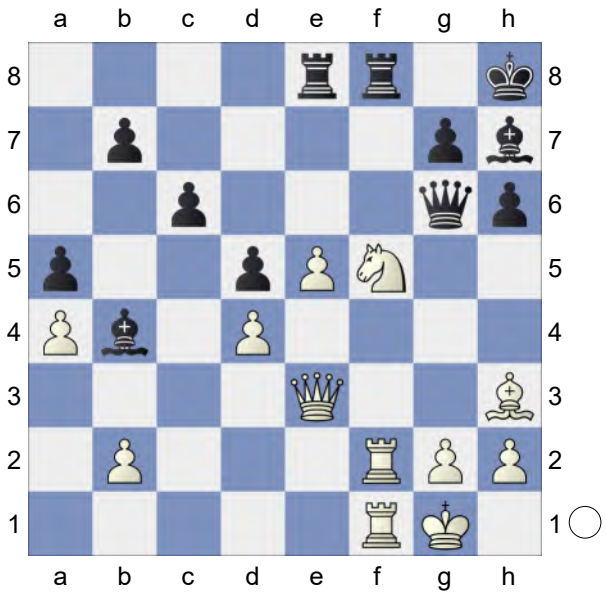
[23.Nxh6!± 0.90/22 Black must now prevent Rxf8+. gxh6 24.Bxh6]

23...Qg6 0.88/23

[Black should try 23...Nc4± 0.33/23]

24.Bh3± Nc4 25.Raf1 Nxe3! 26.Qxe3 Rae8 1.28/24

[Black should play 26...Rad8 0.73/21]



27.Rf3 0.87/21

[⌓27.Qe2! 1.28/24]

27...Qh5 28.Nd6 Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Qxf3 30.Rxf3 Rb8 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.Be6 Be4 33.Ng5+ 0.14/5

[33.Nxh6+? Kh7 34.Nf7 Bxf3 35.Ng5+ Kg6 36.Nxf3 b5 37.Nh4+ Kh5 38.axb5 Rxb5-+ *(38...Kxh4 39.g3+ Kg5 40.bxc6=)*]

[33.Nd6+± 0.64/25 Kh7 34.Nxe4 dxe4 35.Rf7]

33...Kh8= 34.Nxe4 dxe4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **35.Rf7** Strongly threatening Kf2. **35...Bd2?** 2.73/21

[35...Rd8= 0.16/23 and Black is okay.]

36.Kf2+- Bc1 37.b3 Rd8 38.Rd7? 0.14/38

[38.Rxb7+- 3.13/22 Rxd4 39.Bf5]

38...Rxd7= The position is equal.

39.Bxd7 KB-KB **39...Kg8 40.Bc8 b6 41.Bf5 e3+ 42.Ke2 Kf8 43.Bd7 Bb2 44.Kxe3**

[44.Bxc6 Bxd4 45.h4 g6∓]
44...c5 45.dxc5 bxc5 46.Ke4 Ke7 47.Bf5 Bc3 48.Kd5 Bb4 49.g4 Bc3 50.h3 Bb2 51.h4 Bc3 52.h5 Bb2 53.Bd3 Bc3 54.Bf1 Bb2 55.Be2 Bc3 56.Bd1 Bb2 57.Bc2 Bc3 58.Bd3 Bb2 59.Ba6 Bc3 60.Bb5 Bb2 61.Bc4 Bc3 62.Be2 Bb2 63.Bf1 Bc3 64.Bc4 Bb2 65.e6 Ba3 66.Ke5 Bb2+ 67.Kd5 Ba3 68.Kc6 Bb4 69.Kc7 Bc3 70.Kb6 Kd6 71.Kb5 Bb4 72.Bd5 Deflection, Promotion **72...Bc3**
[72...Kxd5? is the wrong capture. 73.e7+-]
73.Kb6 Bb4 74.Kb7 Bc3
[74...Kxd5? loses. 75.e7+-]
75.Bc4 Bb4 76.Kc8 Ke7 77.Bd5 Bc3 78.Kc7 Bb4 79.Kc6 Ba3 80.Bc4
[80.Kb5!? Bb4□ 81.Kc6±]
80...Bb4 81.Kd5 Ba3 82.Ke5 Bb2+ 83.Kf5 Bc3 84.g5 hxg5 85.Kxg5 Bb2 86.Kf5 Bc3 87.Ke4 Kd6 88.Kd3 Bf6 89.Ke4 Bc3 90.Ke3 Bf6 91.Kf4 Bc3 92.Kf5 Bb2 93.Be2
[93.Kg6!? Ke7□ 94.Kg5±]
93...Bc3 94.Bf3 Bb2 95.Bg4 Bc3 96.Kg6 Ke7 97.Kg5 Bd2+ 98.Kf5 Bc3 99.Ke4 Kd6 100.Kd3 Bb4 101.Kc4 Be1 102.Kb5 Bd2 103.Kb6 Be1 104.Bf5 Bd2 105.Kb7 Bb4 106.Kc8 Ke7 107.Kc7 Bc3 108.Kc6 Bb4 109.Bg4 Ba3 110.Bh3
[110.Kb5!? Bb4□ 111.Kc6±]
110...Bb4 111.Kd5 Ba3 112.Bf1 Bb4 113.Bc4 Ba3 114.Ke5 Bb2+ 115.Kf5 Bc3 116.Ke4 Kd6 117.Kf4 Bb2 118.Kg5 Bc3 119.Kg6 Ke7 120.Bd5 Bd4 121.Kf5 Bc3 122.Bc6 Bd4 123.Bd7 Bc3 124.Ke4 Kd6 125.Bc8 Bb4 126.Kd3 Ba3 127.Kc3 Bb4+ 128.Kc4 Be1 129.Kb5 Bc3 130.Kb6 Be1 131.Bd7 Bc3 132.Kb7 Be1 133.Kc8 Hoping for Kd8. **133...Bh4 134.Kb8 Bg3 135.Kb7 Bf2 136.Ka6 Be1 137.Kb5 Bd2 138.Bc8 Be1 139.Kc4 Bb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

C60
□ **Balajayeva,Khanim 2362**
■ **Pranav,V. 2621**
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C60: Ruy Lopez: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...g6 In this course we will have an in-depth look at the Cozio Defence, named after Carlo Cozio, Count of Montiglio and Salabue CC StartBracket CC Italy, 1715-1780 CC EndBracket CC . After publishing his manuscript Il giuoco degli scacchi in 1766, where he explained the ideas behind 3...Nge7, this line received his name. It all starts with the following moves: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.Nc3 Ng6 5.h4 Nd4 6.h5 Nf4 7.Nxd4 exd4 8.Qf3** White is slightly better. **8...Bd6 9.Ne2**
[9.d3 keeps more tension. dxc3 10.Bxf4 cxb2 11.Rb1]
9...Nxe2 10.Bxe2 h6 11.a3N
[11.d3 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Qg4 Be5 14.f4 Bf6 15.Qg3 0-0
A) 16.e5 Be7 17.f5 Bg5 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.Qxg5 hxg5 20.h6 d6 21.hxg7 Kxg7 22.f6+ Kg6 23.Bh5+ Kf5 24.exd6 c5 25.Kd2 Ke5 26.Rhe1+ Kxd6 27.Re7 Be6 28.Re1 #8 3...Nge7 | Cozio-3...Nge7 4. Nc3 Ng6 *(28.Rxb7 Rfb8 29.Rxb8 Rxb8* Chapter Chasing The Knight-Cozio Defence 4.Nc3

Ng6 5.h4);
B) 16.Qf2 Ra6 17.0-0 Rb6 18.g4 d5 19.e5 Bh4 20.Qxd4 f5 21.Bf3 Be6 22.gxf5 Rxf5 23.Kg2 Kh8 24.Rh1 c5 25.Qe3 Rf8 Chapter Chasing The Knight-Cozio Defence 4.Nc3 Ng6 5.h4]

11...c6 12.d3 Be5 13.Bd2 a5 14.g3 Qb6 15.Rb1 d6 16.0-0 Be6 17.c4 a4 18.Qg2 Bf6 19.Rfc1 g5 0.63/19
[19...0-0= 0.08/19]

20.hxg6± fxg6 21.f4 0-0-0 1.75/21
[21...h5± 0.72/17 was necessary.]

22.Bd1 1.34/20
[22.b3+- 1.75/21]

22...g5 1.70/17
[22...h5± 1.34/20]

23.f5+-
[23.Bxa4 gxf4 24.Bxf4 Rdg8 25.Bxd6 Qa5= *(25...Bg5 26.c5=)*]

23...Bf7 24.Bxa4 h5 25.b4 Qa7 2.42/18
[25...Qc7± 1.45/18 26.b5 c5]

26.Bd1 Be5 27.Be1 1.33/19
[27.Bxg5?! Rdg8 28.Qd2 Rh7±]
[27.a4+- 2.30/18]

27...g4 28.c5 d5 29.b5 Qxa3? 4.26/17
[29...dxe4± 1.56/18 is a better defense. 30.bxc6 *(30.dxe4 cxb5 31.Rxb5 d3±; 30.Qxe4 Rde8=)* 30...bxc6]

30.bxc6 bxc6 31.Qe2 Threatens to win with Ra1. **31...Qa7 32.Rb6 dxe4 33.Rxc6+ Bc7 34.dxe4 d3 35.Qd2** 1.50/16
[35.Qb2+- 3.33/18 is the precise move to win. Qb7 36.Qf6]

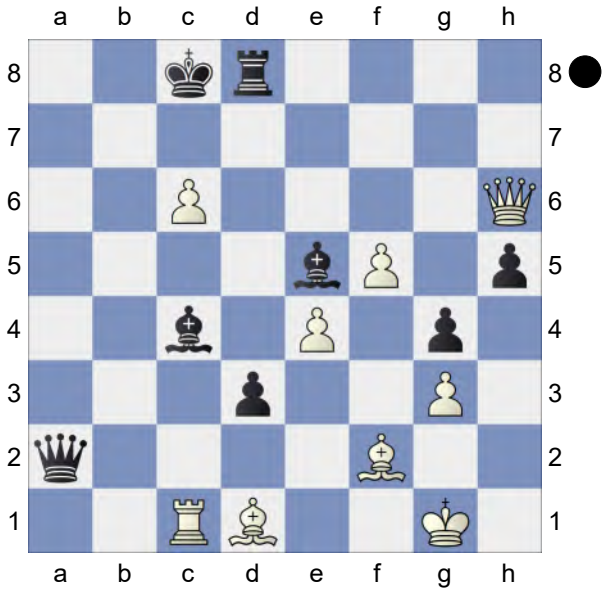
35...Qb7? 3.27/18
[35...Rhe8± 1.50/16]

36.Rf6 Rh7 37.c6 Qa6 38.Rb1 Bc4 39.Bf2 1.20/17
[39.Qb4+- 2.68/18 has better winning chances.]

39...Be5? 4.83/19
[39...h4± 1.20/17 40.Kg2 *(40.gxh4 g3±; 40.Bxg4 hxg3 41.Be3 Rdh8∓)* 40...Re7]

40.Rh6? 1.28/16
[40.Qb4+- 4.83/19 and White stays clearly on top. Bc7 41.Qb7+ Qxb7 Remove Defender 42.cxb7+ Kb8 43.Rc6]

40...Rxh6± 41.Qxh6 Qa2! 42.Rc1
[42.Rb7!? Qa1□ 43.Qd2=]

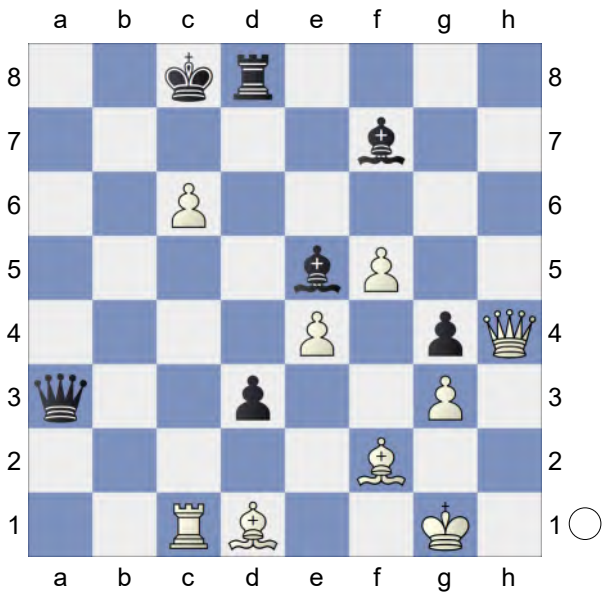


Strongly threatening c7. Really sharp!

42...h4? 4.73/23 **43.Qh7** 2.76/19
[43.gxh4 g3]
[43.Bxg4 hxg3 44.Bb6 Qh2+ 45.Qxh2 gxh2+ 46.Kh1 *(46.Kg2? Rg8-+)* 46...Rg8∓]
[⌓43.Qxh4 4.73/23 Qe7! is the strong threat. Re8 44.f6 *(44.Qxg4 Bf7+-; 44.Bxg4 d2+-)*]

43...Bf7+- 44.Qxh4→ White goes for the king.
[44.gxh4 g3-+ *(44...Rh8? 45.Qxh8+ Bxh8 46.Bxg4-+; 44...Rh8? 45.Qxh8+ Bxh8 46.Bxg4-+)*]

44...Qa3 Wards off Qe7 **45.Rb1 Qa2 46.Rc1 Qa3**



Wards off Qe7 **47.Rb1** Black must now prevent f6! **47...Qa2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.53. An unexpected result.
½-½

B06
□ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
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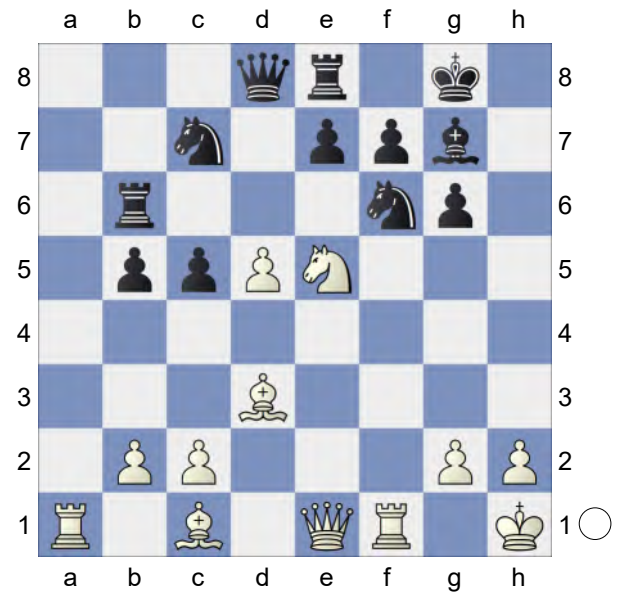
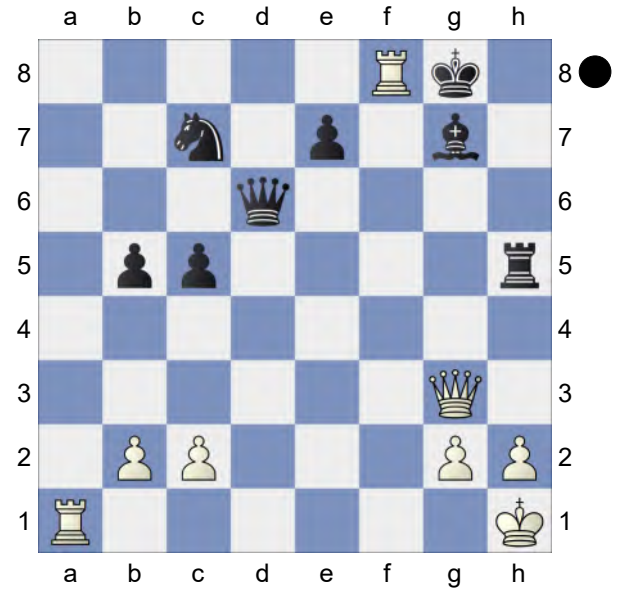
B09: Pirc Defence: Austrian Attack A43: Schmid Benoni Bulletin: 'Speelman, Jonathan S: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'A43: Schmid Benoni'" Speelman,J: 'Inf 56/122' **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3**
[5.a4 Na6 6.Nf3 Nc7 7.c4 f5 8.e5 e6 9.dxe6 Nxe6 10.Ra3 Nh6 11.Rd3 Nf7 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Rxd6 Nxd6 14.Qxd6 Kf7 15.h4 Bc6 16.Qxd8 Raxd8 17.Kf2 h6 18.Be2 g5 19.hxg5 hxg5 0-1 Bareev,E (2670)-Speelman,J (2590) 7396 Debrecen 1992]
5...Na6N
[5...Qa5 6.Bd2 Nd7 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.a4 a6 9.Be2 Ngf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Ng5 Re8 14.f5 Ne5 15.fxe6 Bxe6 16.Nxe6 Rxe6 17.Bg5 Rf8 18.Nd5 Qd7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Bg4 1-0 Apicella,M-Schiller,E D02S19A Internet Chess Club 2002 (7)]
[5...Nf6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 e6 8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.0-0 Nc6 10.f5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Kh1 Qxb2 13.Qd2 Ng4 14.Nd5 Qa3 15.Rab1 Rab8 16.h3 Nge5 17.f6 Bh8 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Qf2 Rfe8 20.Qh4 0-1 Briones Espino,M (1545)-Mancheno Barahona, M (1605) Las Americas U1800 rapid op Tornelo INT 2023 (3) Qa4 21.Bb5 Qxc2 22.Bxc6 Bxc6 23.Ne7+ Rxe7 24.fxe7 Bxe4 25.Qg3 f6 26.Rbd1 Re8 0-1 Serralta,M (1545)-10 e5 cxd4 11 Nxb5 axb5 (1605) Syre Memorial op 29th Issy les Moulineaux 2006 (3)]
6.Nf3 Nc7 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.a4 Rb8 10.Qe1 a6 11.a5 White is more active. **11...b5** White is better. **12.axb6 Rxb6 13.Kh1 Re8 14.f5 Bd7 15.fxg6 hxg6** 1.80/23
[15...fxg6± 1.29/20 was necessary. 16.e5 dxe5 *(16...Nfxd5 17.Bc4±)*]
16.e5? 0.25/20
[White should try 16.Qh4+- 1.80/23]
16...dxe5!=
[16...Nfxd5? 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Ng5 dxe5 19.Rxf7± *(19.Rxa6 Rxa6 20.Bxa6 Bf5∓; 19.Nxf7 Qc7+-)*]
17.Nxe5 Bb5! 18.Nxb5 axb5

(Diagram)

19.Nxf7! Kxf7 20.Qg3 Rh8 21.d6 -0.78/19
[21.Qxg6+ Kg8∓]
[21.Bf4= 0.10/22 Ncxd5 22.Bxg6+



(22.Qxg6+ Kg8∓) 22...Kg8 23.Be5]
21...Rxd6∓
[21...Qxd6? perishes. 22.Bf4+- *(22.Qxg6+ Kg8∓; 22.Qxg6+ Kg8∓)*]
22.Bxg6+ A strong pair of Bishops.
[Much worse is 22.Qxg6+ Kg8 23.Bf4 Ne6 24.Bxd6 Qxd6-+]
22...Kg8 23.Bf4 Nh5 24.Bxh5 Rxh5 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Rf8+



Decoy **26...Kh7** -0.42/21
[26...Kxf8∓ -1.02/23 27.Qf3+ Bf6 28.Qxh5 b4 *(28...Bxb2 29.Rf1+ Bf6 30.Qh8+ Kf7 31.Qh7+ Ke8 32.Qh5+ Kf8 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.Qh7+ Ke8 35.Qh5+ Kf8=)* 29.Qh6+ Kg8 30.Qg6+ Bg7]
27.Qxd6∓ exd6 28.Rf7 Ne6 29.Re1 Re5 0.00/25
[29...Kg6∓ -0.79/20 30.Rd7 Re5]
30.Rxe5= dxe5 31.Re7 Nd4 32.c3 Nc2 33.Kg1 With the idea Rc7. **33...b4 34.Kf2** Threatening Rc7. **34...c4 35.Rc7 bxc3! 36.bxc3 Na3 37.g4** next h4 is good for White. The position is equal. **37...e4 38.h4 Kg8 39.g5 Bxc3** And now ...Bd4+ would win. **40.h5** Threatens to win with Ke3. **40...Bd4+ 41.Ke2** aiming for h6.
[41.Kg2 is interesting. e3 42.h6 e2 43.g6]
41...Nb5 42.Rxc4 Bg7 43.Ke3 White has compensation. **43...Nd6 44.Rc6 Be5 45.Rc5**
[45.g6 is more complex. Kg7 46.Rc7+ Kf6 47.g7]
45...Bh2 ...Bg1+ is the strong threat. **46.Rc2 Be5 47.Ra2 Kf7 48.g6+ Ke6 49.Ra6** Strongly threatening h6. **49...Bg7 50.Rc6 Ke5 51.Rc5+ Ke6 52.Rc6 Ke5 53.Rc5+ Ke6 54.Rc6 Ke5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

B15
□ **Zhu,Hengyi** **2361**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
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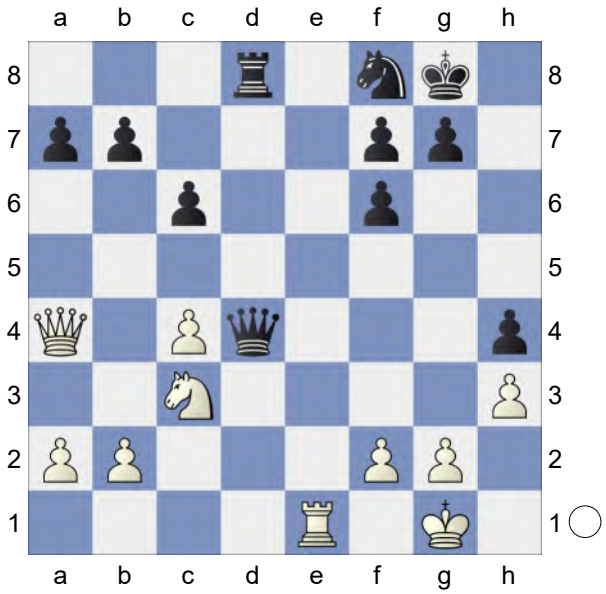
B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.0-0 h4**

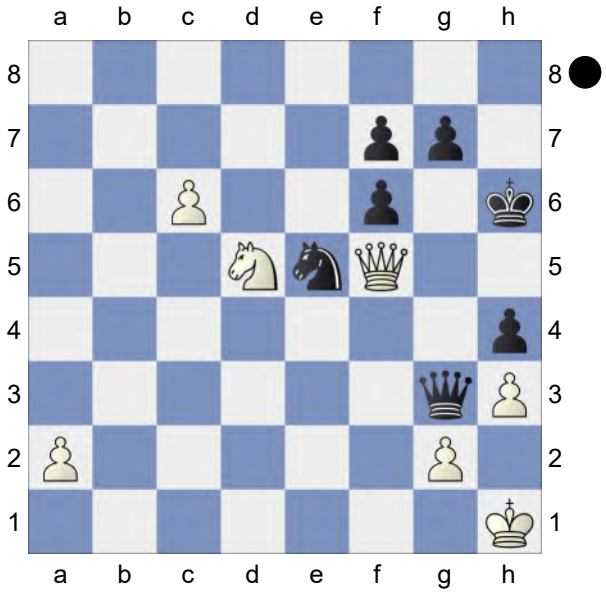
White is slightly better. **11.h3 Nd7 12.Be3 Nf8 13.Rad1 Be6**
[13...Ne6 14.c4 Ng5 15.Rfe1 Bc7 16.a3 Bd7 17.Nf4 Qc8 18.Bf1 Bf5 19.Qc1 Be4 20.d5 Qb8 21.b4 a6 22.c5 cxd5 23.Nxd5 Nxh3+ 24.Kh1 Qc8 25.Nxc7 Qxc7 26.Rd4 Qe5 27.Rxe4 Qxe4 28.f3 0-1 Haldorsen,B (2448)-Artemiev,V (2736) Skopje 140/46 2019]
14.Rfe1N
[14.c4 Rc8 15.Rfe1 *(15.Qa4 g5 16.d5 cxd5 17.cxd5 Bd7 18.Qxa7 Qe7 19.Nd4 f5 20.Rfe1 Bc5 21.Qa5 b6 22.Qa6 Bxd4 23.Bxd4 Qxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 25.Bf1 Rcc1 26.Bxb6 f4 27.Bd8 Bf5 28.g4 hxg3 29.fxg3 Bxh3* Classical Caro Tartakower-6. C3 w/0-0*)* 15...Ng6 16.c5 Bb8 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Bf4 Bf7 19.Bxb8 Rxb8 Kulaga,Y (2496)-Bullert,F (2562) 100/319 Russia 2007]
14...Qd7 15.Bf4 Rad8 The position is equal. **16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qa4 Bd5**
[17...g6 simplifies 18.c4 Qd7 19.Bc2 b5]
18.c4 Be4 19.Bxe4
[19.Qxa7 Bxd3 20.c5 *(20.Rxd3? Qb4-+)* 20...Qc7 21.Rxd3 Ra8-+]
19...Rxe4 20.Nc3!
[Much worse is 20.Qxa7 Rde8 21.Kf1 Qe7∓]
20...Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qxd4

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...Ne6. **22.Rd1 Qb6 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Qxa7=** Endgame. KQN-KQN **24...Qd2 25.Qxb7 Qe1+ 26.Kh2 Qxf2 27.Qxc6 Qxb2 28.Nd5 Qe5+ 29.Kh1** Active counter play! **29...Ng6 30.c5 Kh7 31.Qd7 Kh6**



32.c6 Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Ne5 34.Qf5 Qg3+ 35.Kh1



aiming for c7. **35...Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qg3+ 37.Kh1** c7 is the strong threat. **37...Nxc6 38.Nxf6 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qg3+ 40.Kh1 gxf6 41.Qxf6+ Qg6 42.Qxh4+ Kg7 43.Qg4 Qxg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

B12
□ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
■ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
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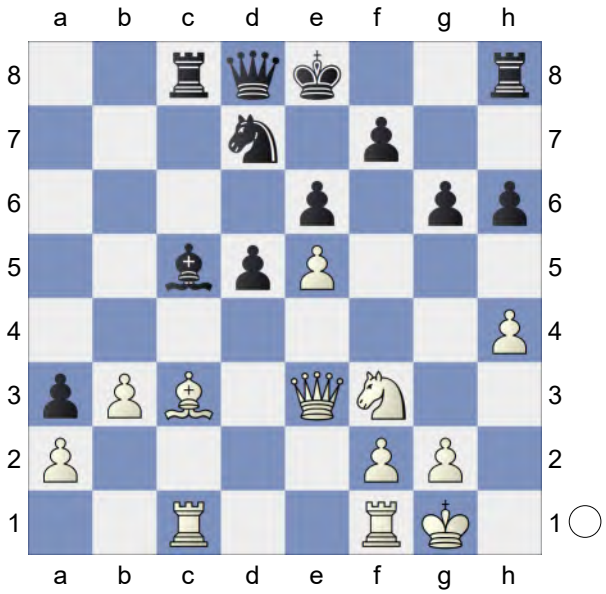
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 a5 7.Nc3N**
[7.Be3 c5 8.c3 a4 9.Bb5 Qb6 10.c4 Bxb1 11.Rxb1 Ne7 12.dxc5 Qc7 13.Nd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Nc6 15.Re1 Ncxe5 16.Bf4 Qxc5 17.Nxe6 Qxc4 18.Nxf8 Kxf8 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Qd6+ Kg8 21.Qxe5 h5 ½-½ Ashvath,M (1854)-Aniruddh,C (2175) Arandjelovac op 2nd 2023 (4)]
[7.c3 a4 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Nf3 Nf5 12.g3 Qb6 13.Rb1 c5 14.c4 Qc6 15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.dxc5 Qxc5 17.b4 Qb6 18.Qd3 Be7 19.Rd1 Qc6 20.Bf4 Rd8 21.Rbc1 Qa6 1-0 Papadiamandis,E (2599)-6.h3 ♘c6 7.g4 ♕b6 (2398) IECG CA.2004. 0.00127 email IECG email (2)]
[7.a4 f6 8.exf6 *(8.c4 fxe5 9.dxe5 Bc5 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Nb3 0-0 12.Nxc5 Nxc5 13.Nd4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 Nd5 15.f4 Be4 16.Nb3 Nxb3 17.Qxb3 b5 18.axb5 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 cxb5 20.Qxb5 Qa7 21.Ba2 Qf7 22.Qe2 Qg6* 0-1 Roberson,P (2426)-Fernandez,D (2481) Cambridge Open 2023 *)* 8...Ngxf6 9.Nh4 Bd6 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.Bd3 g6 12.c4 0-0 13.Nc3 dxc4 14.Bxc4+ Kg7 15.g3 Nb6 16.Be6 Qc7 17.Bd2 Rae8 18.Re1 f4 19.Kg2 h5 20.Rc1 Qd8 21.gxf4 Nfd5 0-1 Juhasz,A (2410)-Haring,F (2449) Apolda 2024]
[7.Nbd2 a4 8.Ne1 a3 9.b3 h6 10.c3 c5 11.Ndf3 Ne7 12.dxc5 Nc6 13.b4 Ndxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bb5+ Nc6 16.Qb3 Be7 17.Nf3 0-0 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bf6 20.Be3 e5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 0-1 Arsene,A (2404)-Balobaev,A (2555) 8.Bd3 exd5 9.exd5 Nbd7 (3)]
7...a4 8.Bd2 a3 White is slightly better. **9.b3 Ne7 10.Na4 Bg4 11.Nh4** Repels Nf5 **11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 b5 13.Nc3 b4 14.Na4 Nc8 15.Qg4 Ncb6 16.Nxb6** 0.45/25
[White should play 16.f4!± 0.91/25]
16...Qxb6± 17.Nf3 g6 1.19/22
[17...h5!± 0.43/22 18.Qg3 c5]
18.Qf4!± Be7 19.h4 h6 20.c3 0.87/23
[Better is 20.Rac1 1.25/23]
20...c5 1.74/24
[20...bxc3± 0.87/23 is a better defense. 21.Bxc3 c5]
21.Rac1 1.08/21
[21.cxb4!+- 1.74/24 cxb4 22.Rac1]
21...bxc3 22.Bxc3 Qd8 1.43/24
[⌓22...Qb7 0.94/22]
23.Qe3 White is more active. **23...Rc8** 1.96/20
[23...h5± 1.41/23]
24.dxc5!+- Bxc5

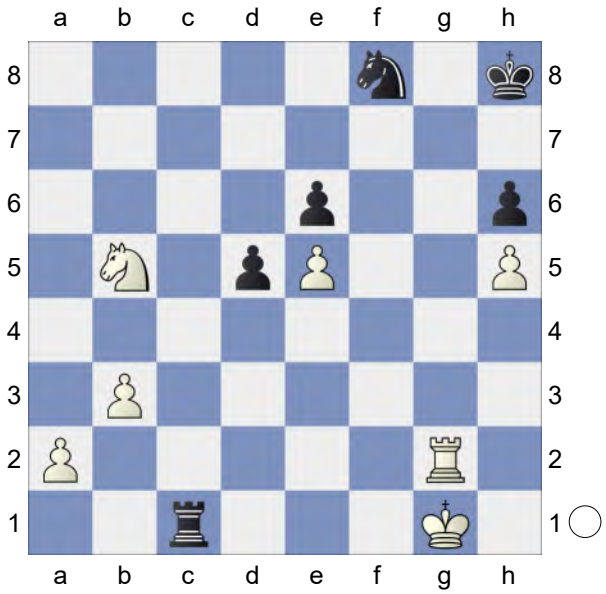


25.Qd2 Hoping for Ba5. **25...Kf8** 3.20/23

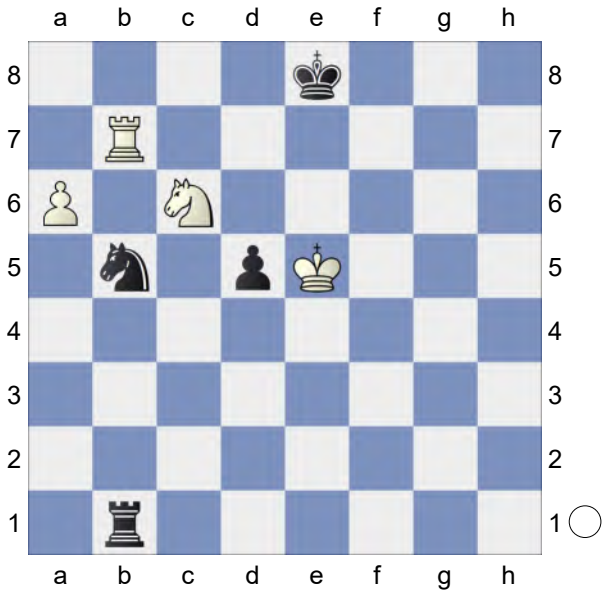
[⌓25...Qb6 2.15/23 26.b4 Be7]
26.Ba5 Qe8 27.Rc2 Be7 28.Rxc8
[28.Rfc1 Rxc2 29.Rxc2 *(29.Qxc2 Nc5±)* 29...Nc5±]
28...Qxc8 29.Rc1 Qe8 30.Rc7 Qc3 is the strong threat. **30...Kg7 31.Qc1 Bd8** Black is weak on the dark squares **32.Rc8 Qe7 33.Bc7**
[33.Bd2 Nb6 34.Rb8 Qd7±]
33...Bxc7 34.Rxc7 Rd8 35.Nd4 Qe8 36.f4 2.24/18
[⌓36.Qxa3 3.96/21 aiming for Qd6. Rc8 37.Qd6]
36...Nf8 37.g3 Rd7 38.Rc8 Rd8 39.Rc6 Qe7 40.Qc5 Qxc5 41.Rxc5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **41...Nd7?** 3.90/19
[41...Rd7 2.22/20 42.Rc8 Rb7]
42.Rc7 Nf8 43.Nb5 g5 44.h5
[44.Nxa3? gxf4 45.gxf4 Ng6∓]
[44.fxg5 hxg5 45.h5 *(45.Nxa3 Ng6=; 45.hxg5 Nh7=)* 45...Kh6 46.Rxf7 *(46.Nxa3? Nd7∓)* 46...Kxh5=]
44...gxf4 45.gxf4
[45.Nxa3 fxg3 46.Nb5 Nh7∓]
45...Rd7 46.Rc2 2.04/19
[⌓46.Kf2 3.97/25]
46...f6 47.Rg2+
[Weaker is 47.Nxa3 Rf7∓]
47...Kh8 48.Nxa3 fxe5 49.fxe5 And now Nb5 would win. **49...Rc7 50.Nb5 Rc1+**

(Diagram)

51.Kf2! Nd7 52.Rg6 Nxe5 53.Rxh6+
[53.Rxe6 Nd3+ 54.Kf3 Rf1+ 55.Kg2 Rf5±]
53...Kg7 54.Rxe6 Ng4+ 4.04/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[54...Nd3+± 1.57/16 keeps fighting. 55.Kg3 Nb4]
55.Ke2 Black must now prevent Rg6+.



55...Kf7 56.Nd4 Rh1 57.a4 White is clearly winning. **57...Rxh5 58.a5 Rh2+ 59.Kf3 Nf6 60.Rb6 Rh3+ 61.Ke2 Rh2+ 62.Kd3 Ra2 63.Rb7+ Ke8** 6.62/20
[⌓63...Kg6 4.56/17 64.b4 Ne4 65.Rb6+ Kg5]
64.Nc6 Ne4 65.b4 Inhibits Nc5+. **65...Ra3+ 66.Kd4 Nc3 67.Ke5 Ra1 68.b5 Rb1 69.a6 Nxb5**



70.Rxb5! Promotion **70...Rxb5 71.a7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very

precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

		B07
□	**Wafa,Hamed**	**2359**
■	**Daneshvar,Bardiya**	**2600**

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B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems WARNING: PLAYING THE BENONI REQUIRES 100% ACCURACY! SON OF SORROW The Benoni Defence can indeed be a blessing when winning but also a reason for the deepest sorrow when the opposite is the case! During my long and by now distant years as a Benoni player, offering me an abundance of “blessings”, I have also had my share of sorrow... It is hard to imagine a more intriguing opening than the Modern Benoni. Whilst accepting a chronic weakness on d6, Black also allows his opponent to obtain an impressive space advantage, with the ever-present possibility of breaking in the centre with e4–e5. In doing so he hopes to make the best of the activity of his fianchettoed bishop and advance his not too mobile queenside majority, either systematically or by tactical means. The name of the opening is quite suggestive. Benoni (son of my sorrow) is the Biblical name given to the last born child by Jacob’s wife Rachel, shortly before she died in labour. Later, Jacob changed his name to Benjamin (son of my blessing). The Benoni opening can indeed be a blessing when winning but also a reason for the deepest sorrow when the opposite is the case! Black needs to play very creatively to gain an advantage, but if his ideas fail, the consequences can be dreadful. This article highlights a closely related aspect. Step by step, Black needs to take concrete decisions as the significance of every move tends to be very high. No matter how well you have played or how lucky you have been in the previous phase of the game, you need to maintain 100% accuracy until the scoresheets have been signed. More than in any other opening, one false step is enough to convert a promising or close to winning position into one that is miserable. During my long and by now distant years as a Benoni player, offering me an abundance of “blessings”, I have also had my share of sorrow, a victim of the circumstances mentioned in the previous paragraph. But recently I happened to be on the opposite side of the board in a decisive last round game of a strong open. WARNING: PLAYING THE BENONI REQUIRES 100% ACCURACY! SON OF SORROW The Benoni Defence can indeed be a blessing when winning but also a reason for the deepest sorrow when the opposite is the case! During my long and by now distant years as a Benoni player, offering me an abundance of “blessings”, I have also had my share of sorrow... It is hard to imagine a more intriguing opening than the Modern Benoni. Whilst accepting a chronic weakness on d6, Black also allows his opponent to obtain an impressive space advantage, with the ever-present possibility of breaking in the centre with e4–e5. In doing so he hopes to make the best of the activity of his fianchettoed bishop and advance his not too mobile queenside majority, either systematically or by tactical means.

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[4...Nd7 5.Bd3 e5 6.Nbd2 Ne7 7.Nf1 exd4 8.cxd4 c5 9.d5 b5 10.Ng3 c4 11.Bc2 Nc5 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Be3 0-0 14.Bd4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Be5 16.Qd2 Qb6 17.Rad1 a5 18.f4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 1-0 Marin,M (2576)-Granda Zuniga,J (2699) 129/36 Helsingor 2016]

5.Bd3N

[5.Bc4 0-0 6.e5 dxe5 7.Nxe5 e6 8.Bg5 Qe8 9.Qf3 Nbd7 10.Nxd7 Nxd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Bb3 Rb8 13.Nd2 Qb5 14.Qg3 Qc6 15.a4 Nd5 16.a5 b6 17.c4 Nb4 18.Be7 bxa5 19.Bxf8 Bxf8 0-1 Drude,D-Paulat,J OWL-ch Bad Driburg 1992 (9) 20.Rxa5 Bd6 21.Qh4 Bb7 22.f3 Qb6 23.Rfa1 c5 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 cxd4 26.Rb5 Qc7 27.Rxb8+ Qxb8 28.Ra5 Bxh2+ 29.Kh1 a6 30.c5 Bc7 31.Ra4 Qb5 32.Ra1 Qxc5 33.f4 Bb6 34.Bxe6 Qh5+ 1-0 Drueke,V-Becker,T SZ002 www.desc-online.de 1999]

[5.Qc2 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Rd1 Qe7 10.a4 b6 11.b4 Bb7 12.Nbd2 a6 13.Ba3 Rfd8 14.a5 h6 #2 The Lazy Variation: Nf3-Bd3-c-3 c3 move order - 4 Nf3]

5...0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Re1 e5 8.h3 Re8 9.Nbd2 b6 10.d5 White is slightly better. **10...Bb7 11.Bc2 Bh6 12.c4 a5 13.Nf1 Bxc1 14.Rxc1 Nc5 15.Qd2 Nh5 16.Ng3 Nf4 17.Ne2 Nxe2+ 18.Rxe2 Bc8 19.b3 f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Bxf5** -0.39/21

[21.a3± 0.33/21]

21...gxf5∓ 22.Qh6 Rf8 23.Ng5 Qe7 And now ...Rf6 would win. **24.f4** Black must now prevent fxe5. **24...Rf6 25.Qh4 h6** 0.72/23

[25...Qg7!∓ -0.40/21]

26.Nf3!± e4 27.Nd4 Nxf5 is the strong threat. **27...Qf7** 1.09/20

[27...Qg7± 0.64/22]

28.Re3 0.16/21

[28.g4!± 1.09/20]

28...Rg6= 29.Kh1 Kh7 30.Rcc3 Rag8

[30...Rf8 simplifies 31.Rc2 Qf6 32.Qxf6 Rgxf6 33.Kh2 Rg8]

31.Rg3 Nd3 32.Rxg6 Qxg6 33.Rc2

Nc5 34.Qe7+ Rg7 35.Qh4 Rf7 36.Re2 Qg7 37.Qh5 Qf6 38.Re3 Qg6 Against Rg3 **39.Qxg6+ Kxg6** Endgame. KRN-KRN **40.a4 Nd3 41.g3 h5 42.h4 Kf6 43.Kh2 Nb4 44.Re2 Rf8 45.Kg2 Rg8 46.Rd2 Nd3 47.Kh2 Re8 48.Kg1 Nc5** Threatens to win with ...e3. **49.Rb2 Rg8 50.Kh2 e3 51.Ne2 Ne4** White should prevent ...Nd2. **52.Rc2 Nd2 53.Rc3 Re8 54.Kg2 Re4 55.Rd3 Kf7 56.Kg1 Ke8 57.Kh1 Kd7 58.Kg2 Re8 59.Kg1 Kc8 60.Kg2 Kb7 61.Kg1 Kb8 62.Kg2 Kc8 63.Kg1 Kd8 64.Kg2 Kd7 65.Kg1 Nf3+ 66.Kf1 Re7 67.Rc3 c5 68.Rd3** -0.40/31

[68.dxc6+= 0.00/27 Kxc6 69.Kg2]

68...Re8∓ 69.Rc3 Nh2+ 70.Kg2 Ng4 71.Kf3 Re4 72.Rd3 b5 73.cxb5 c4 74.bxc4 Rxc4 75.Nd4 Rxa4 ...Nf2 would now be deadly. **76.Nxf5 e2 77.Kxe2 Rb4** Repels Rb3 **78.Ne3** Strongly threatening Nxg4. **78...Nf6 79.Kf3 a4 80.Ra3 Kc7 81.Rc3+ Kd8** 1.26/25

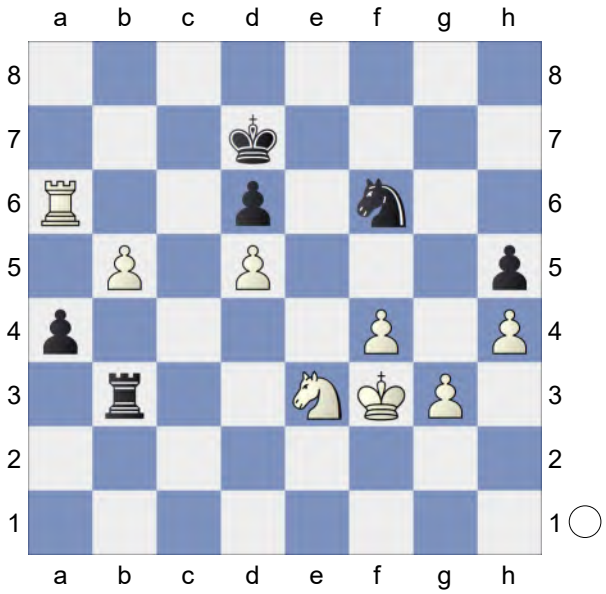
[81...Kb6!= 0.04/26 remains equal.]

82.Rc6!± Kd7 1.95/27

[82...Rb3± 1.36/22 is a better defense.]

83.Ra6+- Rb3

(Diagram)



84.Ra7+!

[84.Rxa4 Nxd5 85.Re4 Nf6∓]

84...Kd8 2.44/23

[⌓84...Kc8 1.71/26]

85.b6

[85.Rxa4?! Nxd5 86.Re4 Kd7]

85...a3 86.Ra8+ Ke7 87.b7! Nd7? 4.03/23

[87...Rxb7 2.28/21 88.Rxa3 Kf8]

88.Ke2 Rb2+ 89.Kd1? 0.05/23

[White should try 89.Kf3+- 3.85/24]

89...a2⇄ Hoping for ...Rb1+. Black puts up resistance **90.Nc2 Kf6! 91.Kc1 Rxb7**

[91...Rb1+ looks sharper. 92.Kd2 Rxb7 93.Rxa2 Nc5]

92.Rxa2 Nc5 Against Ra6 **93.Ra3 Kf5 94.Re3 Kg4 95.Nd4 Rb4 96.Ne2 Ne4 97.Kc2 Nf2** 0.51/22

[97...Ra4= 0.07/25]

98.Re6 0.03/17

[98.Re8± 0.51/22 is more appropriate.]

98...Ne4 99.Rg6+ Kf3 100.Nc1 Rc4+ 101.Kb2 Rd4 102.Kc2 Rd2+

[102...Nxg3? perishes. 103.Rxg3+ *(103.Rxd6 Nf5=)* 103...Ke4 104.Ne2+-]

103.Kb3 Rxd5

[But not 103...Nxg3 104.Rxd6 Ne4 105.Rd8∓]

104.Kc2 -1.36/21

[104.Na2!∓ -0.39/19]

104...Rd2+∓ 105.Kb3 Nxg3 Black has more active pieces. **106.Rg5** -2.11/21

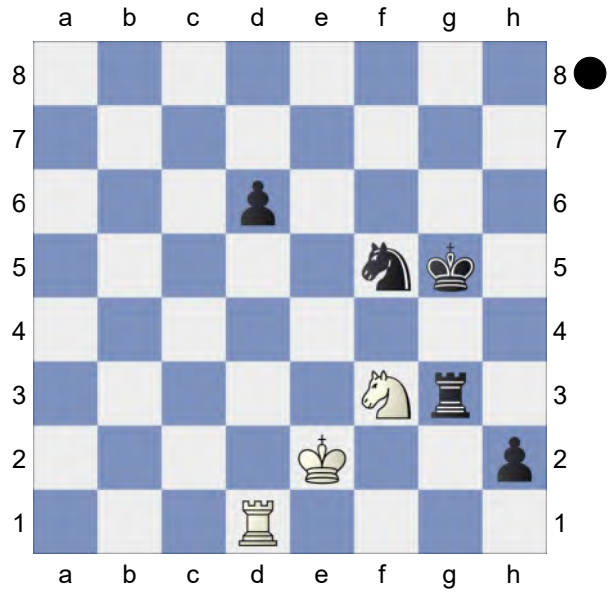
[106.Na2 -1.66/21 might work better.]

106...Kxf4-+ 107.Na2? -3.59/20

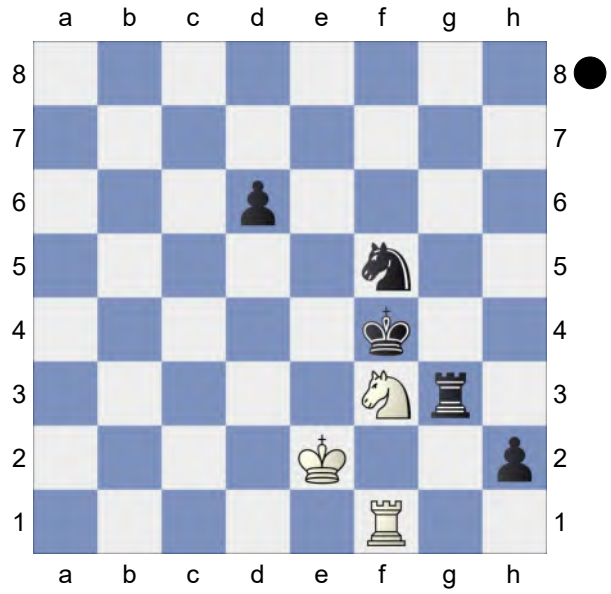
[107.Ka3∓ -1.31/19 was forced.]

107...Rh2 108.Nc3 Rxh4 109.Rd5

-5.17/20
[109.Rg8 -3.37/15 was called for.]
109...Nf5 Black is clearly winning. **110.Ne2+ Kg5 111.Kc3 Rg4** aiming for ...h4. **112.Rd1 h4 113.Ng1 Rg3+ 114.Kd2 h3 115.Ke2 h2 116.Nf3+**



Kf4! 117.Rf1



Rxf3! 118.Rxf3+ Kg4 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

B89
□ **Pranesh,M.** **2582**
■ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
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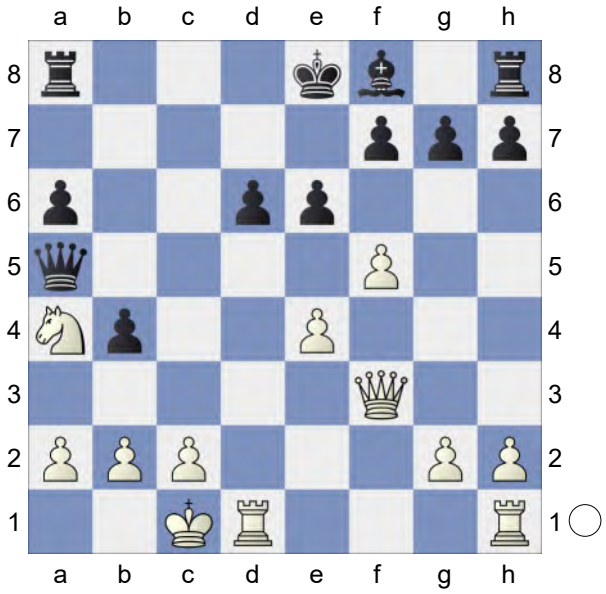
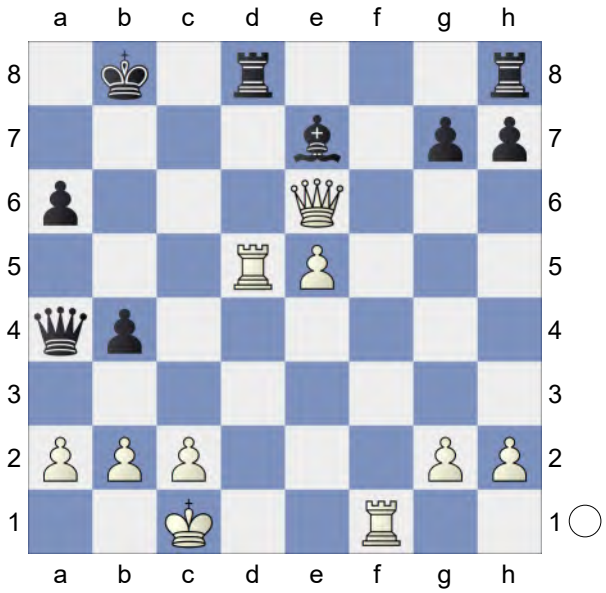
[Kitty Kat]

B88: Sicilian: Sozin Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 a6 8.Bb3 Bd7 9.f4 b5N**
[9...h5 10.Qf3 Na5 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.f5 e5 13.Nde2 Nxb3+ 14.axb3 b5 15.Bg5 b4 16.Bxf6 bxc3 17.Bh4 cxb2+ 18.Kxb2 Rc8 19.Nc3 d5 20.exd5 Bxf5 21.d6 Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Qxd6 23.Qxf5 Rxc3 24.Rd1 0-1 Decrop,H (2033)-Van Delft,M (2369) Dieren op 2023 (4) Qxd1 25.Qxe5+ Kd7 26.Qf5+ Kc6 27.Qe4+ Qd5 28.Qa4+ Qb5 29.Qe4+ Qd5 30.Qa4+ Kb7 31.Qb4+ Ka8 32.Qxc3 Qxg2 33.Bf2 f6 34.Qd4 Qb7 35.b4 Rc8 36.Kb3 Rc7 37.c4 Rd7 38.Qe3 Qc6 39.Bg3 0-1 Decuigniere,T (2396)-Salgado Lopez,I (2591) FRA-chT Top 16 GpA Chartres 2023 (7.2) Kb7 40.Kc3 Qa4 41.Qe4+ Qc6 42.Qf4 Rd8 43.Bf2 g5 44.Qf5 h4 45.Bd4 Qd6 46.Qe4+ Kb8 47.Be3 Qe5+ 48.Qxe5+ fxe5 49.Bxg5 Rh8 50.Bf6 Rh5 51.b5 axb5 52.cxb5 Kc7 53.Kd3 Rf5 54.Bxh4 0-1 Wright,D (2033)-9.♘c3 ♖e8 10.b3 a5 (2369) AR-2003-Q-00004 Chessfriend.com (4)]
[9...Qc7 10.f5 e5 11.Nde2 Be7 12.Qd2 h6 13.0-0-0 Na5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 0-0 16.Nc3 Rac8 17.g4 b5 18.Qd3 Nxb3+ 19.axb3 Bc6 20.Qe2 a5 21.g5 b4 22.gxh6 bxc3 23.hxg7 cxb2+ 24.Kxb2 1-0 Radeva,V (2296)-Cosman,A (2195) ROM-chT (Women) Mamaia

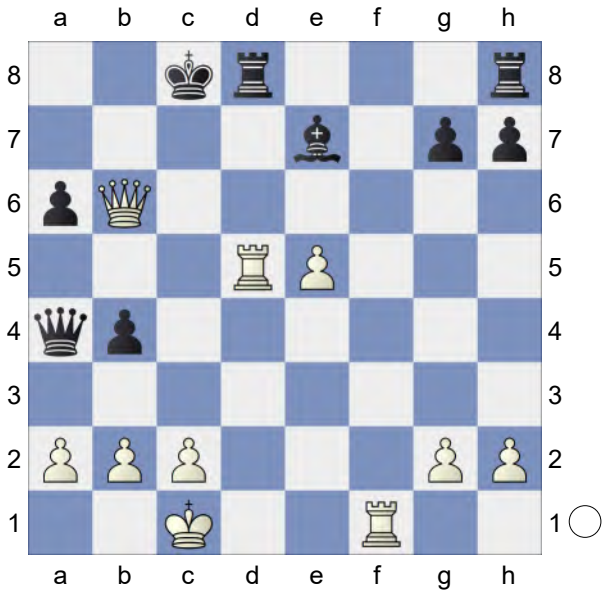
2024 (7.6)]
10.Qf3 e5! would now be deadly.
10...Nxd4 1.16/20
[10...b4= 0.22/21 11.Nce2 Rc8]
11.Bxd4± Bc6 White is better. **12.0-0-0** White is more active. **12...b4 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Ba4** 0.68/20
[White should play 14.Ne2!± 1.11/24]
14...Bxa4!± 15.Nxa4 e5! is the strong threat. **15...Qd8** 1.47/21
[Better is 15...Rc8 0.95/23]
16.f5!± aiming for fxe6. **16...Qa5?** 2.93/23
[16...Be7± 1.38/22]



17.e5! Discovered Attack **17...d5**
18.fxe6→ White has strong attack.
18...fxe6 19.Qg4 Qxa4? 4.27/18
[19...Ke7 1.86/20]
20.Qxe6++- Be7 21.Rhf1!
[21.Rxd5 b3 *(21...Qxa2 22.Qc6+ Kf8 23.Rf1+)* 22.cxb3 *(22.Rf1? Rf8-+)* 22...Qf4+ *(22...Qxa2 23.Qc6+ Kf8 24.Rf1+)* 23.Kb1 Rf8±]
21...Rd8
[21...Rf8 22.Rxf8+ *(22.Qxd5 Rc8+-)* 22...Kxf8 23.Rf1+ *(23.Rxd5? Qxa2 24.Qc6 Re8-+)* 23...Ke8 24.Qg8+ *(24.Qxd5 Ra7+-)* 24...Kd7 25.Qxa8]
22.Qf7+
[22.Rxd5 Rxd5 *(22...Qxa2 23.Qf7#)* 23.Qf7+ Kd8 24.Qxd5+ Kc7∓]
22...Kd7 23.Rxd5+ Kc8 And now ... Rxd5 would win. **24.Qe6+ Kb8**



Threatens to win with ...Rxd5. **25.Qb6+! Kc8**
[25...Ka8? 26.Ra5+-]



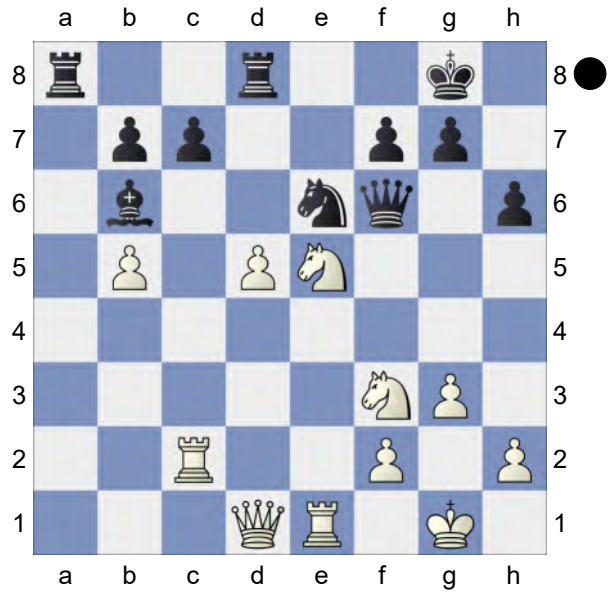
26.Ra5 0.00/30

[26.Rc5+!+- 3.39/31 Bxc5 27.Qxc5+ Kb8 28.Rf7]
26...Qd7= The position is equal.
27.Qxa6+
[27.Rxa6? Qd2+ 28.Kb1 Qd1+ 29.Rxd1 Rxd1#]
27...Kc7!
[27...Qb7 28.Qc4+ Kd7 *(28...Kb8? 29.Rb5+-* Pin *)* 29.Rd5+ Ke8 30.Rb5 Bg5+ 31.Kb1]
28.Qa7+ Kc8! 29.Qa8+ Kc7 (→ ...Qd2+) **30.Ra7+** Deflection **30...Kb6 31.Rxd7** White wants to mate with Qb7+. Pin **31...Bg5+ 32.Kb1 Rxa8 33.Rxg7 h6 34.Rff7 Rhf8 35.Rb7+ Ka6 36.a3**
[36.Rxb4? Rf1#]
36...bxa3 37.Rb3
[37.bxa3 Rf1+ 38.Ka2 Re1]
37...axb2 38.Rgb7 Rf4 39.R7b6+
[39.Rxb2 Rf1+ 40.Ka2 Bd8]
39...Ka5 40.Kxb2 Re8 41.R3b5+ Ka4 42.Rb3 Ka5! 43.R3b5+ Ka4 44.g3
[44.Rb3!? Ka5□=]
44...Re4 45.Rb3 Ka5! 46.Rb7 Ka6 Prevents Ra7+ **47.R3b6+ Ka5 48.Rb5+ Ka6! 49.R5b6+ Ka5 50.Rb5+ Ka6! 51.R5b6+** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**
■ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2578**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.25) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

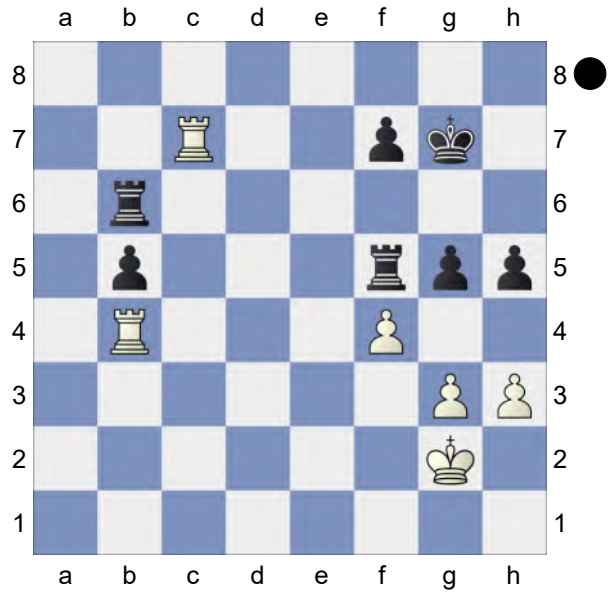
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.c3**
[7.0-0 a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1)]
7...a6 8.Nbd2 Ba7N
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Qb3 Qc8 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Ne3 Qd7 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Qd1 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Bxe3 16.fxe3 Qf7 17.Qe2 Qg6 18.Rh3 Rf7 19.0-0-0 Raf8 20.Qc2 Qg4 21.Rdh1 d5 22.exd5 Nb8 ½-½ Kaasen,T (1554)-Yilmazyerli,M (1574) Jugoslavija 41/224 1986 (5)]
9.b4 -0.78/22
[9.0-0= -0.12/21 keeps the balance.]
9...Qe7 -0.12/22
[9...g5∓ -0.78/22 10.Bg3 Nh5]
10.0-0= The position is equal. **10...Be6**
[10...g5!? 11.Bg3□ 0-0=]
11.a4 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Qe6 13.b5 Ne7 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 0-0 17.Ne3 axb5 18.axb5 Qe6 19.Re1 Bb6 20.Rc1 d5
[20...Qxe4? perishes. 21.Nc4 Qd5 22.Nxb6 *(22.Rxe7 Rfc8+-)* 22...cxb6 23.Rxe7+-]
21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Nc4 Qf6 23.Nfe5 Hoping for Nd7. **23...Ra2 24.Nf3** -1.03/20
[24.Rc2= -0.10/23 remains equal. Rxc2 25.Qxc2]
24...Nf4!∓ Black is much more active.
25.Nce5 -1.77/24 Repels Qg6
[25.Rc2∓ -0.97/23 Qg6 26.Ne3]
25...Rd8 26.Rc2 Raa8 -0.21/19
[26...Rxc2∓ -1.43/22 27.Qxc2 Ne6 *(27...Bxd4?* too greedy. *28.Nxd4 Rxd4 29.Nc6+-* Back Rank, Promotion *)*]

27.g3= Ne6 28.d5

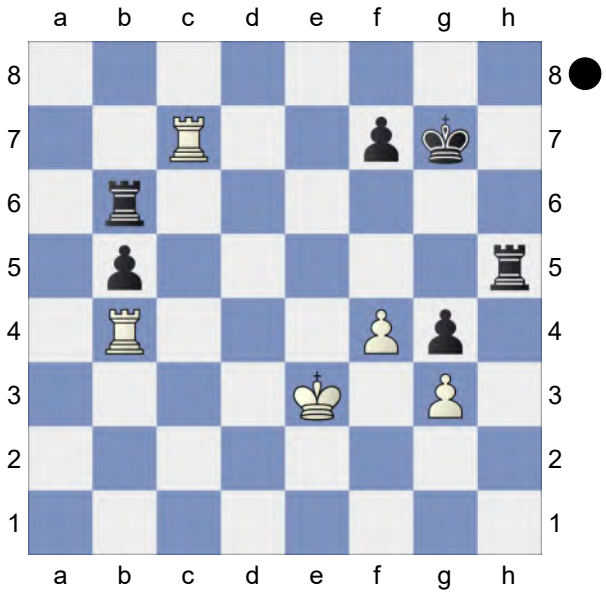


Nd4! Decoy **29.Nxd4** A dynamic duo of knights. **29...Rxd5 30.Nef3** Threatens to win with Rd2. **30...Bxd4 31.Nxd4 Rxd4 32.Qc1 Rd5 33.Rxc7 Rxb5 34.Qc3 Qxc3 35.Rxc3** Endgame. KRR-KRR **35...Rf5 36.Re2 b5 37.Rb2 h5 38.Rc7 Rb8 39.Rb4 g5 40.Kg2 Rb6 41.h3 Kg7 42.f4** -0.93/20

[42.Rc8= -0.24/24]



42...g4!∓ 43.hxg4 hxg4 44.Kf2 Rh5 45.Ke3



Rh3 -0.21/22

[Black should play 45...Kf6!∓ -1.05/19 46.Kd4 Ke6]

46.Rc5? -3.55/18 This costs White the game.

[46.f5= -0.21/22]

46...Rxg3+-+ 47.Kf2 Rf3+ 48.Kg2 Kf6 Prevents Rg5 **49.Rh5** aiming for Rh6+. **49...Re6** ...Re2+ is the strong threat. **50.Rhxb5?** -4.03/24

[50.Rbxb5 -2.10/21 was worth a try. Re2+ *(50...Rxf4 51.Rh6+ Ke7 52.Rb7+ Kd6 53.Rb6+ Ke7 54.Rb7+ Kf8 55.Rxe6=)* 51.Kg1]

50...Re2+ 51.Kg1 Rg3+ 52.Kf1 -4.44/20

[52.Kh1 -2.83/24 is the only way for White. Rd3 53.Rb1]

52...Rgg2 53.Rg5 -9.95/24

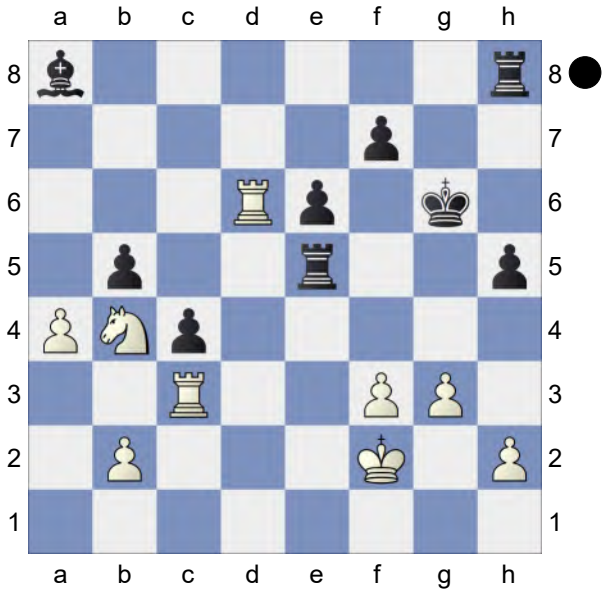
[⌓53.Rb6+ -4.43/19 Kg7 54.f5 Ref2+ 55.Ke1 Rxf5 56.Ra6]

53...Ref2+ 54.Ke1 Ra2 55.Kf1 g3 56.Rb6+ Ke7 57.Rb7+ Kd6 58.Rb6+ Kc7 (→ ...Raf2+) **59.Ra6 Raf2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

0-1

D37
□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**
■ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.26) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

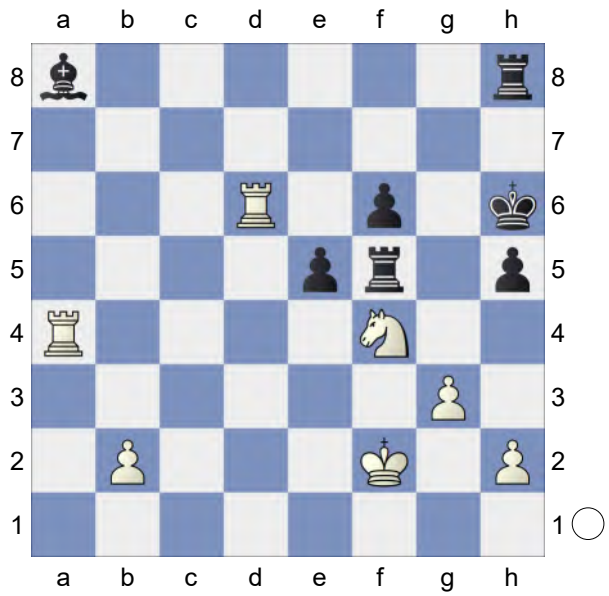
E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 dxc4N
[6...c6 7.0-0 a5 *(7...Ne4 8.Qc2 f5 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.Nd3 dxc4 11.Nf4 Ndf6 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.Qxc4 Qd6 14.e3 b5 15.Qc2 e5 16.dxe5 Qxe5 17.Bd2 Bf5 18.Bc3 Qc5 19.Qb3+ Qc4 20.Qxc4+ bxc4 21.Rfc1 Rfd8 22.Bf1* ½-½ Schmoyer,C (2485)-5.♘b5 ♕b8 6.c4 ♘f6 7.î (2417) Open, Wheeling Chicago 2010 (5) *Rd3 23.Bxd3 cxd3 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rxc6 Bg4 26.Nd5 Bxb2 27.Rb1 Be5 28.h3 Bf3 29.Re6 Bf6 30.Nxf6+ gxf6 31.Rxf6 h5 32.Rd6 Rc8 33.h4 Rc7 34.g4 Bxg4 35.Kg2 Kg7 36.Rb4 Rf7 37.Rbd4* ½-½ Zanan,E (2485)-Rozen,E (2417) Ramat Gan Shavuot op Rabat Gan rapid 2023 (5) *)* 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 20.Qc1 Nd7 21.Nb3 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1)]
7.Ne5 c5 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Nxd1 Bxc5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Be3 Bb6 The position is equal. **13.Bxb6 axb6 14.Nc3 Ba6 15.Nxc6 Bb7 16.Nb4 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 g5 18.f3 g4 19.Kf2 Kg7 20.Rac1 h5 21.Ke3 gxf3 22.exf3 Nd5+ 23.Ncxd5 Bxd5 24.Rd4 Rac8 25.Rh4 Kg6 26.a3 Rc5 27.Rc2 Rdc8 28.Rd4 Ba8 29.Rd6 b5 30.Rc3 Re5+ 31.Kd2 Rh8 32.Re3 Rf5 33.Ke2 Rc8 34.Rc3 Re5+ 35.Kf2 Rh8 36.Re3 Rf5 37.Rc3 Re5 38.a4**



Deflection **38...bxa4 39.Rxc4 Rf5 40.f4 Ra5 41.Nd3 f6**
[41...Bd5 looks sharper. 42.f5+ Kg5 43.Rf4 h4]
42.f5+ Rxf5+
[Much worse is 42...Kxf5 43.Rf4+ Kg5 44.Rxe6±]
43.Nf4+ Kh6 Hoping for ...e5. **44.Rxa4?** -3.55/22 White does not recover from this.
[44.Rxe6? loses. Bd5-+]
[44.Ke1= -0.13/23 and White has nothing to worry.]
44...e5-+

(Diagram)

Pin **45.h3 Rf8**
[45...exf4 46.g4 hxg4 47.hxg4]
46.Ra5 Be4 47.Ra4 Bb7 48.Rb4 Bc8 49.Kf3 exf4 50.g4 Re5 Black is clearly winning. **51.Kxf4 Kg6 52.Rb8 Rc5** Against Rc6 **53.b4** -6.15/21
[⌓53.Rd4 -4.33/19]
53...Rc4+ 54.Ke3 hxg4 55.hxg4 Rh8 56.b5 Rh3+ 57.Kd2 Bxg4 58.b6 Bf5

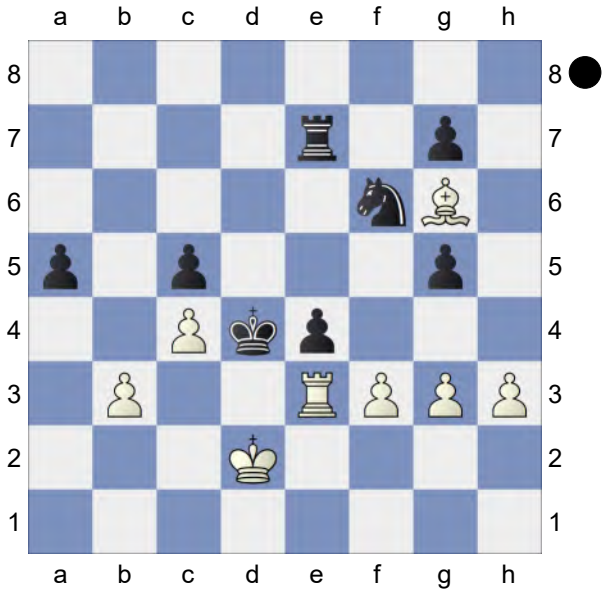


(→ ...Rc2+) **59.Rg8+ Kf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

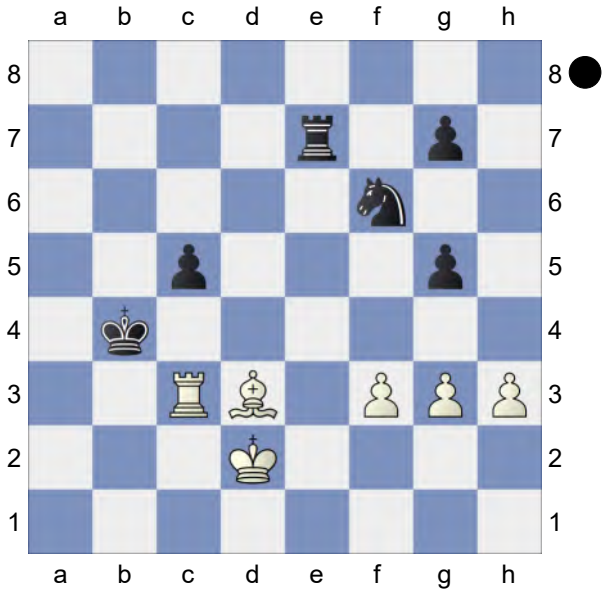
B07

□ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
■ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto** **2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.27) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems Cabrilo,G: 'Inf 109/47' **1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5N**
[4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Be2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.b3 c6 9.a4 Qc7 10.Ba3 Bf8 11.Qc1 Bxa3 12.Qxa3 Qd8 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rd6 Kf8 15.a5 Ne8 16.Rd2 Qxa3 17.Rxa3 Ke7 18.Ra1 f6 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2706)-Khismatullin,D (2667) 109/47 Russia 2010 19.Rad1 Nc7 20.b4 Nf8 21.Bc4 Nfe6 22.h3 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Nxd8 24.Na4 Nde6 25.Nd2 Rb8 26.Nb3 b5 27.axb6 axb6 28.Bf1 Bd7 29.Nb2 Nb5 30.Ra1 Nbd4 31.Nxd4 Nxd4 32.Bd3 Nb5 33.Nc4 Nd6 ½-½ Panov Botvinnik Attack (2706)-Kocsis,I (2667) 8.a4 Rb8 9.h3]
4...dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.Bxf7 Rf8 8.Bc4 aiming for f3. **8...Nxe4 9.Nge2** White has an edge. **9...Bf5**
[Of course not 9...Rxf2?! 10.a3 Rxe2+ 11.Bxe2+- *(11.Kxe2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nd6±)*]
10.0-0 Nxc3 11.Bg5+ Kc8 12.Nxc3 c6 Wards off Nd5 **13.Rfe1 Nd7 14.Re2 Kc7 15.Ne4 h6 16.a3 Bxe4 17.Rxe4 hxg5 18.axb4 Rf4** Inhibits g3. **19.Rae1 Re8 20.g3 Rxe4 21.Rxe4=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **21...Nf6** Against Rg4 **22.Re3 e4 23.Bf7 Re7 24.Bg6 Kd6 25.Kg2 Re5 26.c3 Re7 27.h3 Kd5 28.b3 Kd6 29.c4** -0.75/22 Dodges Nd5
[29.Re2= -0.16/25 remains equal.]
29...c5 -0.01/33
[29...Ke5∓ -0.75/22 Threatening ... Kd4. 30.f3 Kd4]
30.b5! The position is equal. **30...Kc7 31.Kf1 Kd6 32.Ke2 Re5 33.Ke1 Re7 34.Ke2 a6 35.bxa6 bxa6 36.Ke1 a5 37.Ke2 Re6 38.Bf7 Re5 39.Bg6 Re7 40.Ke1 Ke5 41.f3 Kd4 42.Kd2**



a4! 43.Bxe4
[43.bxa4 Ra7]
43...axb3 44.Rxb3 Kxc4 45.Rc3+ Kb4 46.Bd3



Hoping for Rc4+. **46...Rd7 47.Kc2 Rd4** White must now prevent ...c4. **48.Rb3+ Ka4** And now ...c4 would win. **49.Rb7 c4 50.Be4 Nxe4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

B31

□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
■ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.28) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4.Nc3 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.e5 dxe5 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Re1 Qc7 The position is equal. **9.b3 Bf5 10.Bb2 Rd8 11.Na4**
[11.h3!?]
11...f6 1.31/21
[11...Bg4± 0.69/20]
12.Nxc5± Nh6 13.d4 exd4 2.01/20
[13...Rd5± 1.18/19 was called for.]
14.Nxd4+- A dynamic duo of knights.
14...Rd5? 3.53/24
[14...Qb6 1.83/19 might work better.]
15.Nce6 Bxe6 16.Nxe6
[16.Rxe6 c5 17.Qf3 *(17.Rc6? Qd7-+)* 17...Rxd4 18.Bxd4 cxd4∓]
16...Qd6 17.Nxg7+ Kf7 18.Qe2 Kxg7 19.Qxe7+ Nf7 20.Qe6 Qf4 21.g3

[21.Qxc6 Rhd8 22.Bc3 Ne5 23.Bxe5 fxe5±]

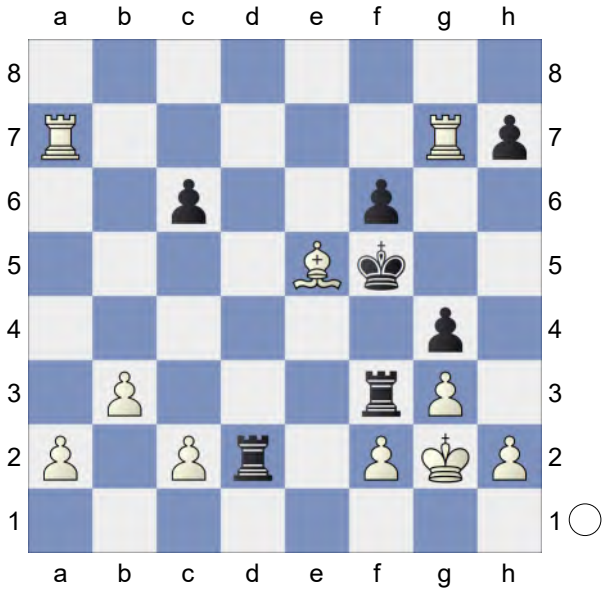
21...Qf5 22.Qxf5 Deflection

[22.Qxc6 Rd2 23.Rf1 Rxc2 24.Bxf6+ Kh6=]

22...Rxf5 23.Rad1 g5 24.Rd7 g4 25.Ree7 Rf8 26.Rxa7 Kg6 27.Bc1 Rf3 28.Be3 Ne5 29.Bd4

[29.Rxh7 c5 30.Bxc5 Rf7]

29...Rd8 30.Bxe5 Rd1+ 31.Kg2 White is clearly winning. **31...Rd2 32.Rg7+ Kf5**



33.Bd4 Rxd4

[33...Rxc2 34.Ra5+]

(Diagram)

34.Rxg4!! Decoy **34...Kxg4**

[34...Rxf2+ 35.Kxf2]

35.h3+ Deflection **35...Kf5 36.Kxf3 Rd2 37.Rxh7 Rxc2 38.Rh5+** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.34

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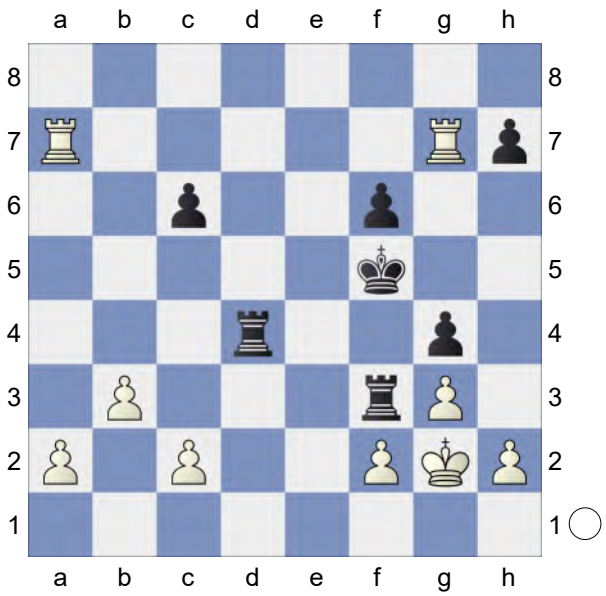

C01

□ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**

■ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**

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[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation War Tartakower doch nicht verloren? Herbert Bastian, 2.7.2008 (Aktualisierung 15.8. 2008; vollständige Version) Zu den Glanzstücken des 6. Schachweltmeisters Michail Moissejewitsch Botwinnik (17.8.1911 - 5. 5.1995, Weltmeister in den Perioden 1948-1957, 1958-1960 und 1961-1963) gehört sein berühmtes Springerendspiel gegen Dr. Savielly Tartakower vom Staunton-Memorial in Groningen 1946 (13. Runde). Der weiße König war in der Ecke eingeklemmt und einem Mattangriff ausgesetzt, wie man ihn in Springerendspielen nur selten zu Gesicht bekommt. Deshalb hat dieses Endspiel Aufnahme in viele Lehrbücher gefunden. Kürzlich habe ich das Endspiel für ein Stützpunkttraining

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[7...0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.Be3 a5 10.cxb6 cxb6 11.Nc3 Ba6 12.Ne5 h6 13.Rc1 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 a4 15.a3 Bd6 16.Qd1 Ne4 17.Nxd5 1-0 Tymrakiewicz,R (2707)-Lusgin,V (2596) Baltic Sea tt5 B05 corr8691 ICCF corr 1986 (1.2)]

8.Qa4+N 0.00/23

[8.Be3± 0.45/19]

[8.cxb6 axb6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 *(10.Re1 c5 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Bg5 c4 13.Bc2 Bg4 14.Qd2 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nh5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Qg5 Nf6 18.Kh1 Ng6 19.f4 Re8 20.f5 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Nf8 22.Rg1 g6 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.f4 Ne6* 1-0 Lenderman,A (2535)-Song,J (2364) Titled Tue 13th Sep chess.com INT blitz 2022 (1)*)* 10...Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Ne5 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 c6 15.Bg5 Nxg4 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.hxg4 f5 19.Rae1 fxg4 20.Re5 Rf3 21.Qb5 Ng6 22.Rxd5 Qf6 0-1 Tartakower,S-Botvinnik,M Staunton Memorial Groningen 1946 (13) 23.Rg5 Rf8 24.Ne4 Qf4

25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Rh5 Rh3 27.Rxh3 gxh3 28.Ng3 Nh4 29.Qe4 Nf3+ 30.Kh1 Qxe4 31.Nxe4 Rf4 32.Rc1 h6 33.Rc3 g5 34.d5 g4 35.Re3 Rf5 36.Nc3 Rf6 37.Re6 Kg7 0-1 Zbarsky, Z-Mellado Trivino,J Postal Chess Club J12 corr 1964 (13)]

8...Bd7 9.Qc2 Nc6 White has an edge. **10.a3** Prevents Nb4 **10...bxc5 11.dxc5 a5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Be3** 0.15/18

[13.h3± 0.59/17 should be considered.]

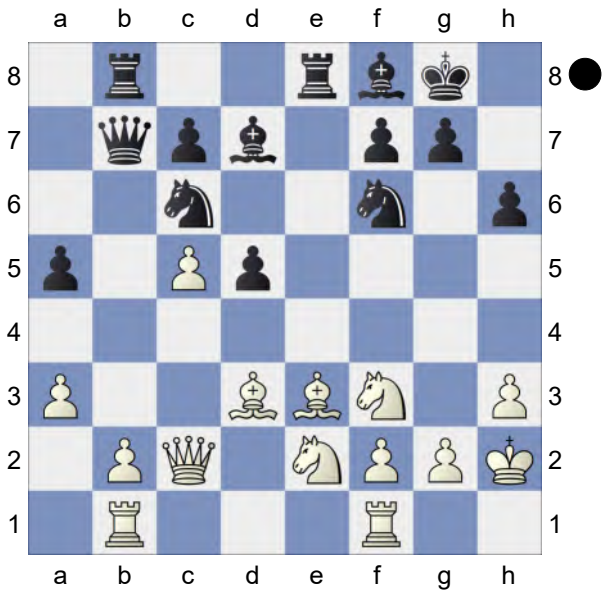
13...h6 0.73/20

[13...d4= 0.15/18 keeps the balance. 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bf5]

14.h3 Re8 15.Nc3 Bf8 16.Rad1 Qc8 17.Kh2 0.21/20

[17.Bf4!± 0.79/18]

17...Rb8 18.Ne2 Qb7 19.Rb1



a4! 20.Rfc1

[20.Rfd1 Na5]

20...Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc5 22.Bxc5 Bxc5 23.Nxa4

[23.Nxd5 Bd6+ 24.Kg1 Ne5 25.Bh7+ Kh8=]

23...Bd6+ 24.Kg1 Qc8 Hoping for ... Ne5. **25.Re1 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Re3** -0.84/22

[27.Nc5= -0.18/21]

27...Bd6!∓ White must now prevent ... Rxe3. A strong pair of Bishops. **28.Rbe1** -2.32/21

[28.Rxe8+∓ -1.11/21 Qxe8 29.Nc5]

28...Rxe3!-+ 29.Rxe3 c5 Threatens to win with ...c4. **30.Re1 c4 31.Bf1 Qc6 32.Nc3 d4** -0.93/18

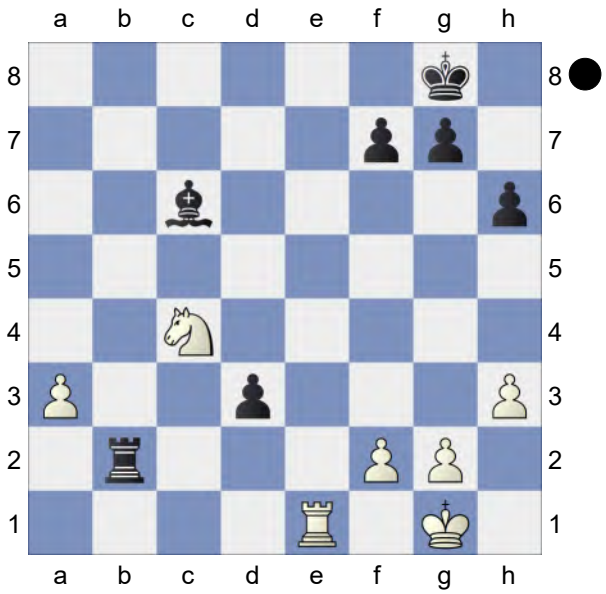
[32...Bc5-+ -2.27/20 and Black stays clearly on top. Strongly threatening ... d4. 33.Be2 d4]

33.Ne4∓ d3↑ Black is on the roll. **34.Bxd3 cxd3 35.Qxc6** Remove Defender **35...Bxc6** -0.14/17

[35...Bh2+!∓ -1.59/29 36.Kxh2 Bxc6]

36.Nxd6= Rxb2∓ Endgame. ...d2 is the strong threat. KRB-KRN **37.Nc4** -2.52/20

[37.Rd1= -0.09/25]



37...Re2!-+ 38.Rd1 -3.67/24

[⌓38.Rb1 -2.37/21]

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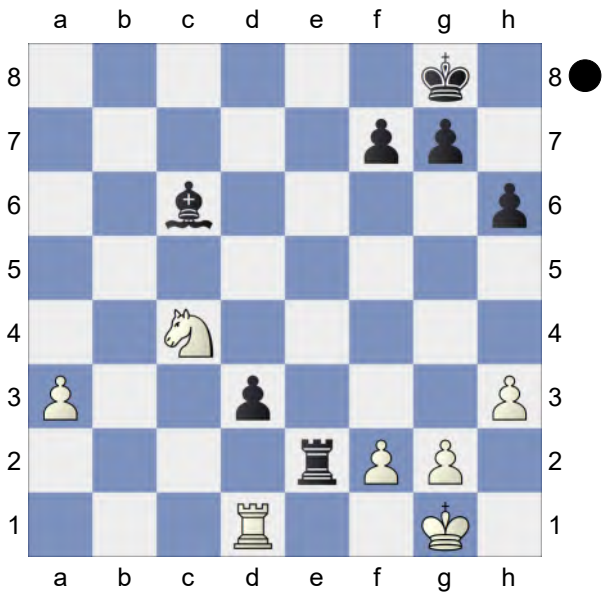
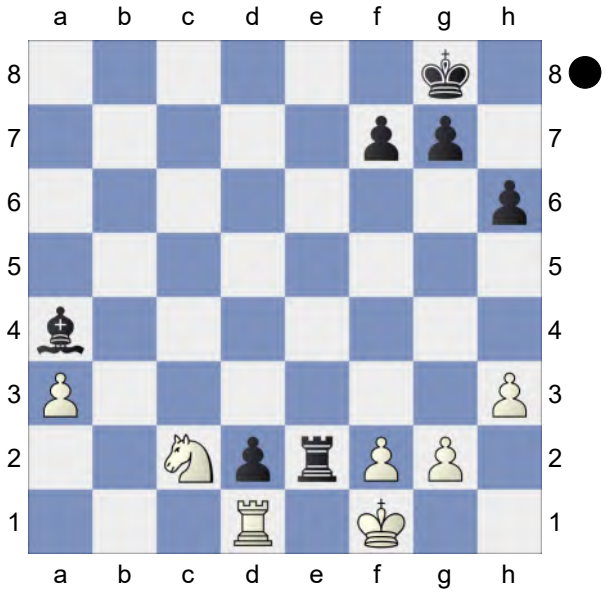
38...Bb5! 39.Ne3 d2 40.Nc2 -5.15/20 Repels Re1+

[⌓40.Nf1 -3.57/18]



40...Ba4 Black is clearly winning. **41.Kf1**



Re1+ Promotion **42.Rxe1 Bxc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

B12
□ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation 'Ponomariov,R: 'Inf 95/58'' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nd7 6.cxd5**
[6.a3 Ne7 7.c5 b6 8.b4 a5 9.Be3 axb4 10.axb4 bxc5 11.bxc5 Rxa1 12.Qxa1 f6 13.f4 g5 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.fxg5 Ng4 16.Bd2 Qb8 17.Nge2 h6 18.h3 hxg5 19.Bxg5 Bg6 20.Rg1 Bh6 1-0 Ponomariov,R (2704)-Timman,J (2630) Pamplona 15th 2005 (5)]
6...cxd5 7.Bd3
[7.h4 h5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Ne7 10.Nf3 g6 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.0-0 Nf5 13.b3 Be7 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Ne2 Rac8 16.Qd2 Rc6 17.Ng3 Nh6 18.Rac1 Ng4 19.Qf4 Kf8 20.Ng5 Nh6 21.Rxc6 Qxc6 1-0 Vagman,R (2333)-He,M (1839) World ol U16 Eindhoven 2023 (1.9)]
7...Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Bb4N
[8...Ne7 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.h4 Qb6 11.h5 Rc8 12.Rh4 Nb4 13.Qe2 Qa6 14.Qxa6 bxa6 15.Ke2 Be7 16.Rg4 g6 17.Bd2 gxh5 18.Rg7 Nc6 19.Rh1 h4 20.Be3 Kf8 21.Bh6 Ke8 22.Be3 Kf8 23.Bh6 ½-½ Klimkowski,J (2442)-Pacan Milej,K (2409) POL-chT 1st League Sypniewo 2022 (3.3)]
9.Qg3 White is slightly better. **9...Kf8** 0.73/20
[9...Nf8= 0.30/23]
10.Nge2± Ne7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Qd3 h5 13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Rac1 Nf5 15.Ng3 Be7 16.Nxf5 Bxg5
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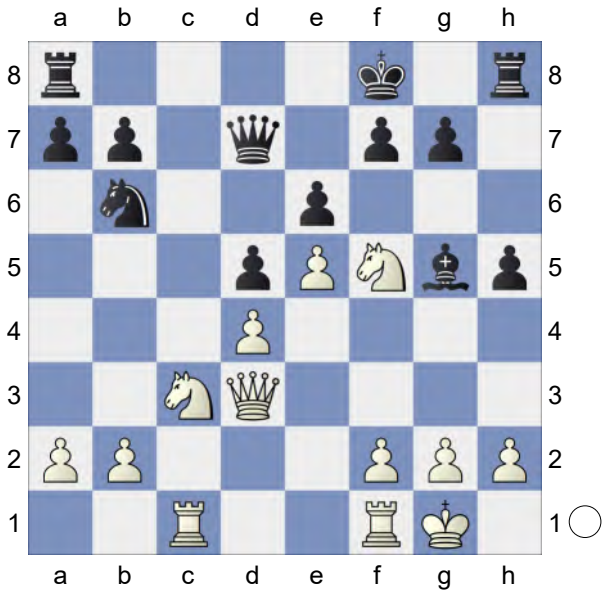
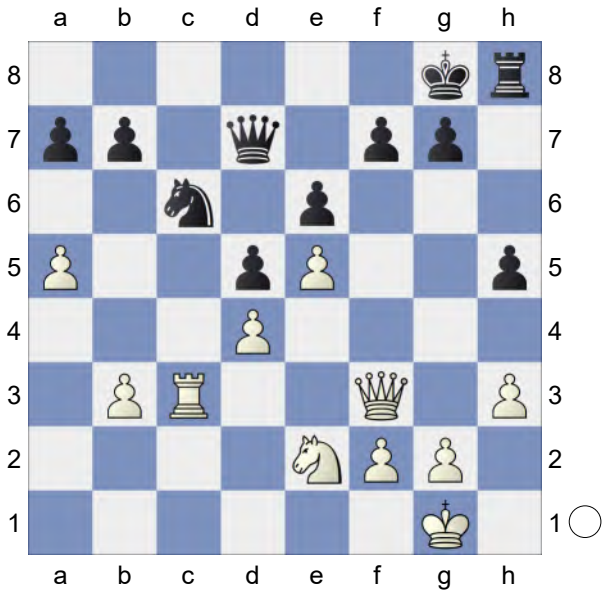


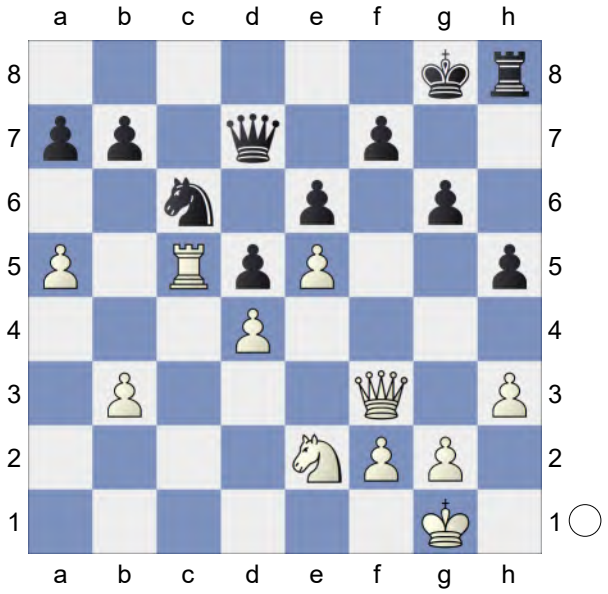
17.Qg3! Bh6 18.Nxh6 Rxh6 19.Rc2 Rc8 20.Rfc1 Kg8 21.b3 Rh8 22.a4 1.05/23
[⌓22.h3 1.47/23]
22...Rc6 23.Ne2 Rxc2 1.59/18
[⌓23...Nc8 0.86/24]
24.Rxc2 Qg5 would now be deadly.
24...Kh7 25.a5 1.16/22
[White should try 25.Qg5+- 1.72/22]
25...Nc8 1.83/22
[25...Na8± 1.16/22 was called for.]
26.Rc3 0.55/24
[26.Qg5+- 1.83/22]
26...Ne7± 27.Qf3 Kg8 28.h3↑ Black is under pressure. **28...Nc6** 1.12/23
[28...a6± 0.45/23]

(Diagram)

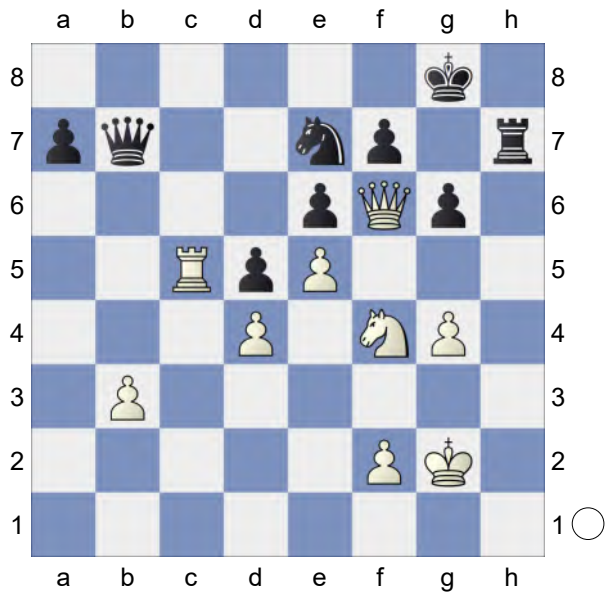
29.Rc5 0.34/19
[29.a6!± 1.12/23]
29...g6 1.43/22
[29...a6!± 0.34/19]

(Diagram)





30.Qf6 0.87/21
[⌓30.a6! 1.43/22 b6 31.Rc3]
30...Kh7 1.53/22
[Better is 30...a6 0.87/21]
31.g4± hxg4 32.hxg4 Hoping for a6!
32...Kg8 33.a6 White is much more active. **33...Rh3?** 4.72/22
[33...bxa6 2.04/18 34.Kg2 a5]
34.Kg2+- Rh7 35.axb7 Qxb7 36.Nf4 Ne7
[36...Nxd4? loses. 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Rc8]



37.b4! Black is weak on the dark squares **37...Qd7 38.Nh3** Strongly threatening Ng5. **38...Rg7** 8.34/19
[⌓38...g5 4.03/21 39.Nxg5 *(39.Qxg5+ Rg7+-)* 39...Rg7]
39.Ng5 White is clearly winning. **39...Qb7 40.Rc3** Black must now prevent Rh3. **40...Qd7 41.Qf4 Qb7 42.Rf3 Qb6 43.Nxf7** Threatening mate with Nh6+. **43...Nf5 44.gxf5 Rxf7 45.f6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

B90
□ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
■ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**
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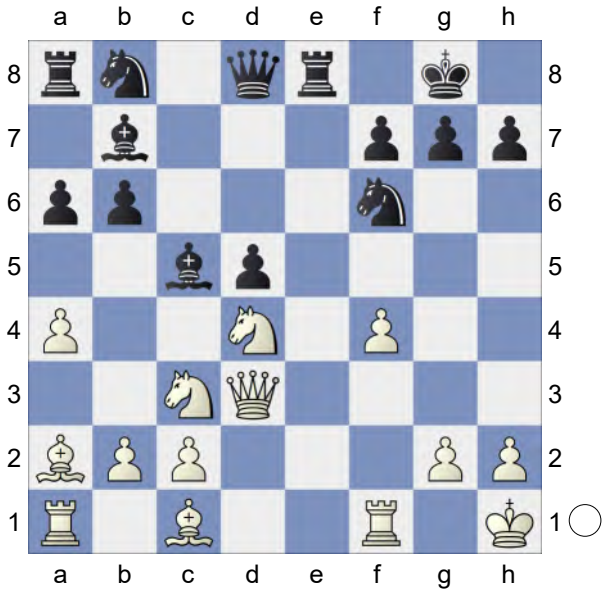
[Kitty Kat]

B86: Sicilian Scheveningen/Najdorf: 6 Bc4, without early ...b5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6**
[6...g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Be3 b5 *(8...Qc7 9.Bb3 Nc6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.g4 0-0 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bh6 a5 15.h4 a4 16.Bd5 Bxd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Qc4 20.Kb1 h6 21.Rhe1 Ra7 22.Re4 Qc5 23.h5* 0-1 Maroczy Bind,G (1777)-Fuksikova,I (1777) 129/(46) Wijk aan Zee 2016 (3)*)* 9.Bb3 Bb7 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 b4 13.Na4 Qa5 14.Qd2 0-0 15.a3 Qe5 16.axb4 d5 17.0-0-0 dxe4 18.f4 Qh5 19.Rhg1 e5 20.g4 Nxg4 21.Ne6 ½-½ Sutovsky,E (2692)-Stefansson,H (2557) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (2)]
7.a4N
[7.0-0 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.a3 Nbd7 10.Be3 Nc5 11.f3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Qc7 13.Rfd1 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qe2 Qe5 17.c3 Bd6 18.g3 0-0 19.Qf2 Rfd8 20.Re1 Qf6 21.f4 Qg6 1-0 Ellefsen,J (1700)-Basoglu,Y (1605) Foxwoods 84/467 2002 (4) 22.f5 Qg4 23.Bd2 e5 24.Nc2 Bc5 25.Ne3 Qe4 26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qe4 28.Kf1 Qd3+ 29.Qe2 Be4 30.Rad1 Bxe3 31.Bxe3 Qxe2+ 32.Kxe2 Bxf5 33.Kf3 e4+ 34.Kf4 Bg6 35.g4 Rd3 36.h4 h6 1-0 Lehnert,H (1700)-Ludwig,I (1605) Bayern-ch Seniors 09th Schloss Schney 1997 (4)]
[7.Be3 Be7 8.f3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Na5 13.Nce2 Nxb3+ 14.Nxb3 Bd7 15.g4 Bc6 16.Nbd4 Re8 17.Ng3 Nd7 18.Ngf5 Ne5 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Qf2 Rec8 0-1 Daskalov,E (2130)-Evstatiev,G (2195) Sofia Hemus op 11th 2004 (3)]
7...Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1 -0.19/22
[⌓9.Be3 0.18/21]
9...b6 0.19/25
[⌓9...Nxe4 -0.19/22 10.Nxe4 d5]
10.Qe2 Bb7 11.f4 -0.57/21

[11.Bxe6= 0.00/25 fxe6 12.Nxe6]
11...d5∓ 12.exd5 exd5 13.Ba2 Re8 14.Qd3 Bc5



Threatens to win with ...Bxd4. **15.Be3 Nc6** -0.27/20
[Black should try 15...Qd7∓ -0.71/18]
16.Nxc6!= Bxc6 17.Bd4 Ng4
[17...Bxd4 simplifies 18.Qxd4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rad1 Qd7]
18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Bxd5 Bxd5
[19...Qh4!? 20.Qg3□ Qxg3 21.hxg3 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Re2=]
20.Nxd5 Qh4 21.Qg3 Qxg3 22.hxg3 Re2 23.Rac1 Rd2 24.Nc3 Rad8 0.45/24
[24...Re8= 0.00/25]
25.Rfe1 0.00/26
[25.Ne4± 0.45/24 R2d4 26.Nxc5]
25...f5 The position is equal. **26.Kg1 Kf7 27.b3 R8d6 28.a5 Re6 29.Rxe6 Kxe6** Endgame. KRN-KRN **30.Re1+ Kd6 31.Re2 Rxe2 32.Nxe2** KN-KN **32...Kc6 33.c4! Kd6 34.Nc1 Nf6 35.Kf2 Ne4+ 36.Kf3 h5 37.Ke3 Nxg3 38.Nd3 Ne4 39.Ne5 Nc3 40.Nd3**
[40.Kd2!? Ne4+□ 41.Ke3=]
40...Ne4 41.Ne5 Nf6
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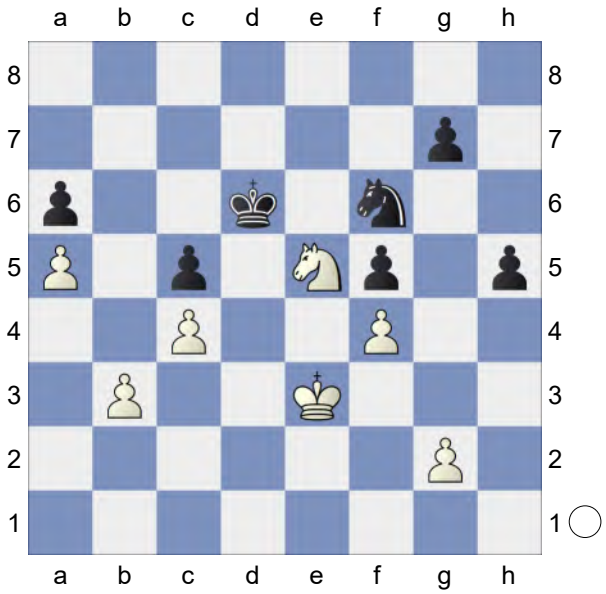

White must now prevent ...Ng4+. **42.Nd3 Nd7 43.b4 cxb4 44.Kd4** aiming for c5+.
[44.Nxb4!? Nc5□ 45.Kd2=]
44...b3 45.Kc3 Nb8 And now ...Nc6 would win. **46.Kxb3 Nc6 47.Nb4** Nxc6 would now be deadly. **47...Nd4+**
[47...Nxa5+ 48.Kc3∓]
48.Ka4 Kc5 49.Nxa6+ Kxc4 50.Nc7 Strongly threatening a6. **50...Nc6 51.Ne6 Nxa5! 52.Kxa5** KN-K3P **52...g6 53.Nf8**
[53.Kb6!? Kd3□ 54.Nf8=]
53...Kd3 54.Nxg6 KN-KPP **54...Ke3 55.Kb5 Kf2! 56.Kc5 Kxg2 57.Kd5 Kg3 58.Ke5**
[58.Ke6!? h4□ 59.Nxh4 *(59.Kxf5 h3-+)* 59...Kxf4 60.Kf6= *(60.Nxf5 Kg5=)*]
58...Kg4 59.Ne7
[59.Ke6!? h4□ 60.Nxh4 Kxf4 61.Ng6+ *(61.Nxf5 Kg5=)* 61...Ke4 62.Nf8=]
59...h4 60.Nxf5 KN-KP **60...h3** Hoping for ...h2. **61.Ne3+! Kf3 62.Nf1** f5 would kill now. **62...Kg2 63.Ne3+ Kf3 64.Nf1** Threatening mate with f5. **64...Kg2 65.Ne3+ Kf3** Weighted Error

Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

C11
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
■ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
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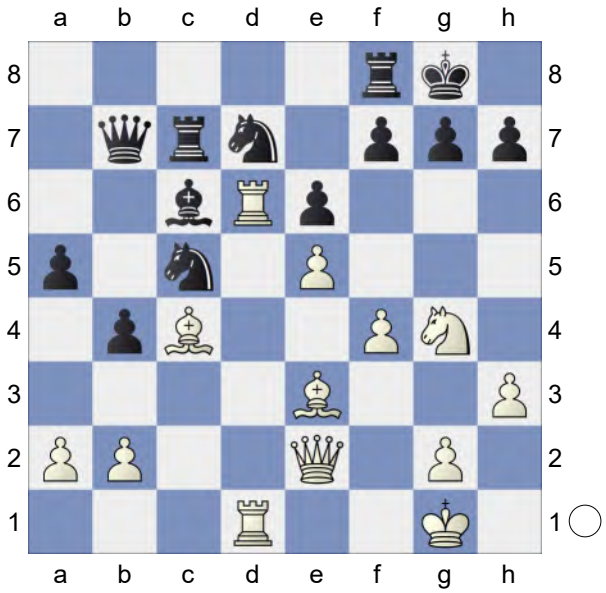
[Kitty Kat]

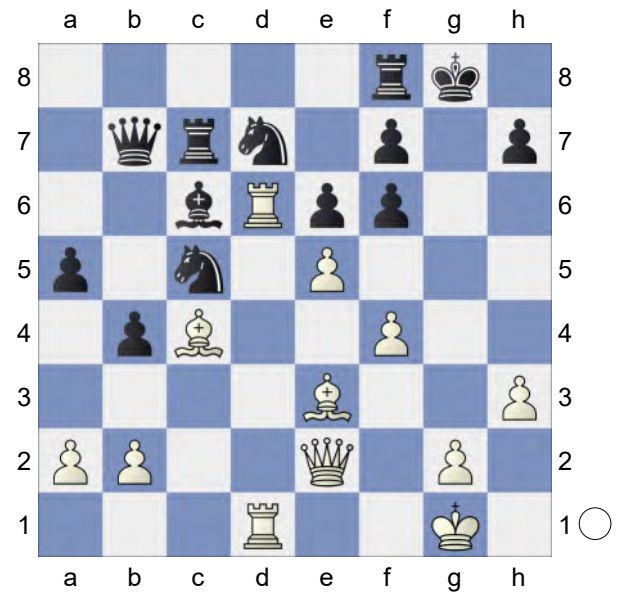
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 Browne,W: 'Inf 100/189' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b5 11.Nd1 b4** The position is equal. **12.Nf2 a5 13.dxc5**
[13.Kh1 Qb6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qe3 Bb7 17.Bd3 h6 18.Ng4 d4 19.Qf2 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Ne7 Situru,N-Bluemich,M (ch) India 1988]
13...Nxc5
[13...Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Nxc5 15.Bd3 Ba6 16.Qe3 Bxd3 17.cxd3 Na4 18.Rab1 Ne7 19.Rfc1 Qd7 20.Nd4 Rfc8 21.Nd1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Kf1 h5 24.Qd2 Qb7 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.Ke2 Qc5 27.Qe3 Nc6 28.Nb3 ½-½ 9.Nd2 a5/ 14.Qc2 Ngf6 15.Bd3 (2745)-Sethuraman,S (2610) L. de pag.59 Neustadt 1915]
14.c4N
[14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Ba6 16.Rae1 Qc7 17.Kh1 Rfc8 18.Qe3 Bxe2 19.Rxe2 Ra6 20.g4 Rc6 21.f5 Kh8 22.f6 gxf6 23.exf6 Bd6 24.Qh6 Rg8 25.Qh5 Rg6 26.Nh3 Ne4 27.Rxe4 dxe4 28.Ng5 Rxg5 0-1 Browne,W (2447)-Akobian,V (2574) (ch) 100/189 United States 2007 29.Qxg5 Bf8 30.c3 a4 31.a3 bxa3 32.bxa3 Qb7 33.Kg1 Rc8 34.Re1 Qd5 35.Qe3 Bxa3 36.Ra1 Bf8 37.Rxa4 e5 38.Qg5 Qb3 0-1 Browne,W (2526)-De Guzman,R (2481) 119/112 Reno 2013]
14...dxc4 15.Bxc4 Bb7 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.Rac1 Nb8 1.40/22
[Black should play 17...a4± 0.36/17]
18.Rfd1 Qb6 1.57/15
[⌓18...Nbd7 1.18/19]
19.Nd4± Black must now prevent f5.
19...Nbd7 20.Ng4 Strongly threatening Nxe6! **20...Qc7 21.Nb5 Qb8 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.Rxd6** 0.94/20
[⌓23.exd6 1.57/21 Ba8 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.fxe5]
23...Bc6 24.Rcd1 Qb7 25.h3 White has more active pieces. **25...Rc7** 1.68/16
[25...Be4± 0.97/17 keeps fighting.]



26.Nf6+!+- gxf6
[26...Nxf6 27.exf6]

(Diagram)

27.Bxc5! Nxc5 #5/19



[27...f5± 1.21/19]

28.Qg4+ Kh8 29.exf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.40

1-0

C88

□ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**

■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** **2524**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.33) 3.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1**

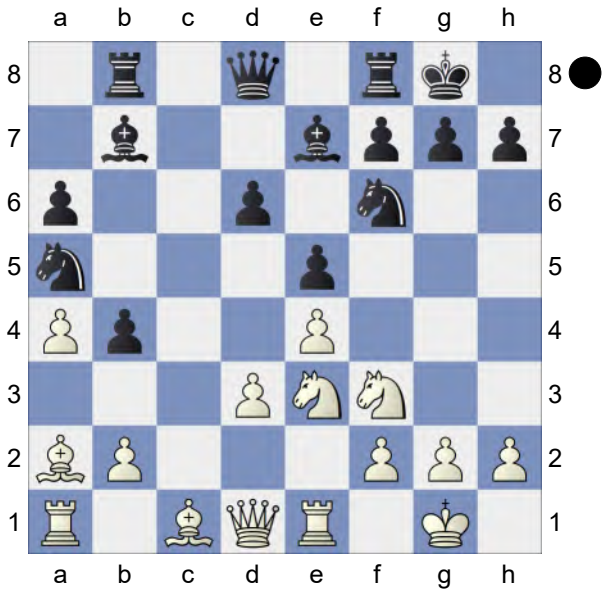
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)*)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1)]

6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N

[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]

8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.c3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nbd2 Rb8 13.Nf1 b4 14.cxb4 cxb4 White is slightly better. **15.Ne3** -0.27/21

[15.Bd2± 0.37/19]



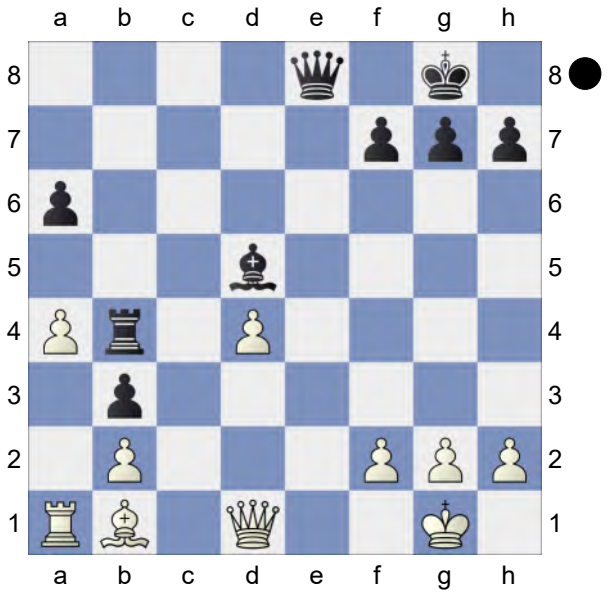
15...b3!= 16.Bb1 Re8 17.Bd2 d5 0.00/25

[17...Ba8∓ -0.38/24 was preferrable.]

18.exd5

[18.Nxd5 is interesting. Nxd5 19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Nxe5 Bc5 21.d4]

18...Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Nxe5 Nc6 0.48/22 Prevents d4.
[20...Bc5= -0.20/22 21.d4 Bxd4 22.Bxa5 Qh4 *(22...Qxa5 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Qxd4=)* 23.Bxh7+ Kxh7]
21.Bc3? -1.72/23
[21.d4!± 0.48/22 keeps the upper hand.]
21...Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Bb4 aiming for ... Bxc3. **23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Bxb4 Rxb4 25.d4** -2.28/19
[25.Qd2∓ -1.11/19 Rxa4 26.Rxa4 Qxa4 27.Qg5]



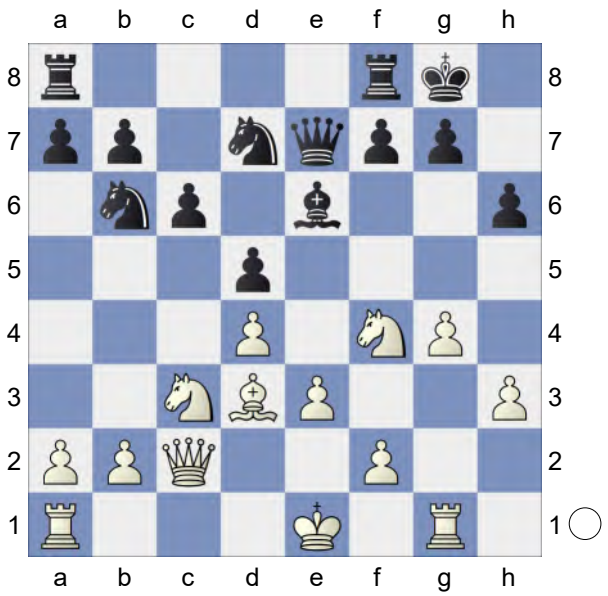
25...g6!-+
[Less strong is 25...Rxa4 26.Rxa4 *(26.Bxh7+? Kxh7 27.Rxa4 Qxa4-+)* 26...Qxa4 27.Bd3∓]
26.Bd3 Rxd4 27.Qf1 a5
[Don't do 27...Rxa4 28.Rxa4 Qxa4 29.Qc1-+]
28.Bb5 -4.56/19
[⌓28.h3 -3.15/18]
28...Qe4 Black is clearly winning. **29.Be2 Qc2**
[29...Rxa4? 30.Rxa4 Qxa4 31.Qd1-+]
30.Rb1 Be4
[Much less strong is 30...Rxa4 31.Bd3 Qd2 32.g3-+]
31.Rc1 Qxb2 Threatens to win with ... Qd2! **32.Bc4 Bc2** Hoping for ...Rxc4! **33.Re1 Qc3 34.Bb5 b2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

D35
□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
■ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.34) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

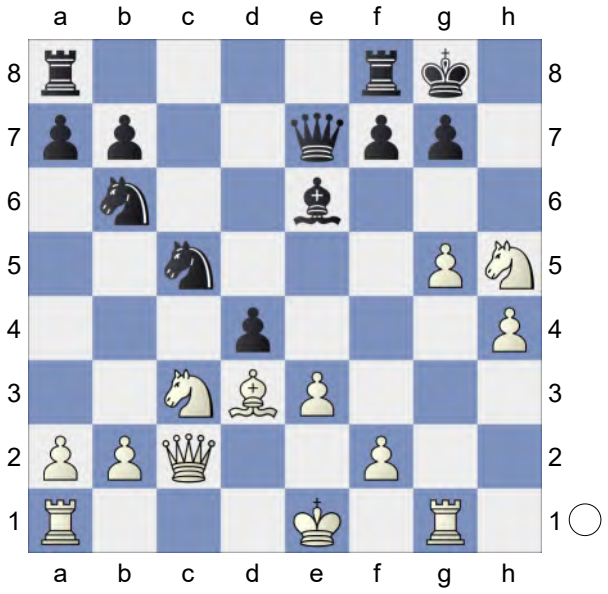
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Be6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Bf4 h6N** White is slightly better.
[8...g6 9.h3 Nh5 10.Bh2 Be7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Ng7 13.Rb1 Bf5 14.b4 a6 15.Na4 b5 16.Nc5 Nb6 17.Ne5 Qc8 18.e4 dxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 f6 21.Nf3 a5 22.a3 axb4 23.axb4 0-1 Robson,R (2693)-Caruana,F (2796) USA-ch Saint Louis 2024 (3)]
9.h3 Nb6 10.Nge2 Bd6 11.Qc2 0-0 12.g4 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Qe7 1.11/22
[13...Rc8!± 0.42/21]
14.Rg1 0.54/21
[14.0-0-0!± 1.11/22]
14...Nfd7 1.33/17
[Black should play 14...Rac8!± 0.54/21]

(Diagram)

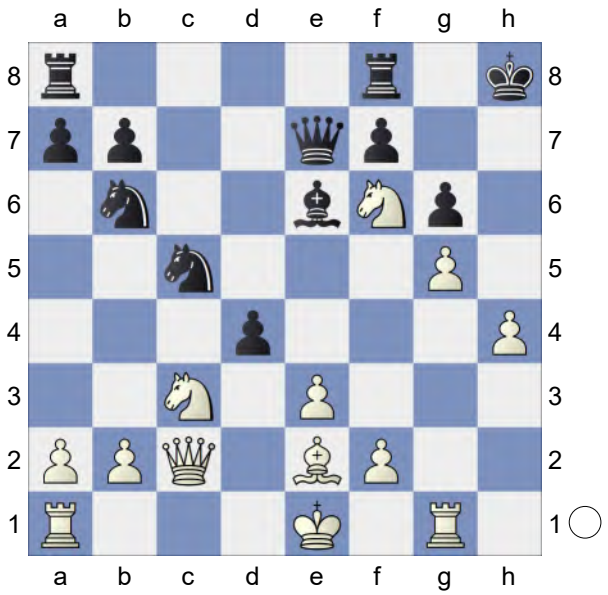
15.h4 0.64/24 **c5** 1.47/19
[Better is 15...Qxh4± 0.64/24 16.Qe2 c5]



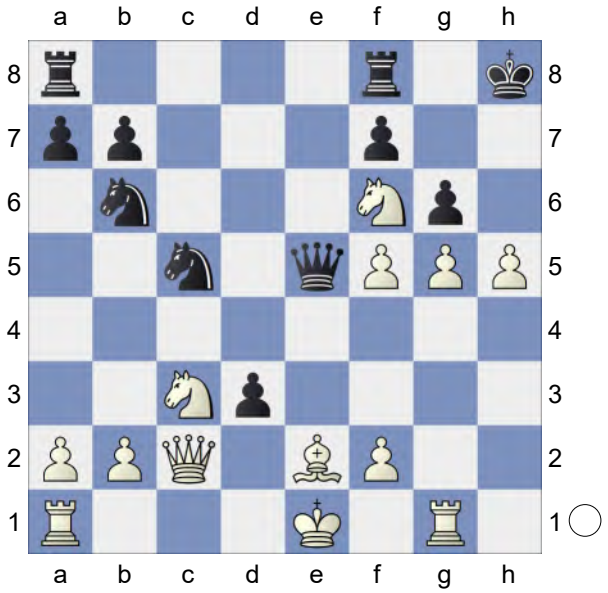
16.g5± h5 17.dxc5 0.52/17 White is much more active.
[17.Nxh5 cxd4 18.Rg3 Rfe8-+ *(18...dxc3 19.Qxc3 f6 20.gxf6±)*]
[17.Bh7+± 1.44/23 Kh8 18.Nxe6 *(18.Nxh5? cxd4 19.Bd3 Ne5-+)* 18...Qxe6 19.Bf5]
17...Nxc5± 18.Nxh5 aiming for Bh7+.
18...d4



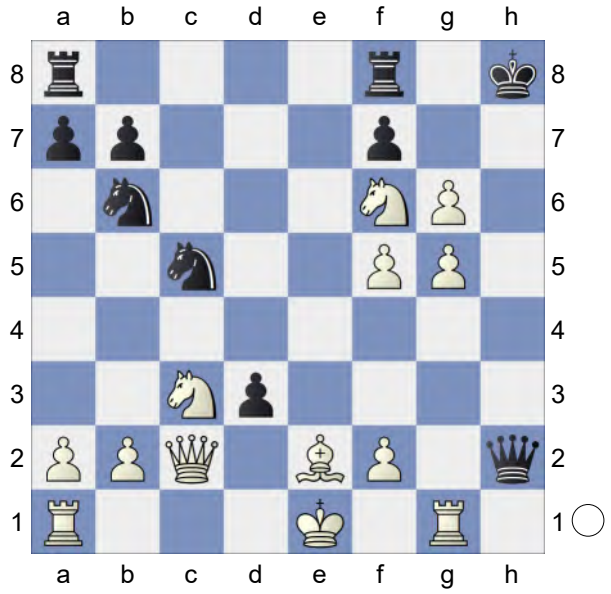
19.Be2! White leaves nothing to chance now. **19...g6** 1.74/21
[19...dxc3? 20.Nf6++-]
[19...Rfd8± 0.79/19 20.Nf6+ Kf8]
20.Nf6++-
[20.exd4 Bf5 21.Nf6+ Kg7±]
20...Kh8 3.04/20
[⌓20...Kg7 1.68/20]



21.h5! Bf5
[21...dxc3? 22.hxg6 Kg7 23.Qxc3 *(23.gxf7 Rh8+-)* 23...fxg6 24.Nd5+ Kf7 25.Nxe7+-]
[21...Kg7 22.Nb5]
22.e4! Qe5 23.exf5 d3? 3.86/20
[23...gxf5 1.99/19 24.Rg3 Rfd8]



24.hxg6! Qh2
[24...dxc2 25.Rh1+]
[24...Qxf5 25.Nce4]



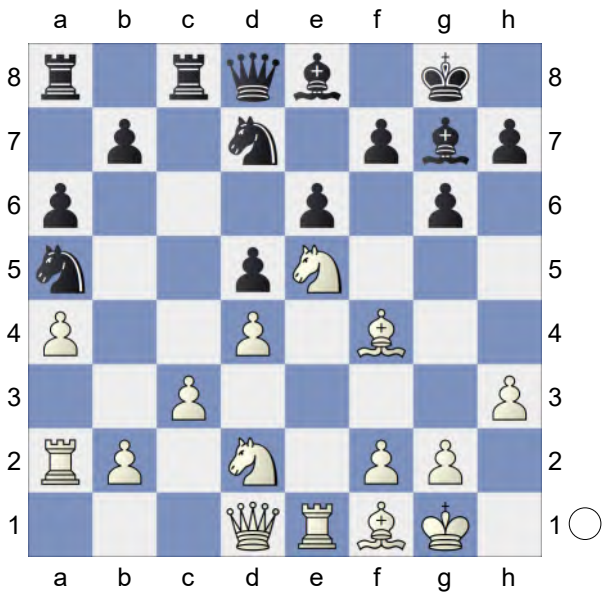
Wards off Rh1 **25.0-0-0!** Rh1! would now be deadly. **25...dxc2** **26.Kxc2** And now Rh1 would win. **26...Kg7** White must now prevent ...Rh8.
[Inferior is 26...Qxf2 27.Rh1+]
27.Rh1 Rh8 28.Rxh2 Rxh2 29.b4 Rxf2 30.bxc5 Rc8 8.17/19
[⌓30...Rxf5 4.35/15 31.cxb6 Rxg5]
31.Nfe4 Rxf5 32.cxb6 Re5 33.Bg4 Ra8 34.gxf7 axb6 35.Rd7 b5 36.Rxb7 Rxa2+ 37.Nxa2 Threatening mate with Nac3. **37...Rxe4** **38.Bh5** White wants to mate with Rb8! **38...Re5** **39.Rb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.70
1-0

A48
□ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**
■ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.35) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3**
[3.c4 c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 e4 9.Nd4 0-0 10.Nc2 Be7 11.0-0 Be6 12.b3 Nc6 13.Bb2 dxc4 14.bxc4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxe4 Bg7 1-0 Grube,J (2696)-Chitrit,N (2732) Candidates Tournament Budapest 1950 (6)]
3...d5N
[3...c5 4.d5 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 *(7...Na6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Nc7 10.Re1 Rb8 11.h3 a6 12.a5 Bb5 13.Bf4* #3 Part I Kingside Fianchetto-3...c5*; 7...Bxb5 8.axb5 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2* Quickstarter Guide-Kingside Fianchetto*)* 8.Be2 e6 9.Bf4 exd5 10.exd5 Bg4 11.0-0 a6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 #2 Part I Kingside Fianchetto-3...c5]
4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Nb5 Na6 6.e3 0-0 7.h3 c5 8.c3 White is slightly better. **8...Bd7 9.a4 Qb6 10.Be2 Rfc8 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4 Nb8! 13.Ra2 Nc6 14.Re1 a6 15.Na3 e6 16.Nb1 Na5 17.Nbd2 Qd8 18.Bf1** 0.43/20
[18.b4± 0.80/19 Nc4 19.Nxc4 dxc4 20.Ne5]
18...Be8 19.Ne5 Nd7 1.03/18
[19...b5± 0.45/21]

(Diagram)

20.Ndf3 0.57/21 White is much more active.



[20.Nxd7!± 1.03/18 Hoping for Ne5. Qxd7 21.b4]

20...Nxe5 21.Bxe5 0.30/21

[21.dxe5± 0.88/20 Qc7 22.b4]

21...f6 0.66/20

[21...b5= 0.30/21 was preferrable.]

22.Bg3± Bd7 0.97/19

[22...Bf7± 0.60/19]

23.Nh2 Nc4 24.Ng4 Qf8 25.a5 Nd6 26.Bd3 Nf5 27.Bh2 Re8 28.Ra1 Qf7 29.Qb3 Bc6 30.Re2 Qd7 31.Rae1 0.00/21

[31.Ne3± 0.37/17]

31...Kf7 0.40/20

[31...Bb5= 0.00/21 32.Bxb5 axb5]

32.Ne3 Bf8 33.Qd1 Bb5 34.b3 0.00/23

[34.g4± 0.69/20 Nh4 35.Rd2]

34...Rac8=

[34...Bxd3 feels hotter. 35.Qxd3 Rac8 36.g4 Nxe3 37.Qxe3 Qb5]

35.Nxf5 Bxd3 36.Qxd3 exf5 37.Rxe8 Rxe8 38.Rxe8 Qxe8 39.Kf1 -0.54/28 Prevents Qe1+.

[39.Qd1= -0.18/23]

39...Qe4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

E47

□ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**

■ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**

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[Kitty Kat]

E42: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...c5 5 Ne2 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 c5 6.Nge2 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nc6 11.Be3 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qd3**

[13.Bd3 Ne7 14.Bg5 Rc8 15.Re1 Kh8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Nd5 19.Qd2 Rg8 20.Rac1 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Rg4 22.f3 Rg6 23.Rc4 f5 24.Nc3 Kg7 25.a4 h5 26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Qe2 h4 0-1 Christiansen,L (2600)-Sokolov,I (2570) Groningen_191488 1991 (7)]

[13.Ba2 Ne7 14.Bg5 Qd6 15.Rc1 Rad8 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.Re1 Ng6 18.h4 Nf4 19.Re3 Kh8 20.Rc7 N4d5 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Qf3 Ng8 23.Rxf7 Rxf7 24.Qxf7 Rf5 25.Qc7 Qxc7 26.Nxc7 h6 27.Bd8 Bd5 1-0 4. ♘c3 a6 5.c5 ♗f5 (2336)-Mclaughlin,G (2548) 85/294 Belfort 2002 (3)]

13...h6 The position is equal. **14.Rad1 Ne7 15.Bf4N**

[15.Ba2 Rc8 16.Bb1 Nf5 #1 13) Nimzo Indian with 4.e3,5-6.Nge2]

15...Rc8 16.Ba2 Ned5 0.28/19

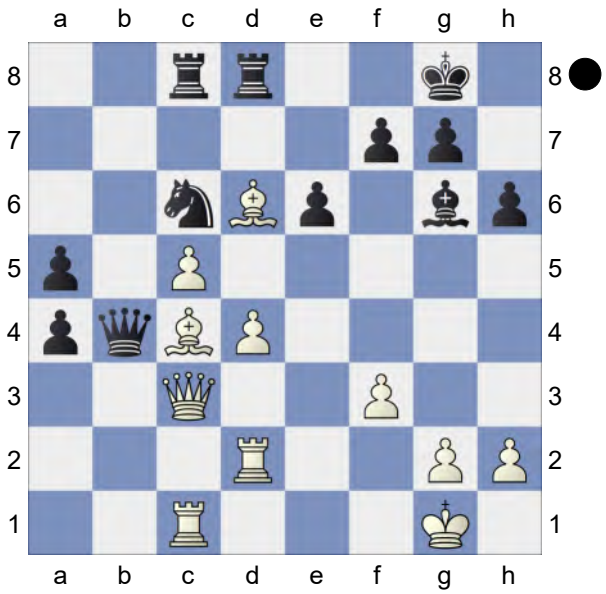
[16...Ng6 -0.20/22 deserves consideration. 17.Bg3 Nd5]

17.Be5= Nxc3 18.bxc3 Be4 19.Qe2 Black must now prevent Bxf6. **19...Bg6 20.c4 Re8 21.Qb2 Nd7 22.Bg3 Qe7 23.Rfe1 Qf8 24.a4** 0.49/19

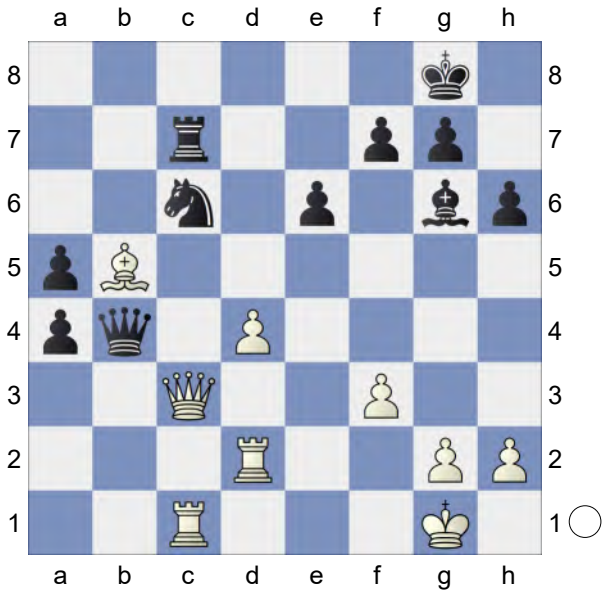
[White should try 24.h3± 0.86/19]

24...Qe7 25.a5 Deflection **25...bxa5** 1.08/17

[25...Qg5± 0.64/17 feels stronger.]
26.c5± Qd8 1.81/20
[26...Nf6± 1.18/16 27.Ra1 Qd7]
27.Bc4+- White has strong compensation. **27...Nb8 28.Bd6 Qd7** Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Bb5** 1.15/19 A strong pair of Bishops.
[29.Re3+- 1.75/18]
29...Qb7± 30.Qe2 And now Bxb8! would win. White has more active pieces. **30...Red8 31.Rd2** 0.48/22
[31.h3± 0.91/21]
31...a6± 32.Bc4 Qb4! 33.Rc1
[33.Bxa6? Nxa6 34.Qe3 Nc7-+ *(34...Rxd6? 35.cxd6 Qxd6 36.Qe5-+)*]
33...Nc6 34.Qe3↑ White has some pressure. **34...a4** ...Na5 is the strong threat. **35.Qc3 a5 36.f3**



Rxd6 0.52/23 **37.cxd6** Qxb4 would now be deadly. **37...Qxd6** 2.85/19
[37...Nb8!= 0.24/22 and Black stays safe. 38.Ra2 *(38.d5? Rxc4* Deflection *39.Qxc4 Qxd2∓)* 38...Qxd6]
38.Ba6+- Rc7 39.Bb5? 0.96/17
[39.Qc5+- 2.81/22 is more deadly. Qf4 40.Rdd1]
39...Qb4 4.06/20



40.Qxb4!
[40.Bxc6 Rxc6 41.Qxc6 Qxd2±]
40...axb4 41.Bxa4
[Weaker is 41.Bxc6 a3 42.Ra2 b3 43.Rxa3 b2=]
[Much less strong is 41.Rxc6 Ra7 42.Rb6 b3+-]
41...b3 42.Rxc6 Rxc6 43.Bxc6 Bc2 7.99/19
[⌓43...Kf8 5.20/17 44.Rb2 Bd3 45.Rxb3 Bc4]
44.Be4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

B22
□ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**
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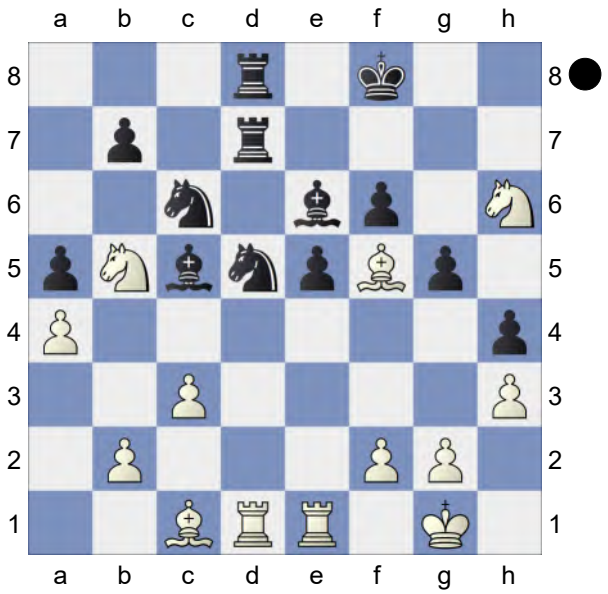
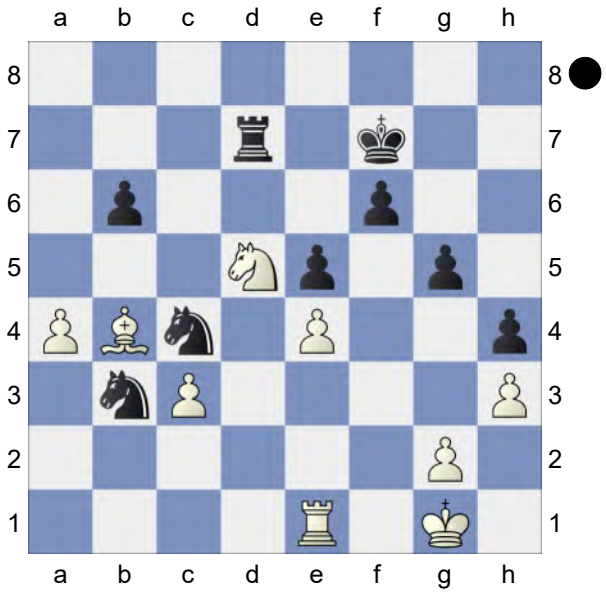
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 **1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 Nb6 6.Bb3 c4 7.Bc2 d6 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.d4** -0.24/20
[⌓9.Na3 0.28/22]

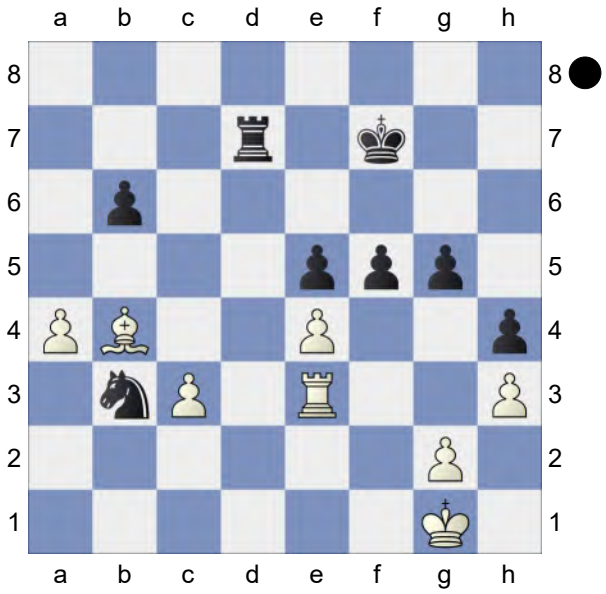
9...cxd3= 10.Qxd3 Qxd3 11.Bxd3 Black is slightly better. **11...e5 12.0-0 Be7N**
[12...f6 13.Nbd2 Kf7 14.Nc4 Nd5 15.Ne3 Be6 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Nd2 Rd8 18.Bc4 f5 19.Bxd5+ Rxd5 20.Nc4 g6 21.b3 Bg7 22.Ba3 Rhd8 23.Ne3 Rd2 24.Rfd1 e4 25.Rxd2 Rxd2 26.Nc4 Rd7 27.Kf1 0-1 Hamacher,C (1894)-Maga,M (2141) 129/(46) Wijk aan Zee 2016 (9)]
13.Re1 f6 14.a4 a5 15.Bc2 Kf7 16.Na3 Be6 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Bd2 g5 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Nb5 h5 21.Bc1 h4 22.h3 Rd7 23.Nh2 Rhd8 24.Ng4 Bc5 25.Nh6+ Kf8 26.Bf5 -1.71/19
[White should try 26.Nf5∓ -0.59/21]



26...Bxf5!-+ 27.Nxf5 Kf7 28.Ne3 Bxe3 29.fxe3 Nb6 30.Rxd7+ Nxd7
[Much less strong is 30...Rxd7 31.b3∓]
31.b4 -3.07/23 Inhibits Nc5.
[31.e4∓ -1.47/22]
31...Nb6
[31...axb4 32.Rd1=]
32.bxa5 Nxa5 33.Ba3 Nbc4
[33...Nxa4 34.Nd6+ Ke6 35.Ne4]
34.Bb4 Nb3 35.e4 b6 36.Nc7 Rd7 37.Nd5 -3.92/23
[37.Nb5 -2.73/20 is a better defense.]



37...f5! 38.Ne3 Nxe3 39.Rxe3 Endgame.



KRB-KRN **39...f4**
[Not 39...Rd1+ 40.Kf2∓]
40.Re1 Kf6 -1.56/21
[Black should play 40...Nd2-+ -2.81/20 ...Nc4 would now be deadly. 41.a5

bxa5 42.Bxa5 Kg6]
41.Re2? -4.14/20 Loses the game.
[41.c4∓ -1.56/21]
41...Nd2 42.a5 bxa5 43.Bxa5 Nc4 44.Bb4 Rd1+ 45.Kf2 Nd2 46.Re1 Rxe1 Remove Defender **47.Kxe1 Nxe4** KB-KN **48.Ke2** -5.94/22
[⌓48.c4 -4.06/25 Ke6 49.Bf8]
48...Ke6 49.c4 Nf6 50.Ba5 Nd7 Against c5 **51.Bd8 Kf5** ...e4 is the strong threat. **52.Be7 e4 53.c5 Ne5 54.Bf8 Nc6 55.Bg7 g4 56.hxg4+ Kxg4 57.Kf1 e3 58.Bf6 h3 59.gxh3+ Kxh3 60.Ke2 Kg2** Threatens to win with ...f3+. **61.Bh4 Ne5** And now ...Ng4 would win. **62.Be1 Nc4** Strongly threatening ...f3+. **63.c6 f3+ 64.Kd3 f2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

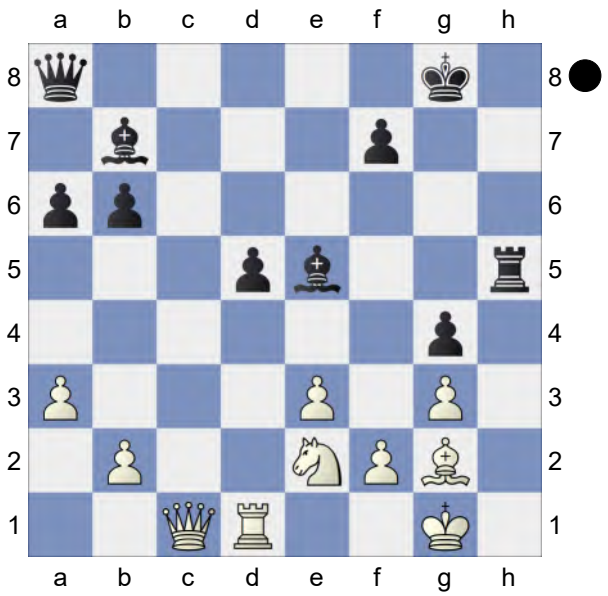
D31

□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**
■ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.38) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

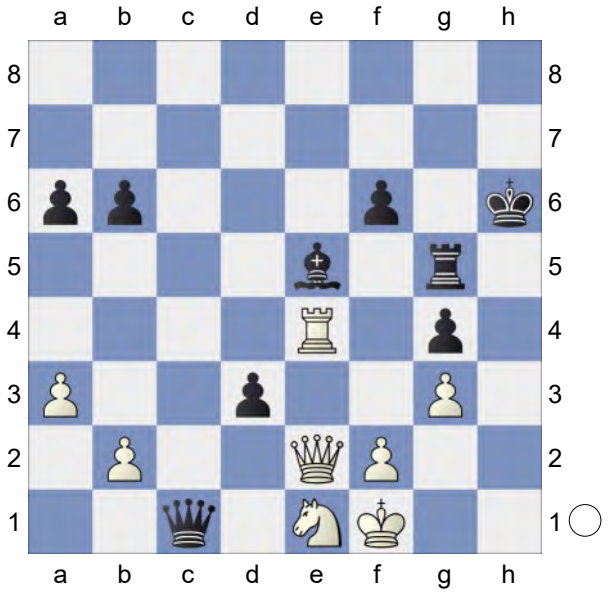
D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1)) 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...h6N
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4.Nf3 Nf6 5.a3 a6 6.c5 Nc6 7.Bf4 0.10/21
[7.e3± 0.51/25]
7...g5= 8.Bg3 Threatening Ne5. **8...Nh5 9.e3 Nxg3 10.hxg3 Bg7 11.Qc2 0-0** 0.40/23
[11...h5= 0.04/22 was preferrable.]
12.g4 b6 13.cxb6 cxb6 14.Bd3 Ra7 15.Rc1 Rc7 16.Qd1 -0.12/25
[16.Ne2± 0.51/24]
16...Re8 17.Bb1 -0.47/23
[17.Ne2= -0.10/23 is superior.]
17...e5∓ 18.dxe5 Nxe5
[18...Bxg4!? 19.Nxd5 *(19.Qxd5 Nxe5 20.Qxd8 Rxd8=)* 19...Rc8∓]
19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.0-0 h5 21.gxh5 g4 22.Ne2 next Nf4 is good for White. **22...Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Rxh5 24.Rd1 Be5 25.g3 Bb7!** Strongly threatening ...Qf6. **26.Be4!** Pin **26...Qa8!** ...d4 would now be deadly. **27.Bg2**

(Diagram)

d4! 28.e4! Bxe4 A strong pair of Bishops. **29.Nf4 Rh6** Threatens to win with ...Rc6. **30.Re1 Bxg2 31.Nxg2 Rh5 32.Nh4 Kg7 33.Qd1 Qc8** 0.00/26
[Black should try 33...Rg5!∓ -0.52/28]
34.Re4= Rg5 35.Qe2 f6
[35...Kf6 seems wilder. 36.Qd2 Qd8 37.Ng2 Qd5]



36.Ng2 Qc1+ 37.Ne1 Kh6 38.Kf1 d3



Deflection **39.Qxd3 Qxb2 40.Rb4** 0.01/20
[40.Rc4± 0.43/19]
40...Qc3⇄ Black puts up resistance. The position is equal. **41.Rxb6 Rh5**
[41...a5 simplifies 42.Ra6 Qxd3+ 43.Nxd3 Bc3]
42.Qe4 Dodges Rh1+. Black should prevent Rb7.
[42.Rxa6? is the wrong capture. Rh1+ 43.Kg2 Qxe1-+]
42...Qd4 43.Qxd4 Bxd4 44.Rxa6 Endgame. aiming for Nc2. KRB-KRN **44...Rh2 45.Nd3** And now Ra4 would win. **45...Rh1+ 46.Ke2** Hoping for Ra4. **46...Ra1 47.Nb4 Kg5 48.Nc2 Ra2 49.Rc6 Ba7 50.Rc4 f5 51.a4 Kf6 52.f3 gxf3+ 53.Kxf3 Rb2 54.a5 Rb3+ 55.Kg2 Bb8 56.Rc6+ Kg5 57.Nd4 Rxg3+ 58.Kf1 Ra3 59.a6 Kg4 60.Rg6+ Kf4 61.Nb5 Ra5 62.Rb6 Be5 63.Ke2 Ke4 64.Nd6+ Bxd6 65.Rxd6 Ra2+ 66.Rd2 Rxa6 67.Rb2 Kf4 68.Kf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

E87
□ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
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[Kitty Kat]

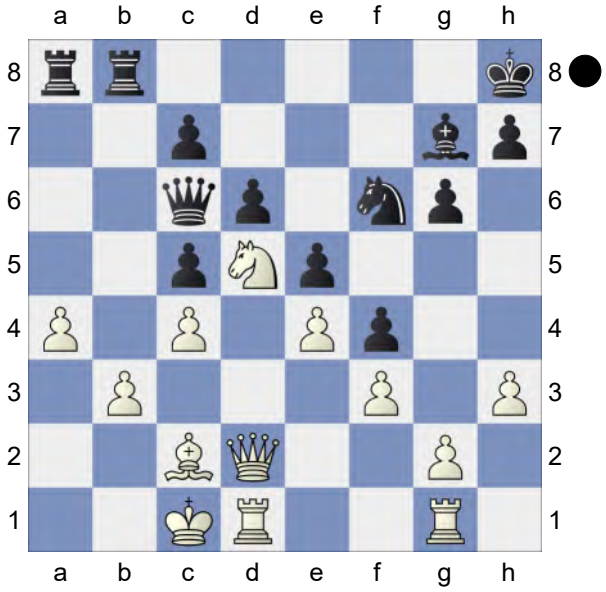
E87: King's Indian: Sämisch: 6...e5 7 d5
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.Qd2 f5 9.0-0-0 Nd7 10.Nge2
[10.Bd3 fxe4 11.Nxe4 b6 12.Ne2 Nc5 13.Bc2 a5 14.Bg5 Qe8 15.N2c3 Ba6 16.b3 Nf4 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Rhe1 Qb8 19.g3 Nh3 20.Bh6 Rxf3 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rf1 Qf8 23.Qg2 Ng5 24.h4 Rxf1 1-0 Jedrzejowski,M (2459)-Sapa,W (2449) Jerzy Krzyszton Memorial corr 1999]
10...Ndf6
[10...a6 11.Kb1 Qe8 12.Nc1 Rf7 13.Bd3 Ndf6 14.exf5 gxf5 E 87/09 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
11.h3N
[11.exf5 gxf5 12.Kb1 Qe8 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Qg6 15.Bd3 Bd7

16.Bg5 e4 17.Bc2 Rae8 18.Rh4 Nh5 19.g4 Bxc3 20.bxc3 fxg4 21.Be3 Bf5 22.fxg4 Bxg4 23.Re1 Ng7 24.Rh6 Qf5 25.Reh1 Bh5 1-0 Zakharchenko,A (2382)-Shkuran, D (2313) Independence Cup op-B Kiev 2002 (5)]

11...f4 12.Bf2 b6 13.Kb1 a5 14.Rg1 Nd7 White is slightly better. **15.Nc1 Nc5 16.Bd3 Bd7 17.Bc2 Qe7 18.Nb5 Be8 19.Bxc5 bxc5 20.Nb3 Qd8 21.a4** 0.00/23

[White should try 21.Nxa5± 0.76/21 Kh8 22.Nc6 Bxc6 23.dxc6]

21...Qb8= 22.Nxa5 Qb6 23.Nc6 -0.71/22 **Bxc6∓ 24.dxc6 Nf6 25.Nc3** Black continues to play with concentration. **25...Rfb8 26.b3 Qxc6 27.Kc1 Kh8** Black is more active. **28.Nd5**

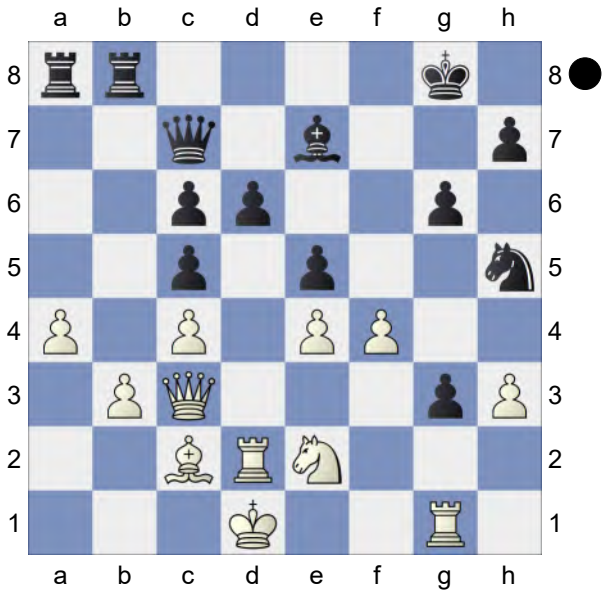


Nh5! 29.Nc3 Qb7 White is weak on the dark squares **30.Qd3 Bf8 31.Ne2 c6 32.Qc3 Kg8 33.Rd2 Qc7 34.Kd1 Be7 35.g3** -2.21/17

[35.Rd3 -1.68/18 was worth a try.]

35...fxg3-+ 36.f4? -4.57/18

[36.Nxg3 -1.95/18 Nf4 37.Nf5]



36...exf4 Black is clearly winning.

[36...Nxf4? 37.Qxg3 Rf8 38.Kc1∓]

37.e5 dxe5 38.Qf3 Rd8 39.Rxd8+ Rxd8+

[Don't play 39...Bxd8 40.Kc1-+]

40.Kc1 Kg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

0-1

A06

□ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**

■ **Sriansh Das** **2315**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.40) 3.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

D28: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 Qe2 with early ... Nc6 A friend of mine has just taken up 1 e4, and was telling me how much shorter his games seemed to be. Perhaps I should show him this miniature, where Black makes no obvious blunder and gets completely flattened by 1 Nf3! **1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4**

[3.b3 c5 4.Bb2 a6 5.Be2 Nc6 6.d4 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 0-0 9.Nbd2 cxd4

10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 b5 13.Bf3 Nd5 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Rac1 Qd7 0-1 Oro,F (2211)-Rego,P (2305) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]

3...dxc4

[3...c5 4.a3 Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.d4 e6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.e4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Rc8 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Qxb6 Nxb6 13.Nc3 Nc4 14.Rd1 f6 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Be3 a6 17.Rd3 Rc8 18.Rad1 0-1 Thrower,C (2485)-Trkaljanov,V (2687) 8th Pfalz Open 2017 Neustadt an der Weinstrasse G (8)]

4.Bxc4N

[4.Na3 e6 5.Nxc4 a6 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 b6 8.Nce5 Bb7 9.Ng5 0-0 10.Bc4 Nd5 11.h4 Bxg5 12.hxg5 Qxg5 13.Qf3 f5 14.0-0-0 b5 15.Rh5 Qxh5 16.Qxh5 bxc4 17.bxc4 1-0 Ballantine,G (2528)-Edgar,J (2356) 49/(630) Linares 1990 (7)]

4...e6 5.0-0 c5 6.Qe2 a6 7.Rd1 Nc6 8.d4 Qc7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.h3 0-0 12.e4 Hoping for e5. White is slightly better. **12...Nh5 13.Be3 Nf4 14.Qd2 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 b5 16.Bf1 Bb7 17.a4 b4 18.Nb1 e5 19.Nbd2 Rad8 20.Nb3 Ne6 21.Rdc1 Qe7 22.Rc4** 0.40/24

[22.Rd1± 0.95/20]

22...Rd6± 23.Rac1 Rfd8 24.Nc5 Ned4 1.55/20

[24...h6± 0.59/19]

25.Nxd4± exd4 26.Qf4 Black must now prevent e5! **26...Rf6 27.Qh4** -0.03/16

[White should play 27.Qd2!+- 1.63/18]

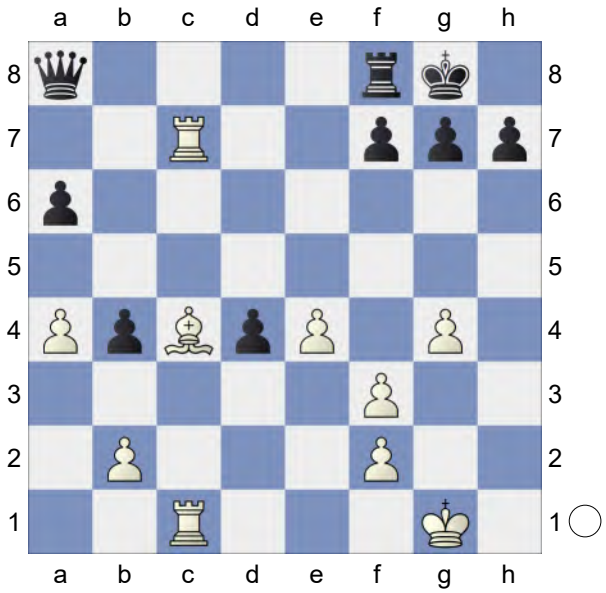
27...Ne5!= 28.Nxb7 Nf3+ 29.gxf3 Rg6+

[29...Qxb7? 30.Rc6 Qe7 31.Rxf6 *(31.Rxa6? Rg6+* Discovered Attack *32.Rxg6 Qxh4-+)* 31...gxf6 32.Bd3+- *(32.Bxa6 d3+-)*]

30.Qg4! Rxg4+ 0.81/19

[30...Qxb7= -0.13/25 remains equal. 31.Bd3 Qb6 *(31...Rxg4+ 32.hxg4 Qd7 33.Kg2=)*]

31.hxg4± Qxb7 32.Rc7↑ White is in control. **32...Qa8 33.Bc4 Rf8**



34.Bxf7+! Deflection **34...Kh8! 35.Be6** 0.38/21 White has more active pieces.

[White should try 35.Kg2± 0.79/24 e5 is the strong threat. Qd8 36.Bb3]

35...d3!± 36.Rd1! Qb8 37.Rc6 Rd8 38.Kg2 -0.18/20

[38.Bd5!± 0.80/22]

38...Qe5? 3.93/19

[38...d2!= -0.18/20]

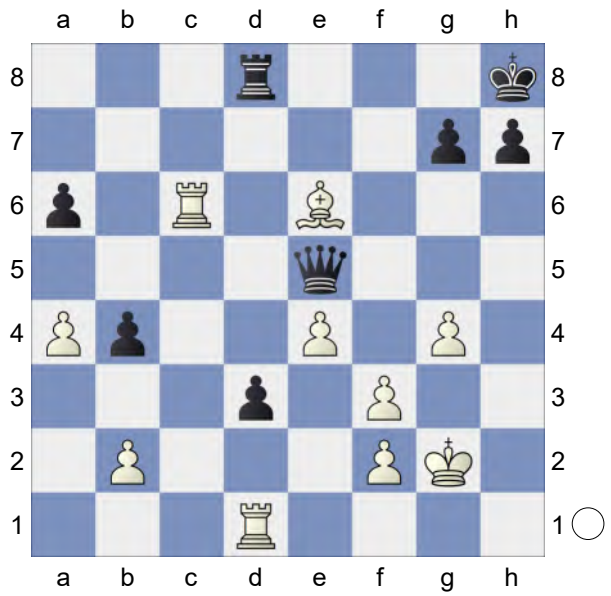
(Diagram)

39.Rxd3!!+- Deflection, Back Rank **39...Rf8 40.b3**

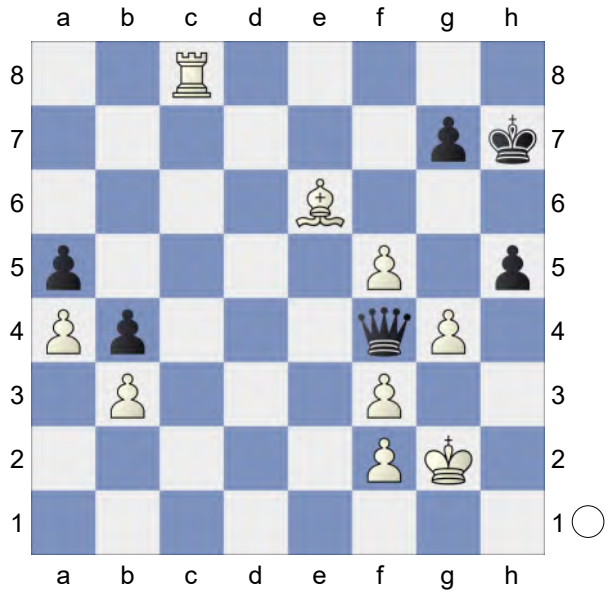
[40.Rxa6 g6 41.Rad6 Qxb2+-]

40...a5 41.Rd5 Qf4 42.Rf5

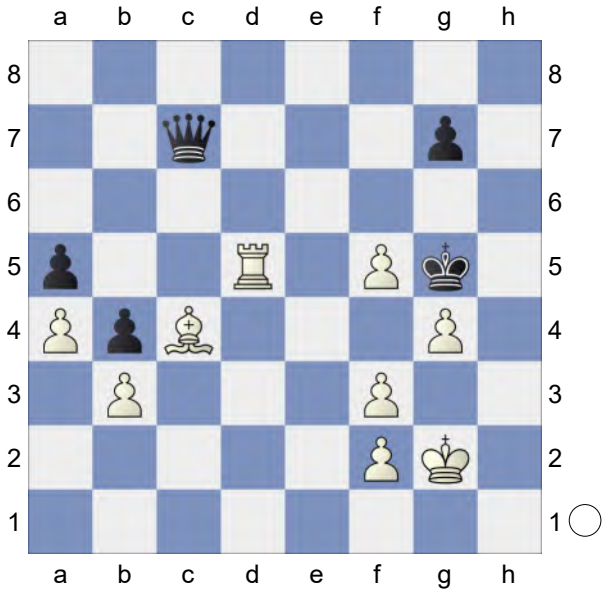
[42.Rxa5 Qxf3+ 43.Kh2 Qxf2+ 44.Kh1 Qh4+ 45.Kg2 Rf2+ 46.Kg1 Qh2#]



42...Rxf5 43.exf5 Endgame. KQ-KRB
[43.gxf5 g6=]
43...h5 4.17/23
[43...g6 2.71/25 keeps fighting. 44.fxg6 hxg6]
44.Rc8+? 0.83/5
[Inferior is 44.gxh5 Qg5+ 45.Kf1 Qxh5=]
[44.Rc4+- 4.17/23 Qd2 45.Bf7 *(45.gxh5 Kh7=)*]
44...Kh7±



45.Bg8+? 5.27/23
[But not 45.gxh5?! Qg5+ 46.Kf1 Qxh5=]
[45.Rc4!± 0.99/18 Qe5 46.gxh5]
45...Kh8+- 46.Bf7+ Discovered Attack (Check)
[Weaker is 46.gxh5 Qg5+ 47.Kf1 Qe7±]
46...Kh7 47.Bxh5 Qd2 48.Bf7 Kh6 6.04/20
[⌓48...Qd7 3.88/19 49.Be6 Qe7]
49.Bc4 Kg5? 7.08/25
[49...Qd4 3.47/22 50.Rb8 g6]
50.Rc5 Qd8 51.Rd5 Qc7 16.84/27
[51...Qb6 3.95/20 52.f6+ Decoy Kxf6 53.Rf5+ Ke7 54.Rf7+ Kd6 55.Rxg7 Ke5 56.Re7+ Kd4]



52.f6+! Decoy **52...Kxf6 53.Rf5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.41
1-0

A40

□ **Ezat,Mohamed** 2312
■ **Srihari,L R** 2484
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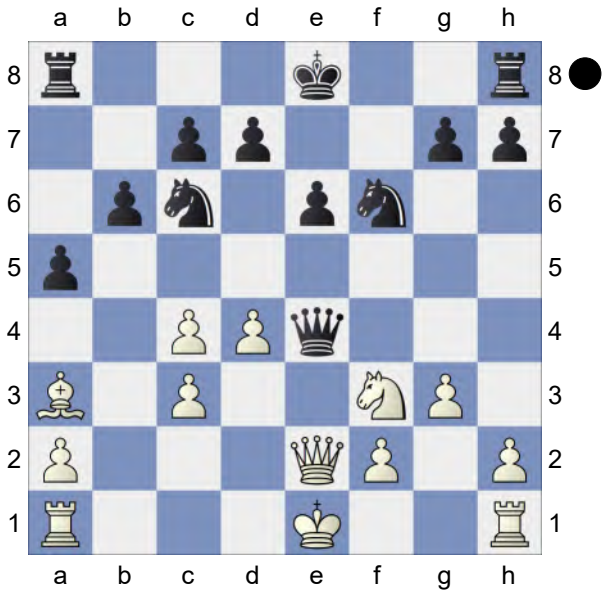
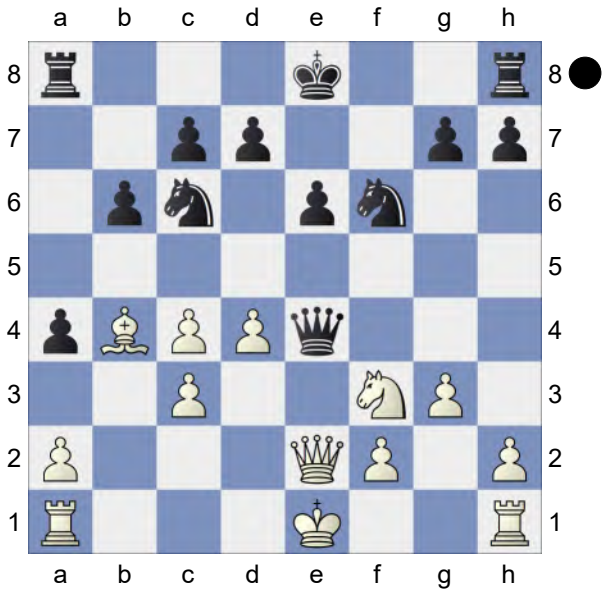
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4 **1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e4 Bb7 5.Qc2 Qh4 6.Bd3** Hoping for Nf3. **6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 f5! 8.g3!**
[8.exf5? Bxg2-+]
8...Qh5 White is slightly better. **9.Be2N** -0.30/22
[⌓9.f3! 0.22/21 fxe4 *(9...Ne7 10.Ne2 Qxf3 11.Rf1 Qg4 12.exf5 Nbc6 13.Nf4 0-0-0 14.fxe6 dxe6 15.Be2 Qf5 16.Qxf5 exf5 17.Ne6 Rdg8 18.Bf4 Ng6 19.Bd2 Kb8 20.d5 Nce7 21.h4 Ba6 22.h5 Nf8 23.Nd8 h6 24.Nf7* 0-1 De Cara,J (2485)-Campos,J (2680) Russia 2011 (7) *)*
A) 10.Bxe4 Bxe4 11.Qxe4 Nc6 12.Ne2 *(12.d5 Nf6 13.Qe3 Na5 14.dxe6 0-0-0* A 40/12 2000*)* 12...Nf6 13.Qd3 0-0 14.0-0 e5 15.c5 Rae8 16.cxb6 axb6 17.Ba3 Rf7 18.Rae1 Qh3 19.Qc4 Na5 20.Qxc7 d5 21.Qxb6 Nc4 22.Qa6 0-1 Shakirov,M (2179)-Grischuk,A (2732) TCh-RUS Blitz 2023 Sochi RUS (1.1);
B) 10.fxe4 d6 #4 Chapter 6: 1.d4 with 2.c4,3-4.e4 Bb4 5.Qc2]
9...Qf7= 10.Bf3 fxe4 11.Bxe4 Bxe4 12.Qxe4 Nc6 13.Ba3 -0.72/20
[13.Qe2= -0.30/22]
13...Nf6∓ 14.Qe2 Qg6 15.Nf3 Qe4 16.Bb4 -1.27/21
[⌓16.Qxe4 -0.71/22 Nxe4 17.0-0]
16...a5 -0.81/20
[⌓16...d6! -1.27/21 17.Rg1 0-0]
17.Ba3
(Diagram)

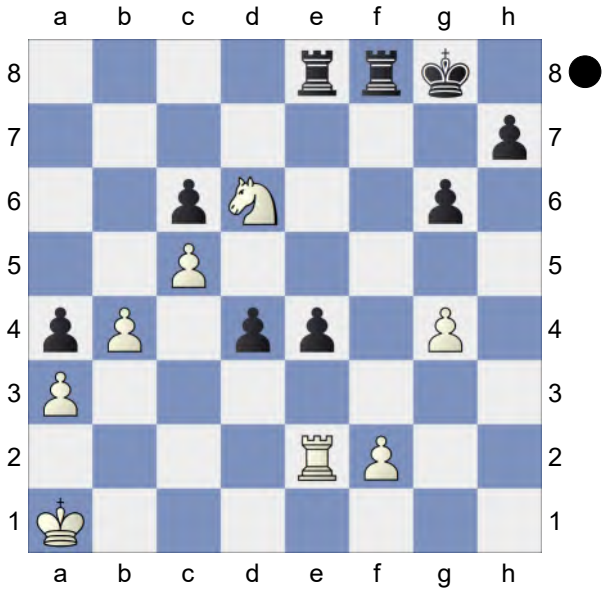


a4 -0.22/20
[17...d6!∓ -0.92/18 ...0-0 would now be deadly. 18.Rd1 0-0]
18.Bb4 -1.30/19
[18.Qxe4!= -0.22/20 Nxe4 19.Nd2]



White is weak on the light squares
18...Nxb4! 19.cxb4 0-0 20.a3 d5 Black has more active pieces. **21.c5 bxc5 22.dxc5 Rae8** -1.17/20
[22...e5-+ -1.61/22 23.Rf1 Rae8 24.Qxe4 Nxe4]
23.h3 -2.56/19 Loses the game.

[23.Qe3∓ -1.17/20 was worth a try.]
23...e5-+ 24.Rf1 Qf5 25.Nh4 Qxh3 26.0-0-0 Ne4 27.Kb2 c6 28.Rde1 Qe6 29.g4 g6 Dodges Nf5 **30.Ka1 Qf6** Black is clearly winning. **31.Ng2 Qf3**
[Much less strong is 31...Nxf2 32.g5 Qf3 *(32...Qxg5 33.Rxf2 Qg3 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Ne3∓)* 33.Qxf3 Rxf3 34.Re3]
32.Ne3 Qxe2 33.Rxe2 d4 34.Nc4 Ng3 Pin, Double Attack **35.Rfe1 Nxe2 36.Rxe2 e4 37.Nd6**

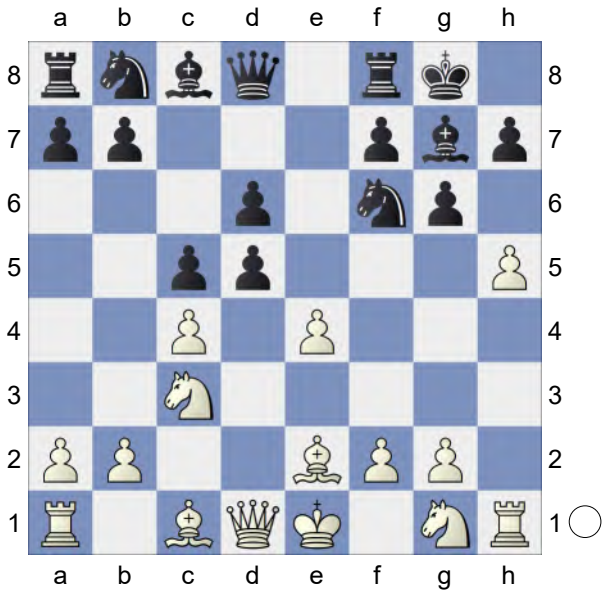


e3! Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

E73

□ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.42) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.h4 c5 7.d5 e6 8.h5 exd5**
(Diagram)



...d4 would now be deadly. **9.exd5 Qb6** 1.10/22
[9...Nbd7± 0.46/22]
[9...Re8 10.h6 Bh8 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.b3 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Rxe4 14.Kf1 Nd7 15.Nf3 Re8 16.Rc1 Nf6 17.Bd3 Ne4 18.Bxe4 Rxe4 19.g3 Bg4 20.Kg2 Rae8 21.Qd2 Qc7 22.Rce1 Qd7 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Qd3 ½-½ Mammadova,G (2358)-Bodnaruk, A (2344) UZB-ch (Women) Toshkent 2023 (9)]
10.h6N
[10.g4 Re8 11.f3 Nbd7 12.Kf1 Ne5 13.Nh3 h6 14.Qc2 g5 15.Nxg5 hxg5 16.h6 Bf8 17.Bxg5 Nh7 18.Ne4 Nxg4 19.fxg4 Rxe4 20.Bd3 Nxg5 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Re1 Bf5 23.gxf5 Ng3+ 24.Kg2 Nxh1 ½-½ Fischer,F (2592)-Arbakov,V (2583) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2010 25.Kxh1 Qa5 26.Rg1+ Kh8 27.Qh2 Qd8 28.Qg3 Bxh6 29.Qc3+ f6 30.Qh3 Qf8 31.Rg6 Kh7 32.Qh5 Re8 33.Kg2 Re5 34.a4 Re4 35.b3 b6 36.Kf3 Re3+ 37.Kf2 Re5 38.Kg2 a6 39.Kf2 Re7 0-1 Antipov,M (2592)-Nakamura, H (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op

24th May Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (7) 40.Kf1 Re3 41.Kf2 Rxb3 42.Rxh6+ Qxh6 43.Qf7+ Qg7 44.Qh5+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ Qf8 46.Qg6+ Qg7 47.Qe8+ Qf8 48.Qg6+ ½-½ Antipov,M (2592)-Zhou,J (2583) Saint Louis 153/190 2022]

10...Bh8 White is better. **11.Nf3** 0.54/19
[11.g4± 1.03/21]

11...Bg4± 12.Ng5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 0.00/22
[13.Kxe2± 0.36/20 feels stronger. Nbd7 14.Kf1]

13...Nbd7 ...Rae8 is the strong threat.

14.Be3 -0.52/21
[14.Kf1!± 0.34/20]

14...Qa5 0.61/20
[14...Rae8∓ -0.52/21]

15.0-0 White is more active. **15...Rae8**

16.Nb5 Qb6 17.a4 -0.52/19
[17.Rae1= 0.06/18]

17...Ne5!∓ Hoping for ...a6. **18.a5 Qd8**

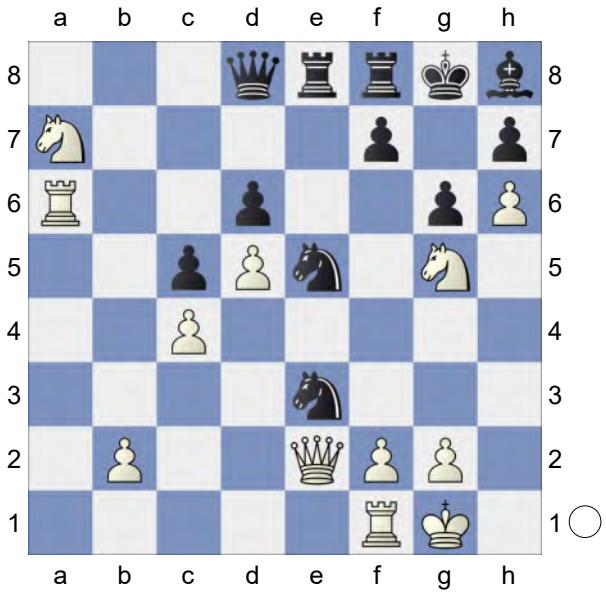
19.Nxa7 Nfg4 0.17/19
[19...Neg4!∓ -0.60/23 20.a6 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Nh5]

20.a6 -0.50/24
[White should try 20.Bf4= 0.17/19]

20...bxa6
[20...Nxe3 feels hotter. 21.Qxe3 bxa6 22.Rxa6 Nxc4 23.Qf4 Be5]

21.Rxa6 Nxe3

(Diagram)



Deflection **22.Qxe3 Nxc4 23.Qf4 Nxb2** 0.03/23
[23...Be5∓ -0.52/20 24.Qg4 Bxb2]

24.Nf3↑ White is pushing.
[24.Rxd6 Be5 25.Rxd8 Bxf4 26.Rxe8 Rxe8∓]

24...Nd3 25.Qc4 Nb2 0.34/25
[25...Ne5= -0.16/27 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 *(26...Rxe5 27.Nc6±)*]

26.Qf4 White has compensation.

26...Nd3 27.Qc4 Nb2 0.36/23
[Black should play 27...Ne5= -0.30/25 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 *(28...Rxe5 29.Nc6±)*]

28.Qf4 0.00/34 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.28 (precise)
[28.Qc2!± 0.36/23 was preferrable.]

½-½

A14

□ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
■ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.43) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas

based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6**

[7...c6 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Nbd2 Rfd8 13.a4 c5 14.axb5 Qxb5 15.Qb3 Qxb3 16.Nxb3 Bd5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Ne5 Bxg2 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Kxg2 Rd5 22.Bxf6 ½-½ Navara,D (2689)-Moussard,J (2654) Biel 56th 2023 (3)]

8.a4 b6N

[8...Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Rd1 *(10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6* 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1… e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Qd3 Bb4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nce4 15.Na2 Ng4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.Rf1 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 Qf6+ 21.Ke3 e5 22.Bf3 exd4+ 23.Kf2 0-1 Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 Mexico City 1980 (2) d3 24.Qb2 Qf5 25.exd3 Rfe8 26.Bd2 Rad8 27.Re1 Rxe1 28.Bxe1 Rxd3 29.Qe2 Qc5+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Qd2 Qe7 32.Bf2 Rxb3 33.Qd5 Rb2 34.Qxb7 g6 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Qa7 Rd2 37.a5 b3 38.a6 0-1 Vangsgaard,C (2490)-Lund,H Cesme 92/105 2004 (2)]

9.Ne5!

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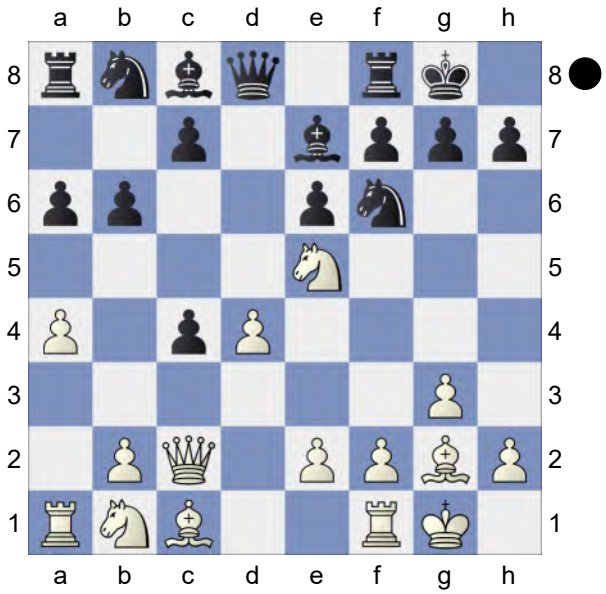


Discovered Attack **9...Ra7 10.Rd1**

[Much worse is 10.Nxc4 Bb7=]

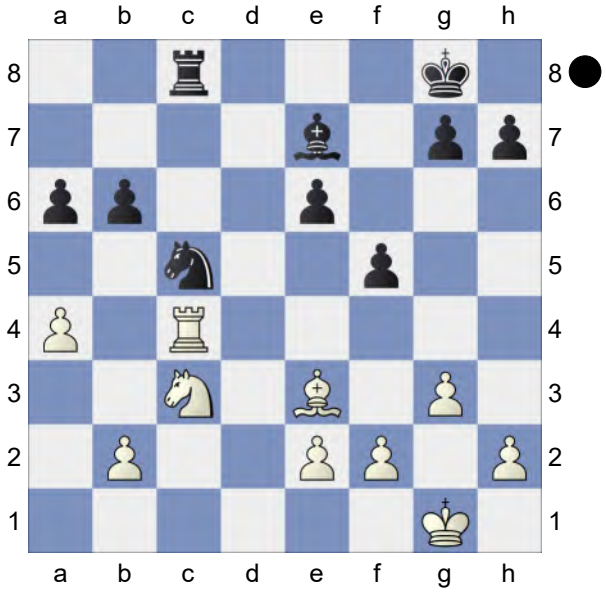
10...Bb7 11.Bxb7 0.07/16

[11.Nxc4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nc6∓]

[11.e4± 0.52/19]

11...Rxb7= The position is equal.

12.Qxc4 c5 13.Nc3 cxd4 14.Rxd4 Qc8 15.Qxc8 Rxc8 16.Be3 Nbd7 17.Nxd7 Rxd7 18.Rxd7 Nxd7 19.Rd1 Nc5 20.Rd4 f5 21.Rc4



b4 would now be deadly. **21...a5 22.Bd4 Kf7 23.Kg2 h5 24.h4 g6 25.Na2 Rd8 26.Nc1 Rd5 27.f4 Bd6 28.Nd3 Nxd3**

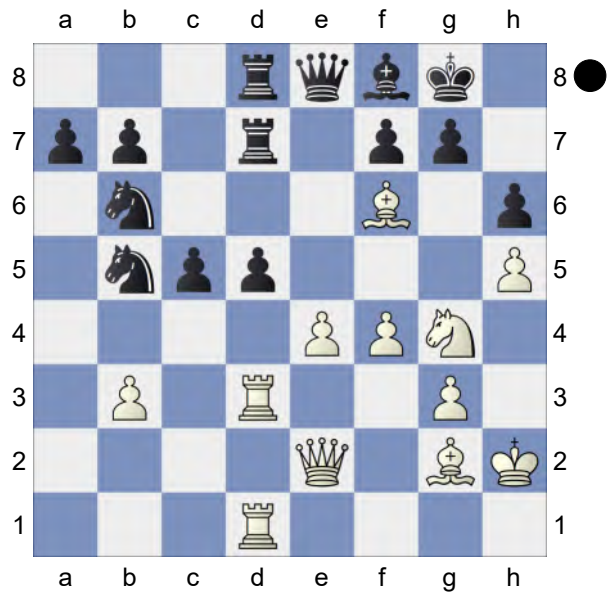
29.exd3 Bc5 30.Bxc5 bxc5 Endgame. KR-KR **31.Rc3 Ke7 32.Rb3 Rd4 33.Rb5 Rxa4** White must now prevent ...Kd6. **34.Rxc5 Ra2 35.Rb5 a4** And now ...a3 would win. **36.Kf3 a3 37.bxa3 Rxa3 38.Ke3 Ra1 39.Rb7+ Kf6 40.Rb6 Rg1 41.Kf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) / Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

A07

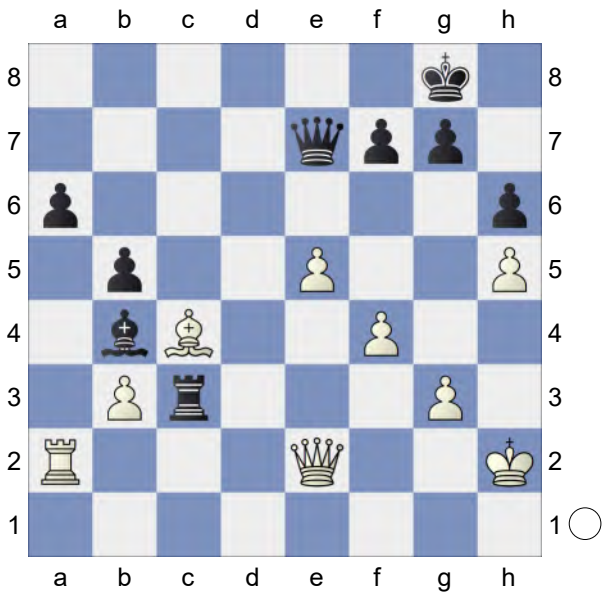
□ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
■ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.44) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A11: English Opening: 1...c6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.c4**
[3.Bg2 c6 4.d3 Nbd7 5.0-0 e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 Bc5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nb3 Be7 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.Ne1 a5 13.a4 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Nd3 Bg4 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Bb6 Sarwinski,M (2691)-Jimenez G,G (2671) B2) 6...♕e7]
[3.d3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nbd2 h6 7.c3 0-0 8.Ne5 Qd6 9.Ndf3 Nbd7 10.h3 Bh7 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Ne5 Qd6 13.d4 c5 14.e3 Ne4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.b3 cxd4 17.exd4 Rac8 0-1 Moves 1 to 3 & Early Sideline (1624)-Tomczak,M (1600) San Francisco TNM Fall op 2013]
3...c6 4.Bg2 dxc4N
[4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Re8 *(7...Bg4 8.Rb1 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Nbd7 10.b4 e5 11.b5 e4 12.Ne1 Re8 13.bxc6 bxc6 14.Qa4 Ne5 15.cxd5 exd3 16.Nxd3 Nxd3 17.exd3 cxd5 18.Rb7 Re7 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.Bg5 Qe5 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Qa5* 1-0 Guerb,L (2295)-Arngrimsson,D (2382) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3)*)* 8.Qc2 e5 9.Rd1 a5 10.Rb1 Na6 11.a3 Qe7 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Nc5 14.b4 Ncxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Nxe5 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Qxe5 18.Bb2 Bf5 19.Qc1 ½-½ Poley,V (2445)-Fominyh,A (2535) Rimavska Sobota 1991 (7) Qe7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rb2 axb4 22.Rxb4 Bc8 23.c5 Kg8 24.Qc3 Bf5 25.Qb3 Ra7 26.a4 h5 27.Bf3 Rf8 28.Rd6 Re8 29.Kg2 Be6 30.Qb2 Bf5 31.Kh2 Qc7 32.Qf6 Ra5 33.Qc3 Raa8 34.Qb2 ½-½ Reyes,I (2445)-Gerlach,F (2535) Latvia-Sweden corr ICCF 1992 (7)]
5.0-0 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Nb6 7.b3 -0.13/19
[7.a4 0.25/20 should be considered.]
7...cxb3= 8.axb3 Bg4 The position is equal. **9.Ne5 Qc8** 0.33/20
[Black should play 9...Bxe2∓ -0.31/18 10.Re1 Bg4]
10.Nxg4± Qxg4 11.e4 Qd7 12.Bb2 White has compensation. **12...e6 13.d4 Be7 14.Nd2 0-0 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Nf1 Ne8 17.Ne3 Nc7 18.h4 Bf8 19.h5 h6 20.f4 Nb5 21.Kh2 Qe7 22.Qe2**
[22.f5 looks sharper. Qg5 23.Qe2 c5 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Qxb5 Qxe3 26.dxc5 Bxc5 27.Bc1]
22...Rd7 23.Rd3 Rad8 24.Rad1! Qe8 25.Ng4 0.00/21
[25.Bh3± 0.55/19]
25...c5= 26.d5 exd5 27.Bf6 -0.54/20
[27.Nxh6+= 0.00/21 Kh8 *(27...gxh6 28.Qg4+ Kh7 29.Qf5+ Kg8 30.Qg4+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Kg8 32.Qg4+=)* 28.Ng4]

(Diagram)



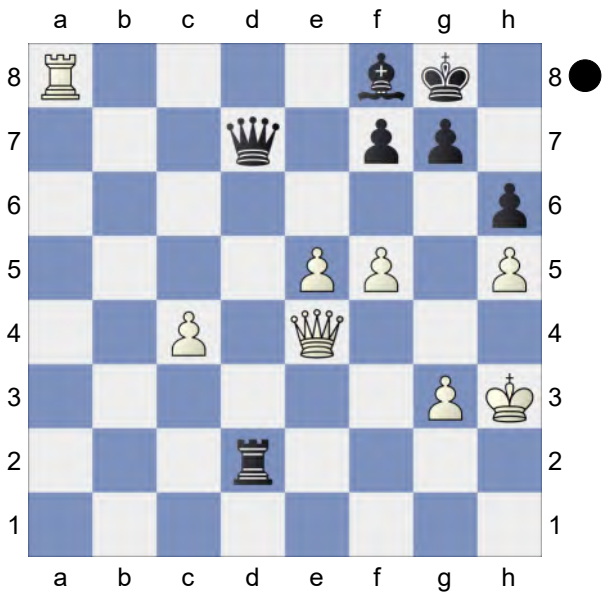
27...Nd4 0.08/25 **28.Bxd4 cxd4**
[28...dxe4? 29.Nf6+ gxf6 30.Qg4+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Kg8 32.Bxe4+- *(32.Qxe4? Qxe4 33.Bxe4 Rxd4-+; 32.Qxe4? Qxe4 33.Bxe4 Rxd4-+)*]
29.e5 Rc7 30.Rxd4 Black must now prevent Ne3! **30...Rdc8** 0.87/21
[30...f6!= 0.09/21 keeps the balance.]
31.R1d2 0.42/21 White has more active pieces.
[31.Bxd5?! Bc5 32.Qe4 Bxd4=]
[31.R4d2± 0.87/21]
31...Bc5 32.R4d3 Bb4 33.Ra2 a6 1.27/18
[Black should try 33...Rc3 0.75/21]
34.Ne3
[34.Bxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5 Qe6∓]
34...Rc3 35.Rxc3
[35.Bxd5 Nxd5 36.Nxd5 Rxd3 37.Qxd3 Bf8±]
[35.Nxd5 Rxd3 36.Qxd3 Rd8±]
35...Rxc3 36.Nxd5
[36.Bxd5 Bc5 37.Nd1 Nxd5-+]
36...Nxd5 37.Bxd5 Qe7? 2.36/16
[37...a5± 0.76/20]
38.Bc4? 0.32/17
[38.Qe4!+- 2.36/16]
38...b5±



39.Qe4 -3.79/18 **bxc4-+ 40.Rxa6** Threatens to win with Ra8+. **40...Qd7** And now ...cxb3! would win.
[40...Rxb3? too greedy. 41.Ra8++- *(41.Qxc4? Rb2+ 42.Kh3 Qb7-+; 41.Qxc4? Rb2+ 42.Kh3 Qb7-+)*]
41.Ra8+ Bf8 42.bxc4 -5.91/19
[42.f5 -4.02/20 was necessary.]
42...Rd3? -2.19/19
[Stronger than 42...Qg4 43.Rxf8+ Kxf8 44.Qa8+ Ke7 45.Qb7+ Ke8 46.Qb8+ Kd7 47.Qb5+ Kc8 48.Qc5+ Kb7 49.Qb4+ Kc6 50.Qxc3 *(50.Qb5+ Kc7=)* 50...Qxh5+ 51.Kg2 Qe2+ 52.Kg1=]
[42...Qd1 -5.91/19 43.Rxf8+ Kxf8 44.Qa8+ Ke7 45.Qb7+ Ke6 46.Qc8+ Qd7]
43.f5 Rd2+ 44.Kh3

(Diagram)

Qe7! Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.39
½-½



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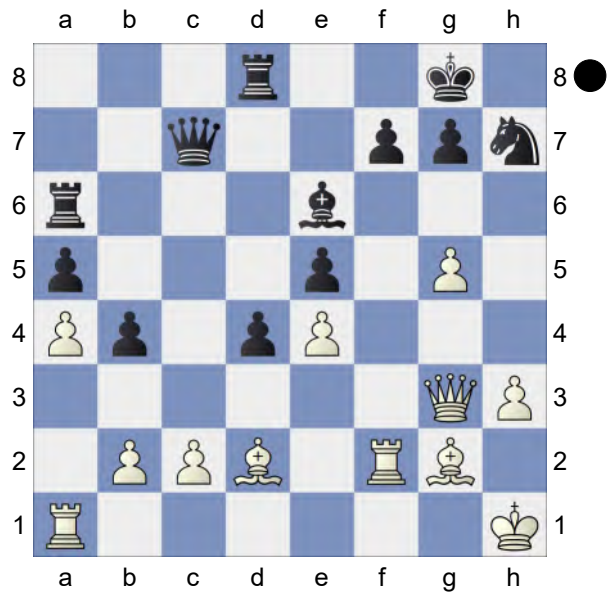
□ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl** **2308**
■ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.45) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 h6 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Qd2**
[10.f4 Nd7 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 0-0 13.Qd2 Rb8 14.Ne2 b5 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.f5 Nf6 17.Ng3 Bb7 18.Kh1 Rbd8 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qxh6 d5 21.g5 Qxg3 22.Rd3 Nh5 23.g6 fxg6 24.fxg6 Rxf1+ 1-0 Buchicchio,G (2804)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2723) EM/M/A089 email ICCF email 2000 (6)]
10...Nxd4N
[10...Ne5 11.b3 Qc7 12.a4 0-0 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.g5 hxg5 16.fxg5 Nd7 17.g6 fxg6 18.h4 d5 19.exd5 Qg3+ 20.Kd1 Bf6 21.Ne4 Qg4+ 22.Qe2 Qxe2+ 23.Kxe2 Bxa1 24.dxc6 Be5 25.cxd7 0-1 Meunier Pion,J (2207)-Nasuta,G (2535) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2) Bxd7 26.Nc5 Rad8 27.Nxa6 Rc8 28.Nc5 Bd6 29.Nxd7 Rxc2+ 30.Kd3 Rfc8 31.Bh3 Kf7 32.Nb6 R8c3+ 33.Ke4 Rxb3 34.Rf1+ Ke7 35.a5 Re2 36.Nc4 Bc5 37.Rf3 Rc3 38.Nb2 Rexe3+ 39.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 40.Kf4 0-1 Musil,J (2207)-Koeffner,C (2535) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (2)]
11.Bxd4 b5 White has an edge. **12.a4** -0.32/25
[12.Bxf6± 0.36/22 gxf6 13.Ne2]
12...b4∓ 13.Ne2 e5 14.Be3 a5 15.f4 0-0 16.Ng3 Qc7 17.0-0 Rd8 18.Kh1 -0.74/23
[18.Rac1= -0.30/20]
18...d5 19.Qf2 -1.08/21
[19.exd5 Nxd5 20.fxe5 *(20.Bxd5? Rxd5 21.Qf2 Bb7-+)* 20...Nf4∓ *(20...Qxe5 21.Nf5∓)*]
[White should try 19.fxe5!∓ -0.47/25 Nxe4 *(19...Qxe5 20.Bf4∓)* 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Qf2]
19...d4∓ 20.Bd2 Be6 -0.74/23
[20...Qxc2? 21.fxe5 Be6 22.exf6+-]
[⌓20...Ba6 -1.19/23 21.Rfc1 g6 22.fxe5 Nd7 *(22...Qxe5 23.Bf4∓)*]
21.g5 hxg5 Black has more active pieces. **22.fxg5 Nh7 23.Nf5 Ra6** -0.53/22
[23...Nxg5?! 24.Qg3 Bxf5 25.exf5=]
[23...Bxg5∓ -1.02/21 24.Bxg5 Nxg5]
24.Nxe7+ -1.48/21
[24.Qg3∓ -0.53/22]
24...Qxe7 25.Qg3 Qc7↑ Black is on the roll. **26.Rf2**

(Diagram)

Rc6!
[26...Qxc2 27.g6 fxg6 *(27...Qxb2? 28.gxh7+ Kh8 29.Rg1+-)* 28.Qxe5



(28.Bg5 Qxf2 29.Qxf2 Nxg5∓)]

27.Rc1 Nf8

[27...Rxc2?! 28.Rxc2 Qxc2 29.g6 Qd1+ 30.Kh2=]

28.Bf1 -2.03/25

[28.h4∓ -1.21/21 keeps fighting.]

28...Ng6 29.Bd3 b3 30.c3 Bc4 31.Bxc4 -3.19/20

[31.Bf1 -1.61/20]

31...Rxc4-+ 32.Rcf1 dxc3

[32...Rxa4? 33.Rxf7 Rd7 *(33...Qxf7 34.Rxf7 Ra1+ 35.Kh2=)* 34.Rxd7 Qxd7 35.cxd4∓]

33.Bxc3 Rd7

[33...Rxe4 34.Rxf7 Qc6 *(34...Qxf7 35.Rxf7 Kxf7 36.Qf3+ Rf4 37.Qe3=)* 35.Qf3-+]

[33...Nf4 34.g6 fxg6 35.Bxe5 Qxe5 36.Rxf4 Rxe4 *(36...Qxb2 37.Qxg6)* 37.Qxb3+ Rd5 38.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 39.Qf3∓]

34.Qg4 Qc6

[34...Rxa4 35.Rf3-+]

35.Re1 Nf4 36.Kh2 Rd3 Prevents Re3.

[36...Rxe4 37.Rxe4 *(37.Bxa5? too greedy. Rd3-+)* 37...Rd3 38.Rexf4 *(38.Rxe5 Rxh3+ 39.Qxh3 Nxh3+-)* 38...exf4 39.Qxf4+-]

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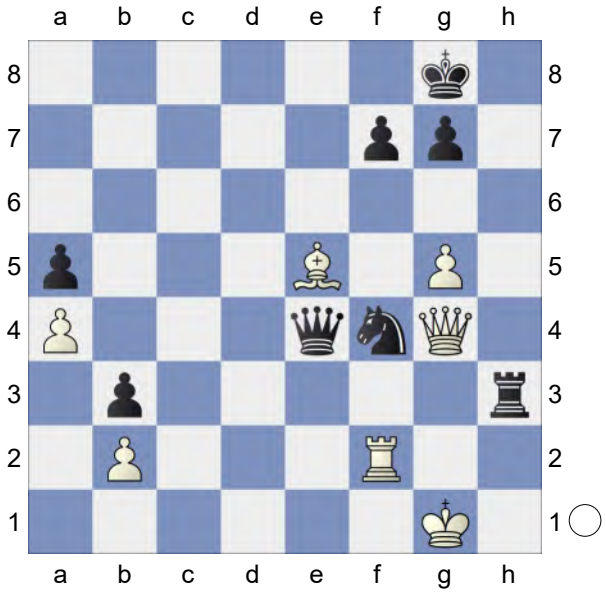

40.Qc8+ Kh7 41.Rxf4 Rh1+ 42.Kf2 Rh2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

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A00

□ **Goutham Krishna H** **2466**

■ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.46) 3.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings **1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6**

[6...dxc4 7.dxc4 e4 *(7...c6 8.Nc3 h6 9.h3 Be6 10.b3 Qe7 11.Qc2 Rd8 12.Bb2 Nbd7 13.Rad1 Nf8 14.Nh4 Ba3 15.Ba1 Rxd1 16.Nxd1 N8d7 17.Ne3 Ne8 18.Nhf5 Qf8 19.Ng4 Nd6 20.e4 f6 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Bc3* 1-0 Neikirkh,O (2574)-8.♘e5 a5 9.f3 ♘fd7 (2343) corr FINJUB50/ SF/13 (FIN) ICCF 2014 (1)*)* 8.Ng5 Bf5 9.Nc3 Re8 10.Qb3 Qe7

11.Qxb7 Nbd7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.Qb5 c5 Kalygin,S (2500)-Heckmann,T (2420) 30: Linklater Memorial San Francisco 2002]

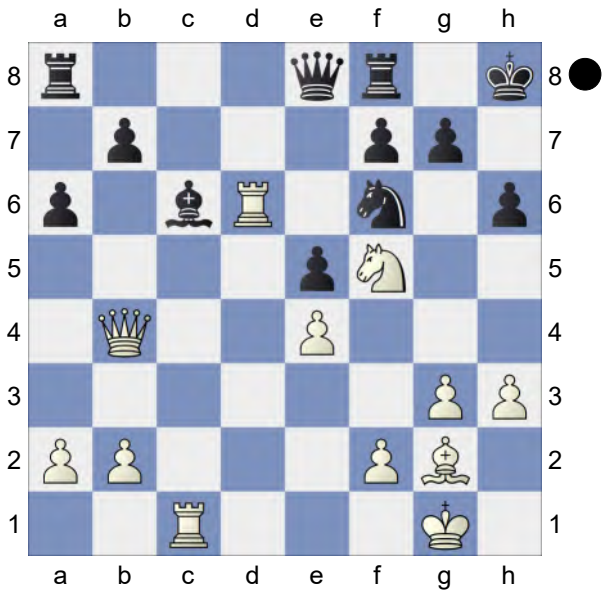
7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nc3 h6 9.e4N

[9.Nb5 Re8 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.d4 e4 12.Ne5 Qb6 #7 G3 Introduction-1. g3 d5 2.Bg2]

9...dxe4 10.dxe4 Nc6 11.h3 The position is equal. **11...Bc5 12.Qe2 Nd4 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Nb5 Bb6 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 a6 18.Nd6 Be6** 0.79/21

[18...Rd8± 0.34/17 19.Nc4 Be6 20.Nxe5 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Bxa2]

19.Qc3 Bd7 20.Rac1 Bc6 21.Nf5 Qe8 22.Qb4 Kh8 23.Rd6



Hoping for Rxf6! **23...Ng8 24.Rcd1↑** White is in control. White is much more active. **24...g6 25.Ne3 Qe7 26.Qc3 f6** 1.49/20

[⌓26...Kh7 0.76/20]

27.Qd2 Kg7 1.79/22

[27...h5± 1.35/22]

28.Nc4 Rac8 29.b3 Rc7 1.75/21

[29...h5± 1.33/20]

30.f4? 0.18/18

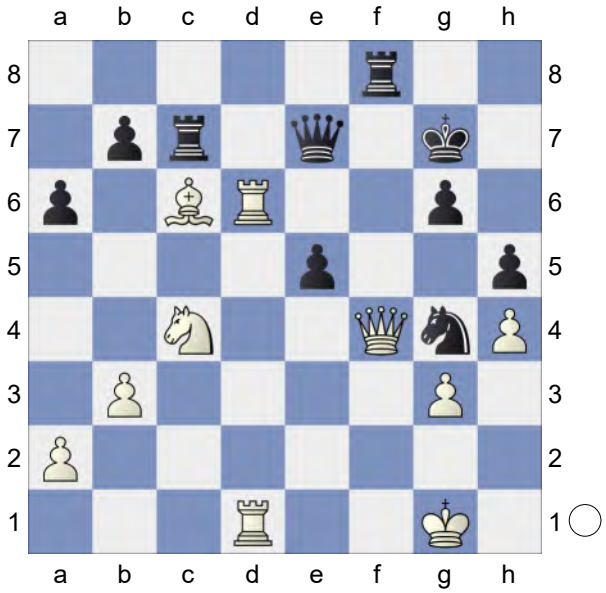
[30.Na5+- 1.75/21]

30...exf4= 31.Qxf4 h5 32.h4 Nh6 33.e5 Ng4 1.49/25

[33...fxe5= 0.28/25 remains equal. 34.Rxg6+ Decoy *(34.Qxe5+ Qxe5 35.Nxe5 Be8±)* 34...Kxg6 35.Rd6+ *(35.Nxe5+? Kh7-+)* 35...Qxd6 *(35...Rf6? 36.Qg5+* Deflection *Kh7 37.Rxf6+-)* 36.Qg5+ *(36.Qxe5 Qd1+)* 36...Kh7 37.Nxd6 Bxg2 38.Kxg2 Rc2+ 39.Kg1 Rcf2]

34.Bxc6 fxe5

[34...Rxc6? is the wrong capture. 35.Rd7 Re6 36.R1d6+- *(36.Rxe7+ Rxe7 37.exf6+ Rxf6+-)*]



Discovered Attack **35.Qe4 Nf6 36.Qxe5 bxc6?** 4.71/21

[36...Qxe5± 1.12/19 is tougher. 37.Nxe5 bxc6]

37.Re6+- Qf7 38.Rf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.39

1-0

E06
□ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
■ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2466**
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[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 **1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.d4**
[5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.e3 c5 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.exd4 cxd4 10.Nd3 e5 11.Re1 e4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Nf6 14.Re1 Bg4 15.f3 Bf5 16.Nf2 Re8 17.Ba3 h5 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 1-0 Svidler,P (2698)-Eljanov,P (2672) FIDE World Rapid Team Almaty KAZ 2024 (6.2)]
5...0-0 6.Qc2 dxc4N
[6...Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Ne4 9.Bb2 f5 10.Nbd2 a5 11.Ne1 b5 12.Ndf3 bxc4 13.bxc4 Nd6 14.c5 Nc4 15.Nd3 Bf6 16.Bc3 Qe7 17.a4 Ba6 18.Rfb1 g5 19.e3 Qg7 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Bxd2 0-1 Part 6 Chapter 1 (2607)-6. ♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8. (2575) Pripis Memorial Moscow 2000 (7)]
7.Qxc4 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.0-0 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Rd1 h6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 White has an edge. **13.Nc3 Rc8 14.Rac1** -0.04/21
[14.b4± 0.37/20]
14...Qd6 15.Qd3 Qb4 16.Qc2 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 c6 18.e3 Rfd8 19.Kg2 Rc7 20.Rb1 a5 21.Ne4 Rcd7 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.h4 g6 24.h5 g5 25.b3 Bg7 26.Qc4 Bf8 27.g4 Qe7 28.Rd3 Qf6 29.Rbd1 Bd6 30.Qc3 Bb4 31.Qc4 Kg7 32.Be4 Qe7 33.Bf3 Rd6 34.Qc2 Kg8 35.Qc4 Qd7 36.e4 Qc8 37.d5 cxd5 38.exd5 Qxc4 39.bxc4 e5 40.Be4 Rc8 41.Rc1 Kf8 42.Bf5 Rc7 43.Kf3 Rb6 A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

D35
□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
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[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation It's time for a game with AlphaZero on the white side of the Carlsbad. As we shall see, Stockfish also has its own unusual interpretation of the black side of this line, and AlphaZero's reaction is as you might expect... the queenside does not figure greatly in its plans ! We've seen one game along these lines - 'No Minority Attack for AlphaZero' in the chapter 'Outposts' and we see another great example here: CC HeaderStart CC Game: 'AlphaZero's new approach in the Carlsbad' CC HeaderEnd CC AlphaZero offers Black the opportunity to weaken the white kingside structure in exchange for an open g-file against the black king. Once opened, AlphaZero mobilises its forces in a familiar manner: a bishop along the b1-h7 diagonal and two rooks on the g-file assisted by a queen on the h-file. As we have often seen, the addition of the knight to the attack is the final straw that breaks Black's position. AlphaZero wins a pawn and eventually the game. Game themes: 1. Sacrificing structure to open lines against the opponent's king 2. Long knight manoeuvre 3. Opponent's passive pieces CC HeaderStart CC Game: 'No Minority Attack for AlphaZero

!'CCHeaderEnd CCAs we discuss in the 'Carlsbad' chapter, AlphaZero doesn't adopt the classical plan of the Minority Attack: pushing its queenside pawns to create a small pawn weakness on c6 that could be exploited in a long endgame is not AlphaZero's preferred style of play ! In Natasha's opinion AlphaZero plays like a headstrong young player, burning with ambition to deliver checkmate. So I had to laugh when I read this comment on the Minority Attack by the famous Russian trainer Mikhail Shereshevsky in his recent book, The Shereshevsky Method: 'The Minority Attack is an excellent plan but Black has ways to defend. I cannot help remembering an ironic comment by master Oleg Dementiev, trainer of Arshak Petrosian: 'If you spend your best years attacking the pawn on c6, what on earth are you going to do when you get old and past it ?' I share the view that in the Carlsbad structure, young players should employ a plan that involves a wider strategic arsenal than the Minority Attack.' Perhaps Natasha is right: AlphaZero looks youthful in this game ! CC HeaderStart CC Game themes: CCHeaderEnd CC1. Opening a file to support an attack along a diagonal 2. Exchanging off defenders of a colour complex 3. Long knight manoeuvre Game: 'No Minority Attack for AlphaZero !' As we discuss in the 'Carlsbad' chapter, AlphaZero doesn't adopt the classical plan of the Minority Attack: pushing its queenside pawns to create a small pawn weakness on c6 that could be exploited in a long endgame is not AlphaZero's preferred style of play ! In Natasha's opinion AlphaZero plays like a headstrong young player, burning with ambition to deliver checkmate. So I had to laugh when I read this comment on the Minority Attack by the famous Russian trainer Mikhail Shereshevsky in his recent book, The Shereshevsky Method: 'The Minority Attack is an excellent plan but Black has ways to defend. I cannot help remembering an ironic comment by master Oleg Dementiev, trainer of Arshak Petrosian: 'If you spend your best years attacking the pawn on c6, what on earth are you going to do when you get old and past it ?' I share the view that in the Carlsbad structure, young players should employ a plan that involves a wider strategic arsenal than the Minority Attack.' Perhaps Natasha is right: AlphaZero looks youthful in this game ! Game themes: 1. Opening a file to support an attack along a diagonal 2. Exchanging off defenders of a colour complex 3. Long knight manoeuvre **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nf3**

[8.Nge2 Re8 9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Na6 11.Rc1 Nc7 12.Qc2 h6 13.Bh4 Ne6 14.Rcd1 Bd7 15.f3 Ng5 16.Bxg5 hxg5 17.e4 Bc7 18.e5 Nh5 19.f4 gxf4 20.Nxf4 Nxf4 21.Rxf4 Qg5 22.Bh7+ Kf8 1-0 Venkatesan,K (2202)-Collins,A (2189) IRL-ch 103rd Dublin 2024 (7)]

8...Re8 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Qb3 White is slightly better. **10...Bxf3N**

[10...Na6 11.Rfe1 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Rb8 *(12...Nc7 13.Kh1 g6 14.f4 Rb8 15.Rg1 Ne6 16.Bh4 Be7 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.f5 Ng7 19.Qd1 Bh4 20.Qf3 Qf6 21.Rg4 h5 22.Rg2 Kf8 23.Rag1 Nxf5 24.Qh3 Ne7 25.f4 Rbd8 26.Nb1 Rd6 27.Nd2* Part Iii Themes In Alphazero-Alphazero Vs Stockfish

Ng8 28.Re2 Qe7 29.Nf3 Bf6 30.f5 Qd7 31.Qg3 g5 32.Nxg5 Bxg5 33.e4 Rxe4 34.Bxe4 dxe4 35.h4 Nh6 36.Qxg5 Qxf5 37.Qxf5 Nxf5 38.Rxe4 Rd5 39.Rf4 Nxd4 40.Rg6 Nf5 41.Rg5 Rd1+ 42.Kh2 Piece Mobility Outposts-No Minority Attack For Alphaz) 13.Qd1 Nc7 14.f4 Be7 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Qh3 Nf6 18.Kh1 Qd7 19.Bf5 Qd6 20.Rg1 Kh8 21.Bd3 Rg8 22.Qh4 Nce8 23.Rg5 h6 24.Rag1 Rc7 25.a3 Part Iv AlphazeroaS Openin-Alphazero Vs Stockfish]

11.gxf3 Qd7 12.Kg2 0.27/18 Prevents Qh3+.

[12.Bxf6 Qh3 13.Be5 *(13.Qxb7? Qxh2#; 13.f4 Nd7=)* 13...Rxe5 *(13...Bxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.f4=)* 14.dxe5 Bxe5=]

[12.Ne2± 0.67/20 was preferrable.]

12...Ne4!= 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Be2 Active counter play! **14...Na6 15.Bh4 Re6 16.Bg3** White wants to play fxe4. **16...Rh6** (→ ...Qh3+) **17.h4**

[17.fxe4 Qh3+ 18.Kg1 Bxg3]

17...exf3+ 18.Bxf3 Re8 19.h5 -0.12/20

[19.e4± 0.46/19]

19...Nb4 0.49/19

[19...g5!= -0.12/20]

20.e4± Bxg3 Discovered Attack **21.fxg3 Qxd4 22.Rad1** Prevents Nd3. **22...Qc5 23.Rf2** Repels Nc2 **23...Qe7** 0.66/18 Prevents Rd7.

[23...Rhe6= 0.28/22]

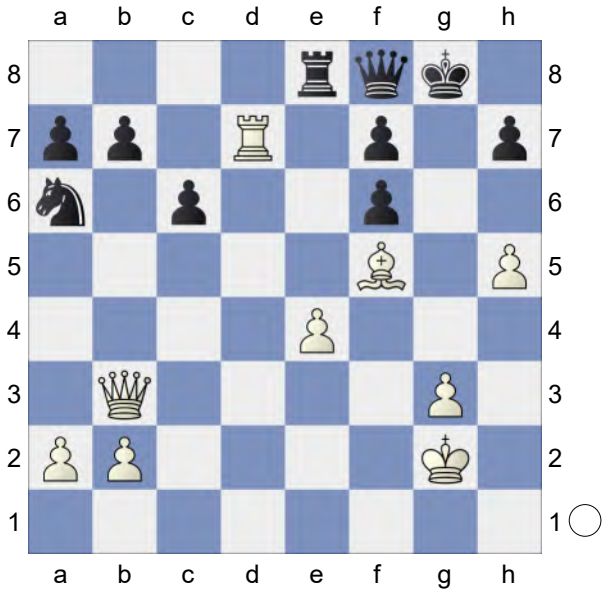
24.Bg4! a3 would now be deadly. **24...Rf6** 1.53/18

[⌓24...Qxe4+ 0.71/22 25.Kg1 Nd5 *(25...Qxg4 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qxe8#)*]

25.Rxf6± gxf6 26.Bf5↑ White is in control. **26...Na6?** 5.47/19 This costs Black the game.

[26...Nd5± 1.29/17]

27.Rd7+- White is clearly winning. **27...Qf8**



28.Bxh7+! Decoy **28...Kg7** White must now prevent ...Nc5.

[28...Kh8 29.Rxf7]

29.h6+! Deflection

[29.Qxb7 Nc5∓]

29...Kh8 Hoping for ...Nc5. **30.Rxf7 Qxh6 31.Bf5** Threatens to win with Rh7+.

[Weaker is 31.Qxb7 Nc5 32.Qxc6 Qd2+ 33.Kh3 Qh6+ 34.Kg2 Qd2+ 35.Kh3 Qh6+ 36.Kg2=]

31...Qd2+ 32.Kf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.32

1-0

C96

□ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**

■ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**

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[Kitty Kat]

C96: Closed Ruy Lopez: Chigorin Defence: 11 d4, replies other than 11... Qc7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6**

4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Nd7 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.dxc5 -0.11/21

[14.d5± 0.70/20 Nce5 15.a4 *(15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 Ng6 17.Nf3 Bh4 18.Nxh4 Qxh4 19.f5 Ne5 20.Rf1 Bd7 21.Bf4 Qe7 22.Qe1 f6 23.Qg3 Rfe8 24.b3 a5 25.Bd1 Qd8 26.Bh5 Re7 27.Kh2 Be8 28.Bxe8 Qxe8 29.Rae1 a4* Damljanovic,B (2589)-Ponomariov,R (2718) 89/(334) Plovdv 2003*)* 15...Bb7 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.f4 Ng6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.g3 Qd7 20.Kg2 Bf6 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Bxa8 23.b3 Bb7 24.Bd3 b4 9.♗g5 ♗e6 10.f4 ♘a5-Djurkovic,M IV Open La Laguna ESP 2010]

14...Nxc5N

[14...dxc5 15.e5 Bb7 *(15...c4 16.b3 Nc5 17.bxc4 Be6 18.Ba3 bxc4 19.Re3 Rb8 20.Qe2* C 96/04-N,N 2000 *)* 16.Qe2 c4 17.Qe4 g6 18.Qf4 Qc7 19.h4 Ncxe5 20.Nxe5 Bd6 21.Ndf3 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Rfe8 23.Be4 Rxe5 A3) RL – 11...Nd7 Chigorin-11... Nd7 Chigorin – Main Li]

15.a3 Bf6 The position is equal. **16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b4 Ne6 18.Bb3 Rc8 19.Nf1 Ncd4 20.Bd5** -0.17/25

[20.Nxd4± 0.33/23 Nxd4 21.Bb2 Nxb3 22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Rxb3]

20...Bxd5 21.exd5 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Nd4 23.Qg4 -0.58/22

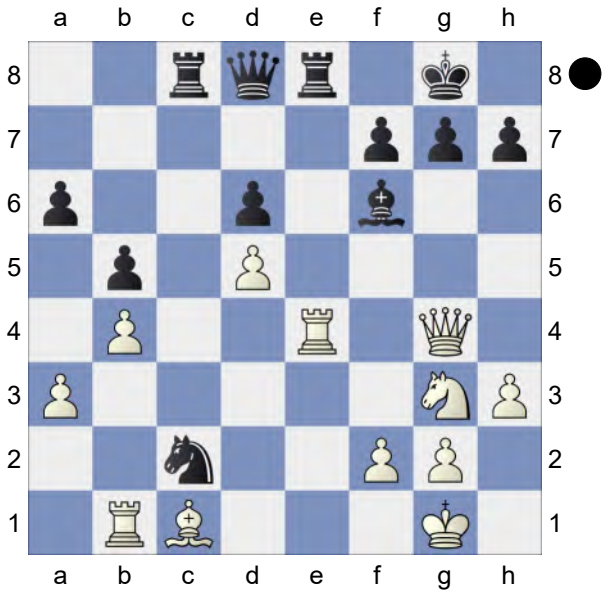
[23.Qd1= -0.15/25 should be considered.]

23...Nc2∓ 24.Re4 Re8 25.Ng3

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Nh5. **25...Rc4 26.Bd2** -1.30/22

[26.Rxc4 Re1+ 27.Kh2 bxc4=]



[26.Qe2∓ -0.58/24 Kf8 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Qd2]

26...Rexe4 -0.91/18

[⌓26...Nxa3 -1.30/22 27.Rbe1 Rcxe4 28.Nxe4 Be5]

27.Nxe4∓ Qe7 -0.39/22

[27...Nxa3 28.Rb3 Nc2 29.Rf3±]

[Black should play 27...Be5∓ -0.82/19 28.Qf3 h6]

28.f3 -1.62/23 This costs White the game.

[28.Nxf6+∓ -0.39/22 Qxf6 29.Qd7]

28...g6 And now ...Bd4+ would win.

[28...Nxa3 29.Re1 Be5 30.f4 Bd4+ 31.Kh1±]

29.Kh1 -2.49/19

[29.Nxf6+∓ -1.38/21 Qxf6 30.Qg3]

29...Be5-+

[29...Nxa3 30.Re1 Bh4 31.g3∓]

30.Bg5 f6 31.Bh4 Kf7

[31...Nxa3? 32.Re1 Nc2 *(32...Rxb4?* loses. *33.f4+-)* 33.Re2∓]

32.Rd1 h5 33.Qe6+ Qxe6 34.dxe6+ Kxe6 35.Bf2 Nxa3 36.g3 Rxb4 Hoping for ...Rb1. **37.Kg2 g5 38.Re1 Kf7 39.h4 Rb2 40.hxg5 f5 41.g6+ Kg7 42.Nc5 Rxf2+**

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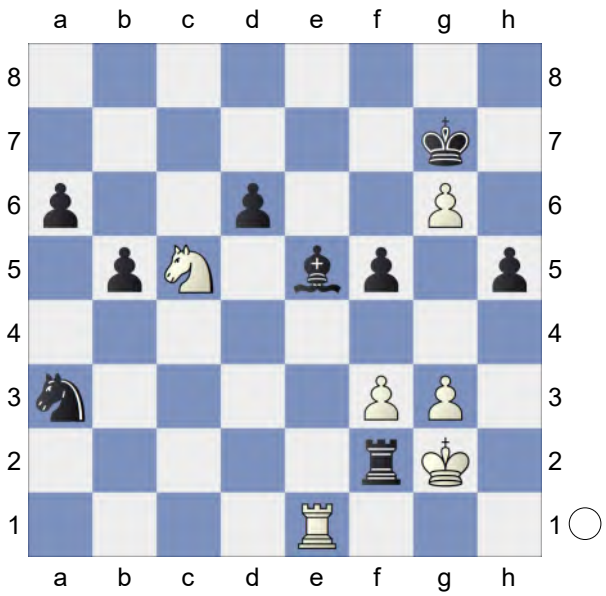

Remove Defender, Decoy **43.Kxf2** Endgame. KRN-KBN **43...Bd4+**
[Inferior is 43...Kxg6 44.Nxa6 b4 45.Nxb4 Bd4+ 46.Kg2=]
44.Kg2 Bxc5 45.g4 hxg4 46.fxg4 Nc2 47.Re6 fxg4 48.Kg3 Nd4 49.Re8 a5 50.Kxg4 Kxg6 51.Kf4 b4 52.Ke4 b3 53.Rg8+ Kf7 54.Rg2 a4 ...a3 is the strong threat. **55.Kd5 a3** Black mates. **56.Rf2+ Ke7 57.Rf1 a2 58.Re1+ Kd7 59.Rh1 Nf5 60.Ra1 Ne3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

C43
□ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**
■ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh** **2301**
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[Kitty Kat]

C43: Petroff Defence: 3 d4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3**
[4.dxe5 d5 5.Nbd2 Nxd2 6.Bxd2 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 c5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.c3 Qd7 12.h3 Rad8 13.Rfd1 h6 14.Bd3 Bf5 15.Bg3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qe6 17.a3 b6 18.b4 d4 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Mamedyarov,S (2809) 11th Tal Mem Rapid 2018 Moscow RUS (9.5)]
[4.Nxe5 d6 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Qxe4 Re8 12.Qd3 Na6 13.a3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Ne4 15.Be3 Bg4 16.Ne5 Bf5 17.Qb3 c5 18.Qxb7 Qf6 ½-½ Xu,G (2221)-Korley,K (2460) New York Fischer GM 2022 (1)]
4...d5 5.Nxe5 Nd7N
[5...Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nd2 f6 8.Nef3 f5 9.c4 c6 10.Re1 Bf6 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Qb3 9. Petroff 3... Nxe4 4. Bd3 N-Petroff 3...Nxe4 â 4...d]
6.Nc3 Nxe5 7.dxe5 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Be6 White has an edge. **11.Rb1** 0.04/20
[11.Qh5± 0.42/20 is more appropriate. g6 12.Qh6]
11...Rb8 0.42/20
[11...Qh4= 0.04/20 should be considered. 12.g3 Bxf2+ Decoy 13.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 14.Kf3 f6]
12.Qh5± g6! 13.Qh6 Re8 14.Bg5 Be7 15.h4 Bxg5 16.hxg5 c5 Prevents Rb4 **17.Qh4** -0.58/22
[17.f4± 0.60/21]
17...Qe7 -0.09/22
[17...Qa5∓ -0.58/22 was preferrable. 18.c4 dxc4]
18.Be2= Red8 0.25/21
[⌓18...c4 -0.19/19]
19.f4 d4 0.62/19
[19...c4= 0.19/20 might be stronger.]
20.c4 -0.21/19
[20.Kf2!± 0.62/19]

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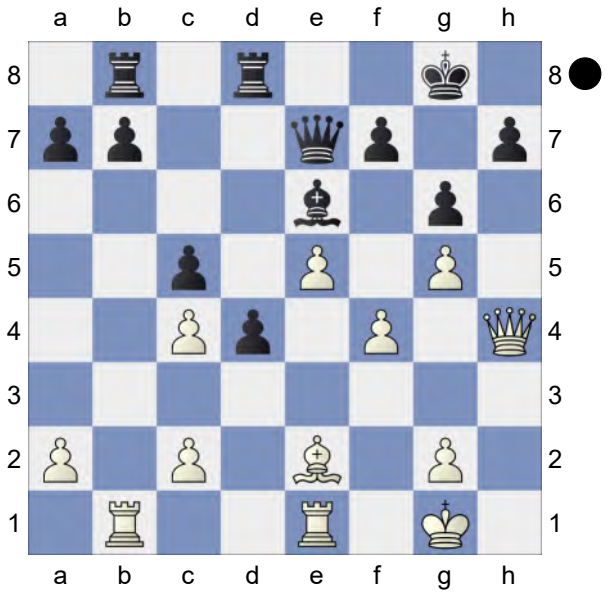
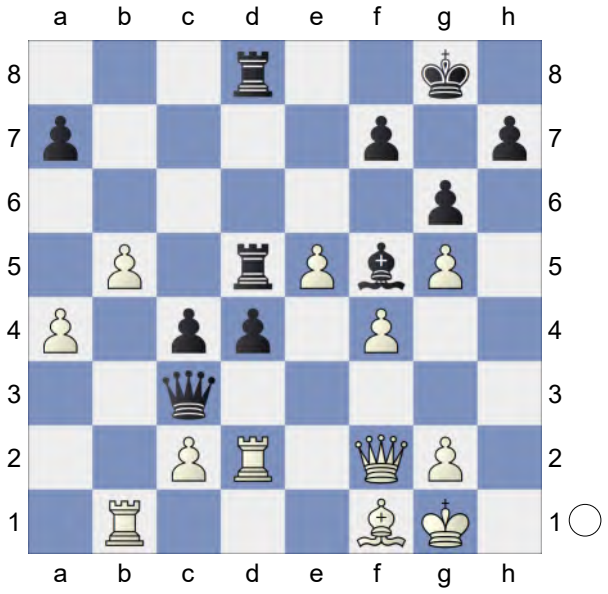


20...b5! 21.cxb5 c4 22.Qf2 Qa3 Black has compensation. **23.Bf1 Qc3 24.Red1 Bf5 25.Rd2 Rd5 26.a4 Rbd8**



27.a5! d3! 28.cxd3 Bxd3 29.Bxd3 Rxd3 30.Rc2 Qxa5 31.Rxc4 Rd2 32.Qf3 Qb6+ 0.50/22
[32...Kg7= 0.12/19]
33.Kh2± Qe6 34.Rbc1 -0.10/23
[34.Rc6± 0.54/22 Qa2 35.Rg1]
34...R8d3= The position is equal. **35.f5! Qxe5+ 36.Qf4** Chess con chili.
36...Qxf5 37.Qxf5
[37.Rc8+ with more complications. Kg7 38.Qxf5 gxf5 39.R1c6]
37...gxf5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **38.Ra1 Rb3 39.Rxa7 Rxb5 40.Rc8+ Kg7 41.Rcc7 Rbb2 42.Rxf7+ Kg6 43.Kh3** Rg7+ is the strong threat. **43...Kxg5 44.Rxh7 Rd6 45.Rag7+ Rg6 46.Rxg6+ Kxg6** KR-KR **47.Ra7 Rb3+ 48.Kh4 Rb4+ 49.Kg3 Rb3+ 50.Kh4 Rb4+ 51.Kg3 Rb3+ 52.Kh4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

B22
□ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
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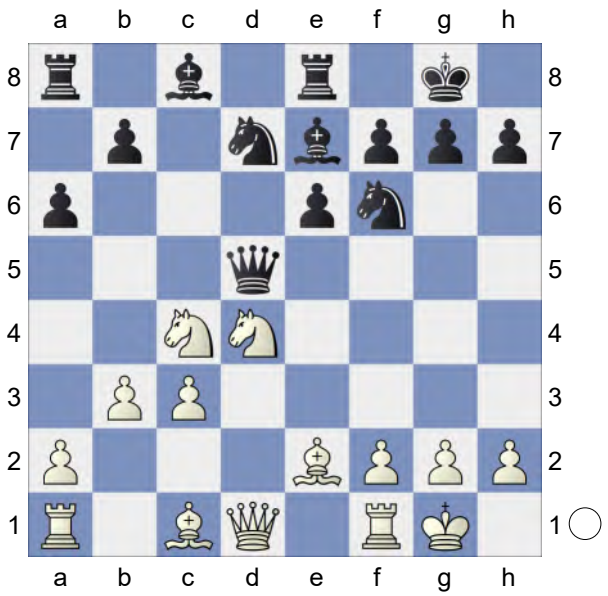
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 **1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Na3 a6 7.Nc4 Nbd7 8.Be2 Be7**
[8...b6 9.Nfe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 0-0 13.Bf3 Ne4 14.g3 Bb7 15.Kg2 Rfd8 16.Be3 Rac8 17.Qe2 Be7 18.Rhe1 f5 19.h4 Rc7 20.Rac1 Rdc8 21.Rxc7 Rxc7 22.a3 Bf6 23.Rd1 0-1 Ramponelli (1866)-14.g3 ♗e7 15. ♔b1_14221 (2130) Malakoff op 09th 2009 (6)]
9.0-0 cxd4N
[9...0-0 10.Re1 b5 11.Nfd2 Ra7 12.Bf3 #2 20) 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Na3 A-5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Na3 a6]
10.Nxd4 0-0 0.94/17
[10...Qc5± 0.58/22]
11.b3± Hoping for Bf3. **11...Re8**

(Diagram)

White is better. **12.Be3!** And now Bf3 would win. **12...Qe4 13.f3** 0.17/23



[13.f4± 1.08/19]

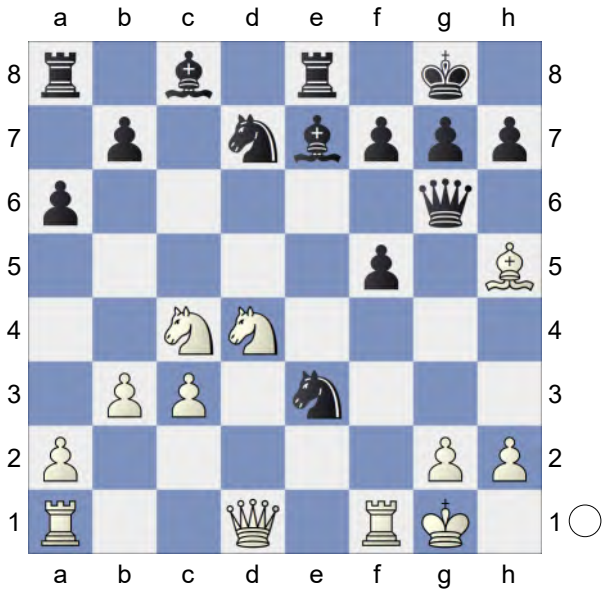
13...Qg6 14.f4! Nd5 15.f5

[15.Bd2!? Qf6 16.Bf3=]

15...exf5 Threatens to win with ...N7f6. The position is equal. **16.Bh5!**

[Not 16.Nxf5 Nxc3 17.Qe1 Nxe2+ 18.Qxe2 b5∓]

16...Nxe3!



Deflection **17.Nxe3 Qb6 18.Nd5** Dodges Nf6. Excellent horsemanship.

18...Qd8 ...Nf6 would now be deadly.

19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Nxf5

[20.Rxf5? loses. g6 21.Rf2 gxh5-+]

20...Qc5+ 21.Qd4 Qxd4+ 22.Nxd4 Ne5 23.Nf3 Bg4 24.Bxg4 Nxg4 25.Rfe1 f6 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8= Endgame. KRN-KRN **27.h3 Ne3 28.Re1** Kf2 is the strong threat. **28...Kf7 29.Kf2 Nd5 30.Rxe8 Kxe8** KN-KN **31.c4 Nb4 32.a3 Nc2 33.Ke2 Nxa3 34.Kd3** Against Nc2 **34...Kd7 35.Kc3 b5 36.Nd4 Nb1+ 37.Kc2 Na3+ 38.Kc3 Nb1+ 39.Kc2 Na3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

A13

□ **Aaditya,Dhingra 2448**

■ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy 2299**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.52) 3.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Qc2**

[7.Qb3 Rb8 8.a4 b5 9.axb5 axb5 10.d4 Bb7 11.Nc3 b4 12.Na4 Bd5 13.Qd1 c5 14.0-0 Rc8 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Be3 Ncd7 17.Nd4 Be7 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Nd4 Be7 20.f3 0-0 21.Bf2 Nc5 0-1 Sopur,L (2425)-Jarocka,L (2241) Pardubice Czech op-A 34th 2023 (8)]

7...Rb8

[7...c5 8.0-0 Ra7 9.d4 b6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.e4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 13.Rd1 Qa8 14.Nb3 Bb4 15.a3 Be7 16.Be3 0-0 17.f3 Rc8 18.Qf2 Bc6 19.Rac1 Rac7 20.Bf1 h6 21.Be2 a5 22.Qf1 Braun,A (2558)-Zude,E (2397) Deutschland (ch) 106/(275) 2009]

8.d4N

[8.0-0 c5 9.d4 Bd6 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Rd1 Ra8 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Bxd6

Qxd6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Ng5 f5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Bxd5+ Kh8 18.Nf7+ 1-0 Snape,I-Martyn,R British Championship Scarborough 2004]

8...b5 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 White is slightly better. **10...Nd7 11.Bc6** And now 0-0 would win. **11...Bb7 12.0-0 Bxc6 13.Qxc6 Rb6 14.Qe4 Nc5** 1.28/20

[14...f5± 0.34/22 15.exf6 Nxf6]

15.Qf3 0.40/22

[Better is 15.Qf4!± 1.28/20]

15...Nd7 16.Rd1 Qc8! 17.Bf4 Be7 18.Qg4 g5 19.Be3!

[19.Bxg5 Rg8 20.h4 h6-+ *(20...Nxe5? 21.Qh5+-)*]

19...h5 20.Qe4 c5 21.b4 White has more active pieces. **21...Qc7** 1.24/21

[21...Rc6± 0.52/20]

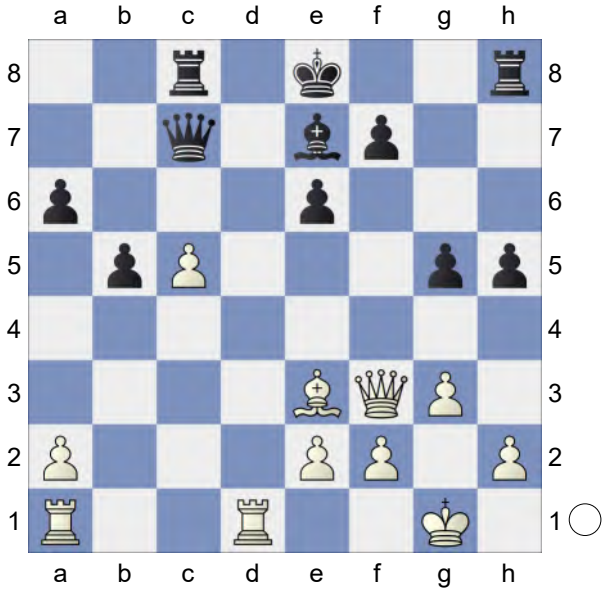
22.Nd2!± Nxe5 2.01/21

[22...Qxe5± 1.16/19 is a better defense. 23.a4 Qc7]

23.bxc5!+- Rb8 2.40/20

[23...Rc6± 1.53/23]

24.Nf3 Nxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Rc8

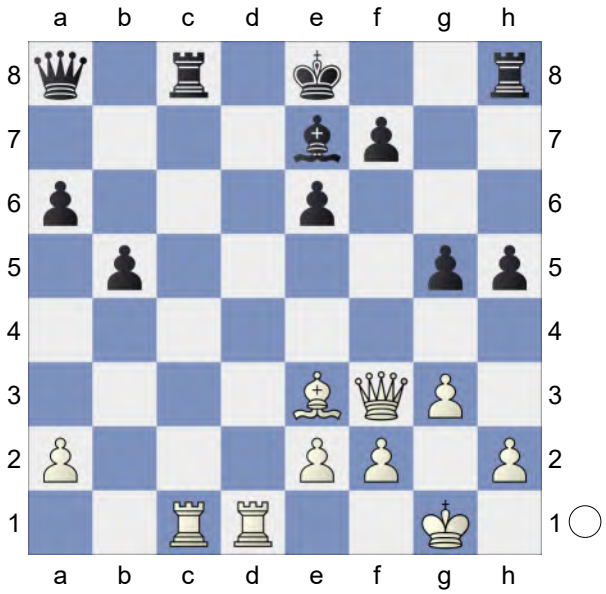


26.c6! Strongly threatening Rac1.

26...Qxc6 3.87/18

[26...f5 2.70/19 was called for.]

27.Rac1 Qa8



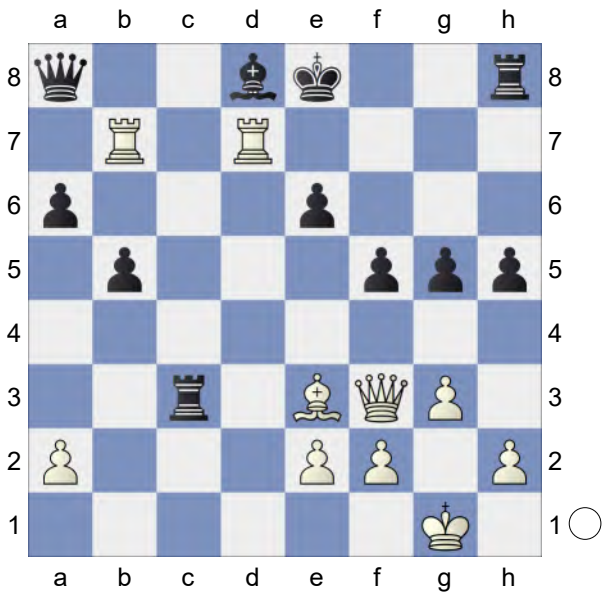
28.Rc7!! Deflection, Back Rank **28...f5**

[28...g4 29.Rdd7]

29.Rdd7 Bd8 Threatens to win with ... Qxf3.

[29...Qxf3 30.Rxe7+ Kf8 31.Rf7+ *(31.exf3 Rxc7 32.Rxc7 Rh6+-)* 31...Ke8 32.Rce7+ *(32.exf3 Rxc7 33.Rxc7 Rg8+-)* 32...Kd8 33.Bb6+ *(33.exf3 Rc1+ 34.Bxc1 Rf8+-; 33.exf3 Rc1+ 34.Bxc1 Rf8+-)*]

30.Rb7 Rc3

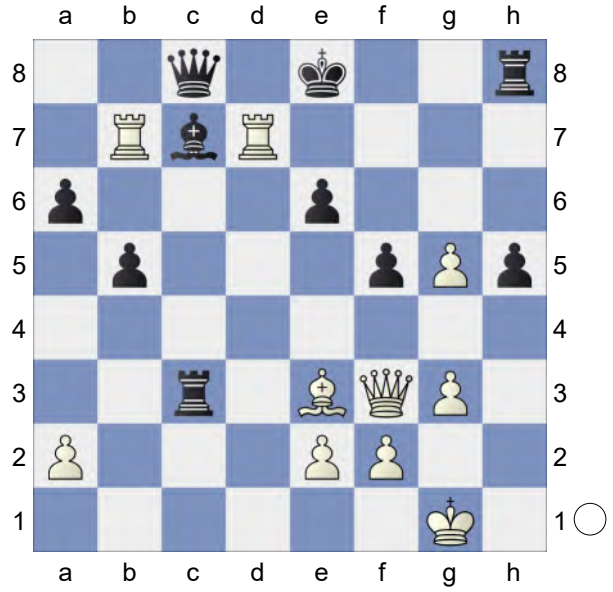


31.h4! Qc8

[31...Bc7 32.Rbxc7]

32.hxg5 Bc7 5.41/18

[⌓32...Qxd7 3.72/18 33.Rxd7 Kxd7 34.Qb7+ Bc7 35.Qxa6 *(35.g6 Rxe3 36.fxe3 Rg8+-)* 35...Rb8]



33.Rdxc7? 1.31/17 **Rxc7± 34.Rxc7** 0.00/23

[34.Rb6± 1.43/26 0-0 35.Qxh5]

34...Qxc7+- Endgame. KQR-KQB

35.Qa8+ Qd8 36.Qxa6

[36.Qb7!? h4□ 37.Qg7±]

36...Qd7 0.48/23

[36...Kf7= -0.16/21]

37.Qa8+± Skewer. White has compensation. **37...Qd8 38.Qc6+** 0.00/21

[38.Qxd8+ Kxd8 39.Bd4 Re8-+]

[White should play 38.Qa7± 0.74/22 Qd1+ 39.Kg2]

38...Qd7 0.97/20

[38...Kf7= 0.00/21 remains equal.]

39.Qc3 0.00/23

[White should try 39.Qc5± 0.97/20]

39...0-0↑ Black has good play. The position is equal. **40.f3 Qd6 41.Bf4 Qd1+ 42.Kf2 Qh1 43.Qe5**

[43.Qc6!? Qh2+□ 44.Kf1 Qh1+ 45.Kf2 Qh2+ 46.Kf1 Qh1+ 47.Kf2=]

43...Qh2+ 44.Kf1 Qh1+ 45.Kf2 Qh2+ 46.Kf1 Qh1+ 47.Kf2 Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.42

½-½

C60

□ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F 2296**

■ **Nigmatov,Ortik 2447**

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[Kitty Kat]

C60: Ruy Lopez: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...g6 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.c3 d5 5.Nxe5 dxe4** Strongly threatening ...Qd5. **6.d4** -0.12/25

[White should try 6.Qe2± 0.41/22]

6...a6N 0.79/23

[6...exd3= -0.12/25 keeps the balance.

A) 7.Qf3 Be6 8.Nxc6 Nxc6 9.0-0 *(9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qxc6+ Bd7 11.Qf3 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qxd3 Rb8 14.Qc2 Qh4 15.f4 Rfe8 16.c4 Bc5+ 17.Kh1 Re1 18.Nd2 Qf2* 0-1 Wisker,J-Burn,A London Casual Games 1870*)* 9...Qd5 10.Qxd5 Bxd5 11.Re1+ Be6 12.Bxd3 0-0-0 13.Bc2 Bc5 14.Bf4 h6 15.Nd2 Rhe8 16.h4 Bf8 17.Nf3 a6 18.a4 Bd5 19.Rxe8 Rxe8 20.Rd1 Be6 21.Kh2 Bc5 0-1 Sokolov,A (2555)-Spassky,B (2590) Candidates Tournament Montpellier 1985 (12) 22.Kg3 Ne7 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.b4 Ba7 25.Nf3 f6 26.h5 c6 27.Nh4 Nd5 28.Nf5 Re2 29.Nd6+ Kd8 30.Nxb7+ Ke7 31.Bd6+ Ke6 32.Bc5 Rxc2 33.Bxa7 Rxc3+ 34.f3 Bc8

35.Re1+ Kd7 36.Nc5+ Kd8 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4_43147 (2684)-C 06/32 (2754) Ostend Masters Ostende 1905 (5);
B) 7.Nxc6 Nxc6]

7.Bxc6+ 0.16/22
[7.Ba4± 0.79/23]

7...Nxc6= 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Qe2 -0.21/21
[9.Nd2 0.22/20 is superior.]

9...f5 10.0-0 Bd6 11.f3 0-0 12.Nd2 -0.82/22
[12.fxe4= 0.19/21 fxe4 13.Nd2]

12...Qh4∓ 13.g3 Qh5 14.Qc4+ -2.25/22
[14.Nc4∓ -0.90/18 might work better.]

14...Kh8-+ 15.fxe4 -2.46/21
[⌓15.Qe2 -1.98/20]

15...fxe4? 0.05/23
[Better is 15...f4-+ -2.46/21 Threatens to win with ...Bh3. 16.Qd3 Bh3]

16.Rxf8+= Bxf8 17.Nxe4 Bf5 18.Ng5 Bg6 Against Nf7+. And now ...Bd6 would win. **19.Bf4**
[19.Qxc6? Qd1+ 20.Kg2 Re8-+]

19...Re8 0.81/21
[19...Rb8= 0.21/22 20.b3 *(20.Qxc6 Rxb2 21.Nf3 Bf7∓; 20.Bxc7? Qxg5 21.Bf4 Qe7-+; 20.Qxa6? h6-+)* 20...Bd6]

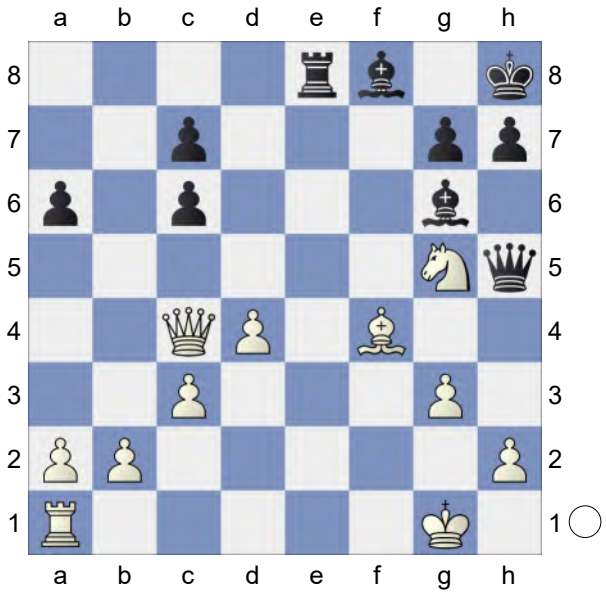
(Diagram)

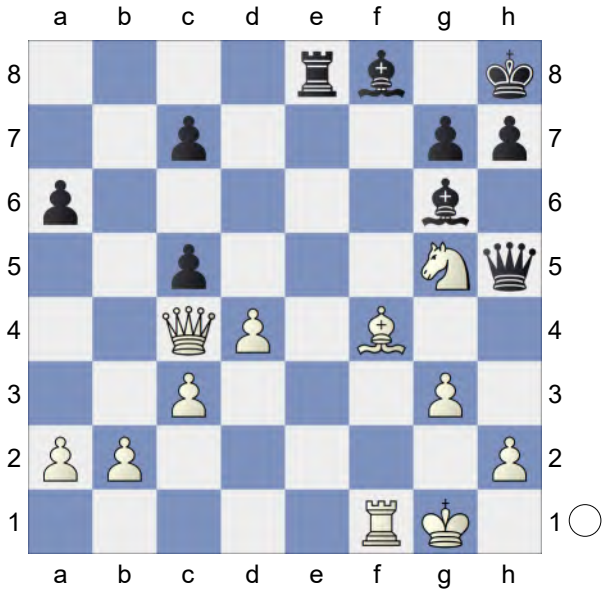
Wards off Ne6 **20.Rf1!±**
[20.Qxc6 h6 21.Ne6 Qe2∓]

20...c5

(Diagram)

21.h4 0.20/20 White is more active.
[21.dxc5 h6 22.Nf3 *(22.Ne6? Bf7-+)* 22...Bxc5+ *(22...Qxc5+ 23.Qxc5 Bxc5+ 24.Nd4±)* 23.Nd4



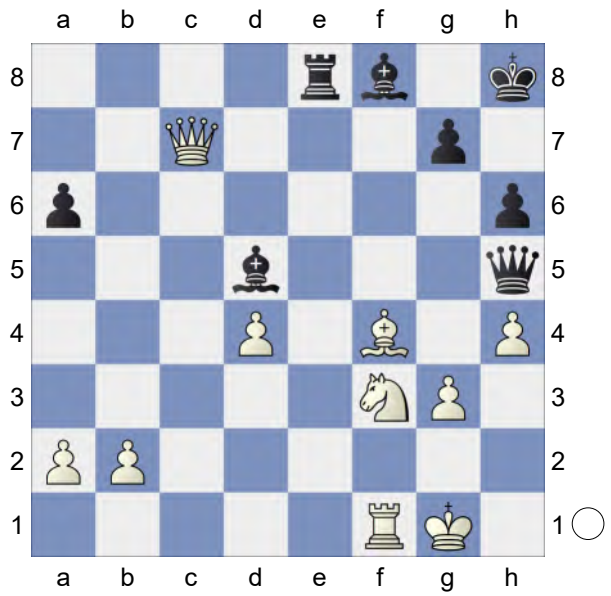


Re2=]
[21.Qxa6 cxd4 22.cxd4 h6 *(22...Re2? 23.h4+-)*]
[21.d5!± 1.19/19]

21...h6= 22.Nf3↑ Black is under pressure. **22...cxd4 23.cxd4 Bf7 24.Qxc7** 0.04/20
[24.Qxa6± 0.40/21 Qd5 25.Be5 *(25.Bxc7 Re3∓)*]

24...Bd5

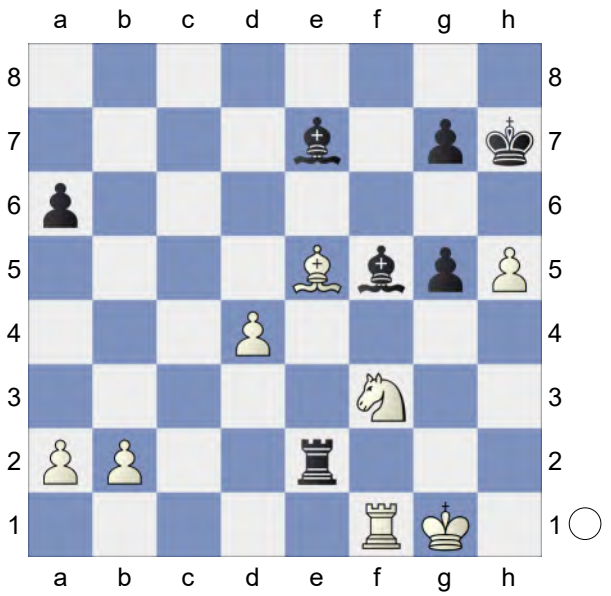
(Diagram)



25.Qd7! Hoping for Ne5. **25...Re2**
[25...Bxf3 26.Rxf3 Qxf3 27.Qxe8 Qd1+ 28.Kg2 Qc2+ 29.Kg1 Qd1+ 30.Kg2 Qc2+ 31.Kf3 Qd1+ 32.Kg2]
26.g4 Qg6 27.Bg3 Be4? 1.72/22
[27...Bxa2? 28.Ne5 Qc2 29.Rxf8++-]
[27...Bc6= -0.01/25 and Black stays safe. 28.Qf5 *(28.Ne5? Rg2+ 29.Kh1 Rf2+ 30.Qxc6 Rxf1+ 31.Kg2 Qxc6+ 32.Nxc6 Rc1-+)* 28...Qxf5 29.gxf5 Rxb2]
28.Qc8? 0.00/27
[Only move: 28.h5+- 1.72/22 Qc6 29.Qxc6 Bxc6 30.Rf2 Bxf3 31.Rxf3]
28...Kh7 The position is equal. **29.h5**
[29.Qxf8? Qxg4 30.Qf4 Qh3-+]
29...Qf6 30.g5 hxg5 31.Qg4 Be7 32.Be5 Some like it hot **32...Qf5**
[Don't blunder 32...Qh6? 33.Ne1 Re3 *(33...Rxb2?* perishes. *34.Qxe4+ Kg8 35.Qd5+ Kh7 36.Rf7+-)* 34.Kf2 Rxe1 35.Rxe1+-]
33.Qxf5+ Remove Defender **33...Bxf5**

(Diagram)

A strong pair of Bishops. **34.Nxg5+!**



Discovered Attack **34...Bxg5 35.Rxf5** Endgame. KRB-KRB **35...Be3+ 36.Kf1 Rxb2 37.Rf3 Bxd4 38.Bxd4 Rxa2** KRB-KR **39.Be3 Ra5** Prevents Rf5. **40.Rh3 g6 41.h6 Rh5 42.Rg3 a5 43.Ke2 a4 44.Kd3 a3 45.Kc3 Rb5** White must now prevent ...a2. **46.Rg2 Re5! 47.Bd2** aiming for Kb3. **47...Rb5 48.Bf4**
[48.Rg1!?]
48...a2 Deflection **49.Rxa2 g5 50.Kc4 Rf5 51.Be3 Kxh6 52.Kd4 Rb5 53.Ke4 Kg6 54.Kf3 Kh5 55.Bd4 Rb3+ 56.Ke4 Kg4 57.Ra1 Kh5 58.Be5 Kg6 59.Ra6+ Kh5 60.Ra5 Rb1 61.Bf6 Re1+ 62.Kd3 Rg1 63.Bd4 Rg4 64.Be3 Kg6 65.Ke2 Rb4 66.Rxg5+ Kf6 67.Ra5**
[Don't do 67.Bd2 Rb3±]
67...Ke6 68.Kd3 Rb1 69.Ke4 Re1 70.Ra6+ Kd7 71.Kd4 Ke7 72.Bg5+ Kf7 73.Kd5 Rd1+ 74.Ke5 Rb1 75.Rf6+ Kg7 76.Bh6+ Kh7 77.Bf4 Rb5+ 78.Ke6 Kg7 79.Bd6 Rb6 80.Rf1 Kg6 81.Rg1+ Kh6 82.Ke5 Ra6 83.Be7 Rg6 84.Rh1+ Kg7 85.Kf5 Bf8+! would now be deadly. **85...Rb6 86.Bd8 Rc6 87.Rd1 Rc5+ 88.Ke6**

Bf6+ is the strong threat. **88...Rc6+ 89.Kd7 Ra6 90.Be7 Kg6 91.Rf1 Rb6 92.Bd6 Ra6 93.Ke6 Rb6 94.Rg1+ Kh6 95.Kd5 Ra6 96.Be5 Rg6 97.Rh1+ Kg5 98.Ke4 Kg4! 99.Ra1 Kh3 100.Kf5 Rg8 101.Ra2 Rg5+ 102.Ke4 Rg6 103.Kf3 Rg3+! 104.Bxg3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

E64

□ **Shyaam Nikhil P** **2445**
■ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
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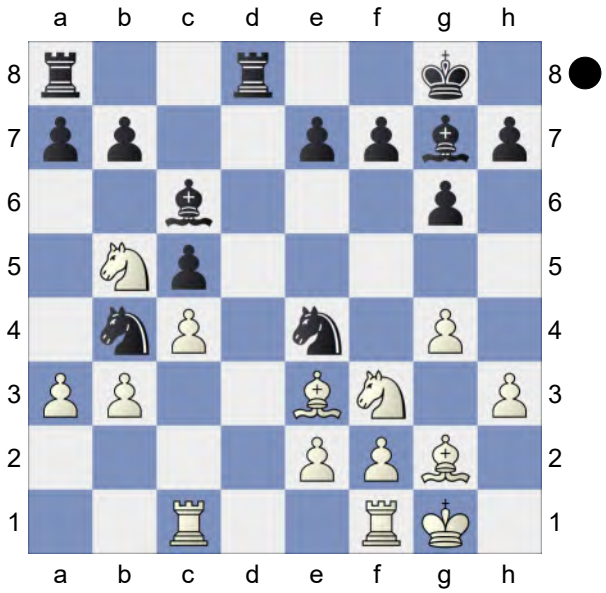
[Kitty Kat]

E64: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c5 7 d5 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.d4 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Be3 Na6**
[9...Nc6 10.Bxc5 Be6 11.Nd2 Nd7 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Rc1 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.b3 Bxc3+ 17.Rxc3 Bd5 18.f3 a5 19.Kf2 a4 20.bxa4 Rxa4 21.a3 Bc4 22.Bc5 Rd7 23.Rhc1 Bb5 24.Re3 1-0 6.h3 c5 7.0-0 ♕b6_53471 (2613)-Garus,E (2549) 89/113 Ukraine 2003 (1.2)]
10.h3 Ne8N
[10...Be6 11.Nd2 Rd7 12.Rc1 Rad8 13.a3 h5 14.b3 Ne8 15.Nde4 f5 16.Nd2 Be5 17.Na4 h4 18.Nf3 Bc7 19.0-0 hxg3 20.fxg3 Bxg3 21.Ng5 Bf7 22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.Bxc5 b6 24.Be3 Be5 25.Rc2 1-0 Embrey,K-Ducret,R Compuserve casual email 1994 Bd4 26.Bxd4 Rxd4 27.Nxf7 Kxf7 28.b4 Nd6 29.c5 Nc4 30.Rc3 b5 31.Bc6 Rb8 32.e3 Rh4 33.Bd5+ e6 34.Bxc4 bxc4 35.Kg2 Rbh8 36.c6 Rxh3 37.Rxc4 Rh2+ 38.Kg1 Rh1+ 39.Kf2 R1h2+ 40.Kg1 ½-½ Emans,J (2059)-De Winter,A (2378) Amsterdam Science Park op-A 2023 (3)]
11.Rc1 Nd6 12.b3 Bd7 13.0-0 Bc6 14.g4 Ne4 15.Nb5 Nb4 16.a3



Nd5 Deflection **17.cxd5 Bxb5 18.Ne5** Discovered Attack **18...Nd6** 0.29/22
[18...Bxe5 19.Bxe4 b6 *(19...Bxe2 20.Rfe1=)* 20.d6 Bxd6 21.Bxa8 Rxa8 22.Rc2]
[⌓18...f5 -0.22/21 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Rxc5 Bxe2]
19.f4= b6 0.73/19
[19...f6= 0.25/22 20.Nd3 b6]
20.Rc2 f6 21.Nc6 Re8 1.09/19
[Better is 21...Rd7 0.71/20]
22.f5 gxf5 23.gxf5 Ba6 24.b4 c4 25.Bc1 White has more active pieces.
25...Bc8 2.05/20
[25...Bb5± 1.05/20]
26.e4+- Bd7 27.a4 a6 28.Bf4 Bxc6 2.28/19
[⌓28...Kh8 1.61/20 29.Ra1 Bf8]
29.dxc6 b5 30.Rd1 Rac8 31.axb5 axb5 32.Ra2 Hoping for Ra7.

[32.Bxd6 exd6 33.Ra1 *(33.Rxd6 Bf8=)* 33...Bh6= *(33...Rxc6 34.e5=)*]

32...Nf7 2.64/20

[32...Rc7± 1.39/19 keeps fighting.]

33.Ra6? 0.59/19

[33.c7+- 2.64/20]

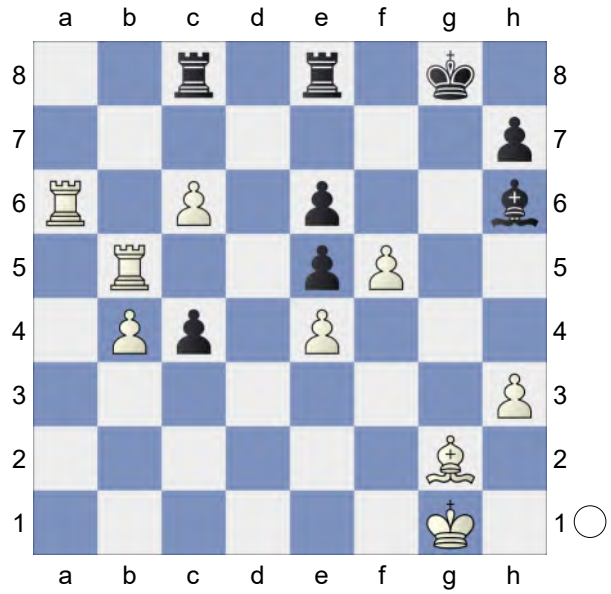
33...Ne5? 3.03/21 Dodges Rd7

[Black should play 33...e5!± 0.59/19 34.Be3 Red8 35.Rxd8+ Nxd8]

34.Bxe5 fxe5 35.Rd5 1.66/20

[⌓35.Rd7 2.99/22]

35...e6 36.Rxb5 Rb7 would now be deadly. **36...Bh6**



37.Kf2! Strongly threatening Bf1.

[37.Rxe5 c3 38.Ra2 *(38.fxe6? c2-+; 38.Rxe6? Rxe6 39.fxe6 c2-+)* 38...Rxc6=]

37...Red8 38.Ra2 0.01/22

[Worse is 38.fxe6 Rd2+ 39.Kg3 Bf4+ 40.Kf3 Rd3+ 41.Kf2 *(41.Ke2 Rd2+ 42.Kf3 Rd3+ 43.Ke2 Rd2+ 44.Kf3=)* 41...Rd2+ 42.Kf3 Rd3+ 43.Kf2 *(43.Ke2 Rd2+ 44.Kf3=)* 43...Rd2+ 44.Kf3=]

[White should try 38.Bf1+- 2.28/20 c3 39.Rc5 *(39.fxe6 Rd2+ 40.Kg3 c2=)* 39...exf5 40.exf5 *(40.Rxc3 Rd2+ 41.Kg3 fxe4+-)* 40...Rd2+ 41.Be2]

38...Rxc6= The position is equal. **39.Rc5 Rxc5 40.bxc5 Rc8 41.fxe6 Bf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.30

½-½

B51

□ **Kunal,M.. 2292**

■ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc 2445**

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[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]

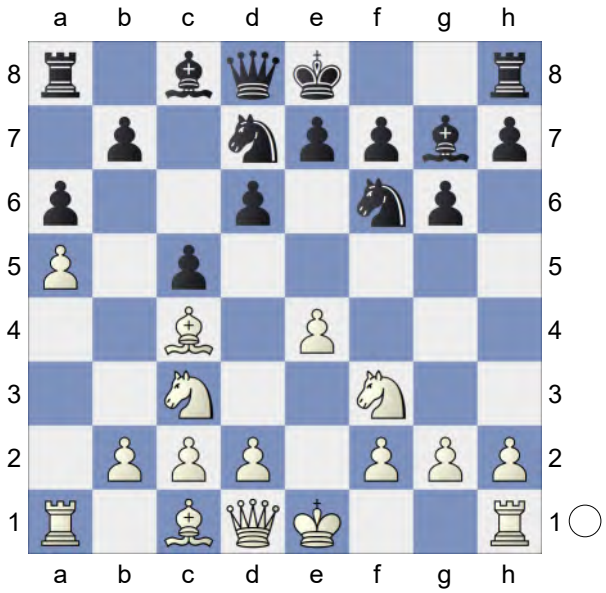
3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+

26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.a4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.a5 a6 7.Bc4 Bg7? 2.78/23

[7...Qc7= 0.26/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]



8.Bxf7+!+- Decoy. White has a decisive advantage. **8...Kxf7 9.Ng5+ Kg8** ...Ne5 is the strong threat. **10.Ne6 Qe8** And now ...Rb8 would win. **11.Nc7! Qf7 12.Nxa8 b5 13.axb6 Bb7**

(Diagram)

14.Qe2! Nh5

[14...h6 15.Rxa6]

15.Nc7

[15.Rxa6 Nf4 16.Qf1 Bxa6 17.Qxa6 Nxg2+ 18.Ke2 Bxc3 19.dxc3 Ne5=]

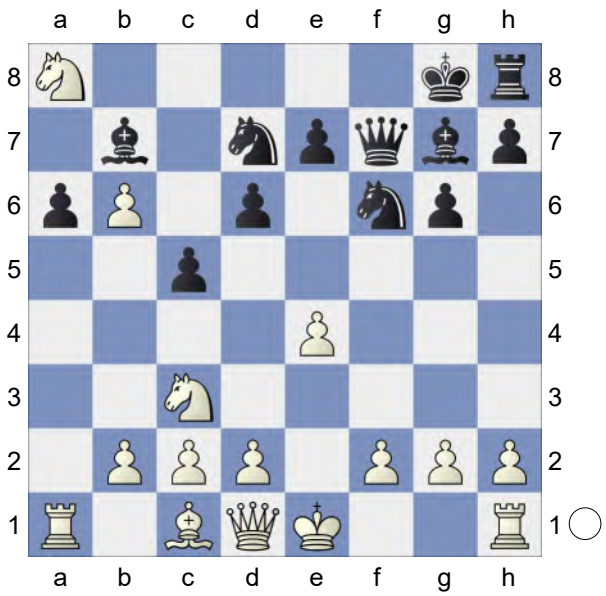
15...Nf4 16.Qf1 Nxb6 17.d3

[17.Nxa6 Bxc3 18.dxc3 Bxe4 19.Bxf4 Qxf4]

17...e5 18.g3

[18.Nxa6 Qd7 19.b4 Ne6]

18...Qxc7 19.gxf4 d5 20.Qh3 Qf7



21.f5 d4 22.Na4 Nxa4 23.Rxa4 gxf5 24.Bh6 Qg6 Repels Rg1 **25.Bxg7**

[25.exf5? Qxh6 26.Qxh6 Bxh6 27.Rg1+ Kf7-+]

25...Kxg7 26.Kf1

[26.Qxf5? Qxf5 27.Rg1+ Qg6 28.Rxg6+ Kxg6-+ *(28...hxg6? 29.Rc4-+)*]

[26.exf5 Qg5 27.f6+ Kg6=]

26...Kf7 27.Rg1

[27.Qxf5+? Qxf5 28.exf5 Bxh1-+]

[27.exf5? Qg5 28.Ke2 Bxh1-+]

27...Qf6 28.Qh5+

[28.Qxf5 Qxf5 29.exf5 Ra8]

[28.exf5 Ke7 29.Ra5 Kd6+-]

28...Ke6 29.Qxf5+ Qxf5 30.exf5+ Endgame. KRR-KRB **30...Kf6**

(Diagram)

31.f3! Rc8

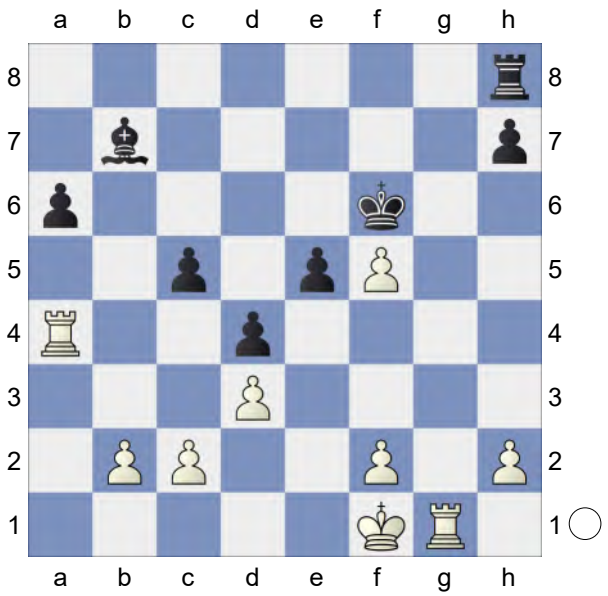
[31...Bxf3 32.Rxa6+]

32.Kf2 Rc7 33.b3 Kxf5 34.c4 dxc3 35.Rc4 Ke6 36.Ke3

[36.Rxc3 Kd6 37.Rg3 Rf7+-]

36...Rf7 37.Rf1

[37.Rxc3 Rxf3+ 38.Kd2 Rf2+ 39.Ke1 Rxh2±]



37...Kd6 38.Rxc3 Bd5 39.f4 fxe5+ would now be deadly. **39...exf4+ 40.Rxf4 Re7+ 41.Kd2 Rg7 42.Ra4 Rg2+ 43.Ke3 Rxh2 44.Ra5 Rh3+ 45.Kd2 Rh2+ 46.Kc1 Rh1+ 47.Kb2 Rh2+ 48.Ka3 Rd2 49.Rxa6+**

[49.Rcxc5 Rxd3 50.Rxd5+ *(50.Rxa6+? Kxc5 51.Kb2 Rxb3+ 52.Kc2 Rh3-+)* 50...Rxd5 51.Rxa6+ Ke5±]

49...Ke5 50.Ra4 Kd6 51.Rh4 Ke5? 6.87/17

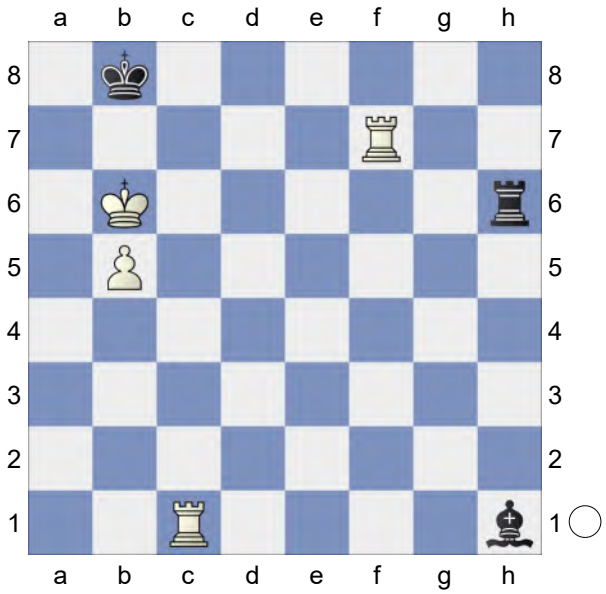
[51...Bg8 3.96/18 52.Rh5 Be6 53.Rxh7 *(53.Rcxc5 Bf7=; 53.Rhxc5 Rxd3 54.Rc6+ Kd7+-)* 53...Rf2]

52.Rxc5 Rxd3 53.Rb5

[53.Rxh7 Rxb3+ 54.Ka4 Rd3=]

53...Kd6 54.Rxh7 Kc6 55.Rb8 Rg3 56.Ka4 Rg2 57.Ka3 Rg3 58.Rh6+ Kc7 59.Rb5 Bf7 60.Rf6 Bg8 61.Rff5 Kd6 62.Rb6+ Kc7 63.Rb4 Be6 64.Rc5+ Kd6 65.Rc1 Bd5 66.Rb6+ Kd7 67.Rd1 Kc7 68.Rb4 Kc6 69.Rc1+ Kd6 70.Rb6+ Kd7 71.Ka4 Rg2 72.b4 Ra2+ 73.Kb5 Bf3 Prevents Rd1+ **74.Kc5 Rh2 75.Rd6+ Kc7 76.Rf6 Bh1 77.Rf7+ Kb8 78.b5** Intending Kb6 and mate. **78...Rh5+**

79.Kb6 Rh6+



80.Rc6! Rh8

[80...Bxc6 81.bxc6]

81.Rcf6 Rc8 82.Rf8 Bg2 83.Rxc8+ 10.35/5

[⌓83.R6f7 #19/21 Bd5 84.Rf6 *(84.Rxc8+ Kxc8 85.Rg7 Be4 86.Ka7 Bh1 87.b6 Bf3 88.b7+ Bxb7 89.Rxb7 Kd8)* 84...Bg2 85.Rxc8+ Kxc8 86.Ka7 Bh1 87.Rf7 Kd8 88.b6]

83...Kxc8 84.Ka7 15.94/24 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.37

[⌓84.Rf7 #19/24 Bd5 85.Rf6 Bg2 86.Ka7 Be4 87.Rf7 Bg6 88.Rg7 *(88.b6 Bxf7 89.b7+ Kd7 90.Kb6 Bg6 91.b8Q Ke6 92.Kc5 Kf6)* 88...Bf5 89.b6]

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D38
□ **Mamedov,Edgar** 2441
■ **Nayak,Rajesh** 2292
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.56) 03.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

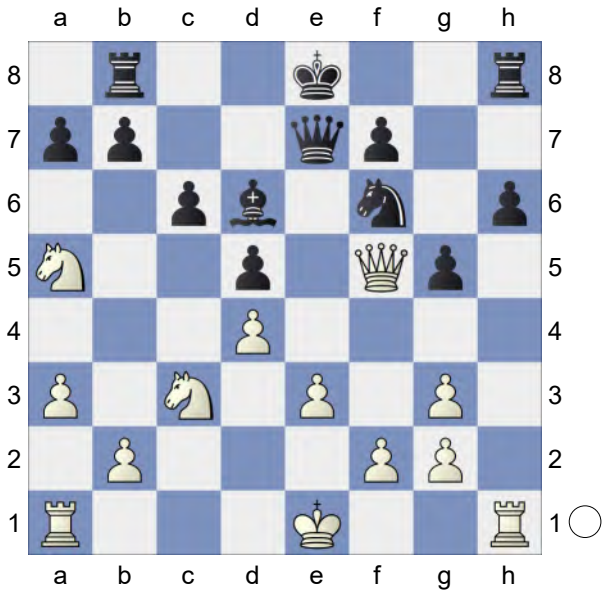
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Inf 100/(316) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.e3 Bf5**
[11...Kf8 12.Bd3 Kg7 13.g4 Nd7 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.0-0 Nb6 16.Bf5 Bxf5 17.gxf5 Nc4 18.Qc2 h5 19.Rfe1 ½-½ Georgiev,V (2538)-Mitkov,N (2552) 100/(316) Chicago 2006]
12.Nb3N
[12.Nf3 Nd7 13.Bd3 Qf6 Queen'S Gambit-8. ♗g3 ♘e4 9. ♘d2 ♘g3 Survey 2022]
[12.Be2 Nd7 13.Bg4 Bxg4 14.Qxg4 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Rc1 Qxa2 17.c4 0-0-0 18.Qf5 Kb8 19.c5 Qa6 20.Qxf7 Rhf8 21.Qh5 Nf6 22.Qe2 Qxe2+ 23.Kxe2 h5 Ozenir,E (2543)-Schmitt,C (2396) (m/2) 87/149 New York 2003]
12...Nd7 The position is equal. **13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Qe7 15.a3 Bd6 16.Na5** -0.34/20
[16.0-0-0= 0.05/20]
16...Nf6? 1.34/21
[16...0-0-0!∓ -0.34/20 stays ahead.]
17.Qf5± Rb8

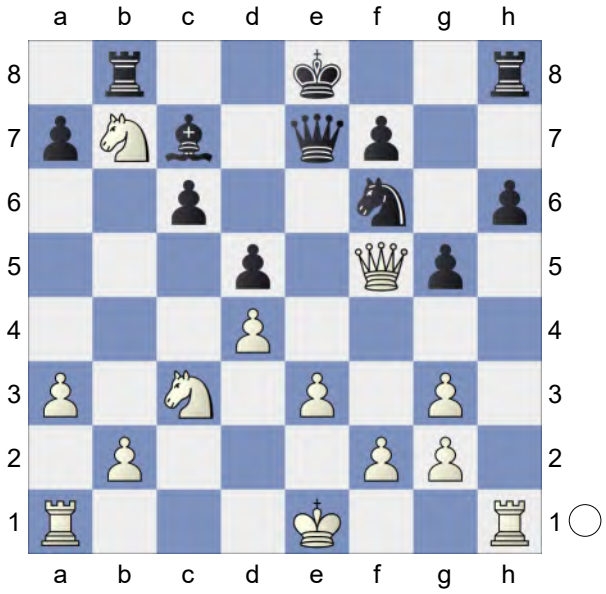
(Diagram)

18.Nxb7! Deflection **18...Bc7**

(Diagram)

Prevents b4 **19.Nc5↑** Na6 is the strong

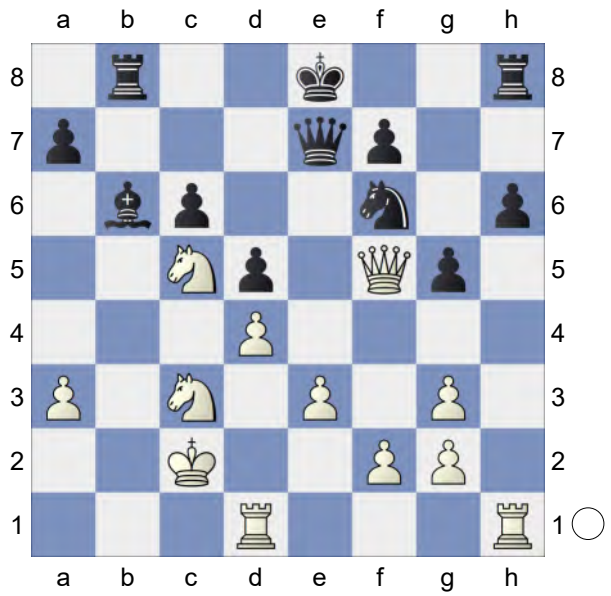




threat. White is really pushing. **19...Rxb2 20.0-0-0** 0.70/19
[20.N3a4± 1.56/20 Ba5+ 21.Kf1]
20...Rb8± 21.Kc2 0.40/19
[21.Qxg5!± 1.00/20 Bd6 22.Rxh6 Rxh6 23.Qxh6 Bxc5 24.dxc5]
21...Bb6? 2.59/18
[21...Kf8!± 0.40/19]

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for Black.



22.e4!+- Bxc5 23.exd5 Kf8
[23...Bxa3? 24.Rde1 Nxd5 *(24...Rb2+? 25.Kd3+-)* 25.Nxd5 *(25.Rxe7+ Nxe7 26.Qa5 Bb4+-)* 25...cxd5 26.Rxe7+ Bxe7 27.Re1+- *(27.Qxd5 Rd8+-)*]
24.Rhe1 Deflection
[Not 24.dxc5 Nxd5 25.Rhe1 *(25.Nxd5 Qxc5+* Pin, Double Attack *26.Kd2 Rb2+ 27.Ke1 cxd5∓)* 25...Qc7 *(25...Qxc5? 26.Rxd5* Decoy *cxd5 27.Qe5+-)* 26.Nxd5 cxd5 27.Rxd5 Qb7+-]
24...Qd8 25.dxc5 Active counter play!
25...cxd5 26.Qe5 Rg8 27.Nxd5 Nxd5 5.43/20
[⌓27...Ng4 3.49/20 28.Qd4 Qa5]
28.Rxd5 White is clearly winning.
28...Qc8 Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Rh1 Rg6** Prevents Qd6+
30.Rb1 Rgb6 8.15/18
[⌓30...Rxb1 4.71/21 31.Qh8+ Skewer *(31.Kxb1 Rf6+-)* 31...Rg8 32.Qxh6+ Ke8]
31.Rxb6 axb6 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Re5+ Kd7 34.Qf6 Qf8 Dodges Qd6+ **35.c6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.51
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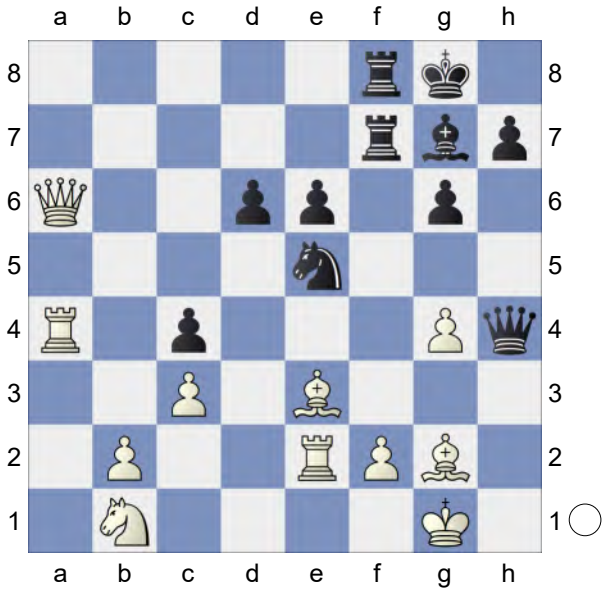
B51
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.57) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+N**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 *(5...Nf6 6.Bc4 g6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Qxd8* 3. Sicilian Defense,M-Modern Variation,T*)* 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 e6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Rd1 Bd7 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bg5 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bd5 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.a4 b4 1-0 Espina,C (1958)-4. ♘f3 ♗g7 5.h3 00 6.♗e3 (1941) Stockholm 2006 (5)]
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d5 Nb8 10.h3 Bd7 11.Bf4 a5 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Na6 14.Re1 Nc5 15.Bf3 Rc8 16.Qe2 e6 17.Rad1 exd5 1-0 10.♔b1 b5 11. c5_7382 (2790)-Manickammal,D EU/M/147 corr ICCF 1964]
[3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e5 7.c3 Nge7 8.Nh4 0-0 9.f4 exf4 10.gxf4 f5 11.Nd2 Kh8 12.Ndf3 fxe4 13.dxe4 d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.Ng5 Nb6 17.Be3 Na4 Chapter-Games Chapter 1962 Game 62]
3...Nc6 4.0-0 Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.d4 Bxf3 9.gxf3 g6 10.d5 Nb8 White is better. **11.f4 Bg7** 1.28/21
[11...Bh6!± 0.66/24]
12.Qb3 0.67/23

[12.Nd2± 1.28/21]
12...b5 1.23/21
[12...Nbd7± 0.67/23]
13.a4± bxa4 14.Qb7
[14.Qxa4+ Nbd7±]
14...Nbd7 15.e5!
[15.Rxa4 0-0±]
15...dxe5 16.fxe5 Ng4 17.e6
[17.Rxa4 Rb8 *(17...Ndxe5 18.d6±)* 18.Qxa6 Ngxe5± *(18...Ndxe5 19.Nd2±)*]
17...Nde5 18.d6↑ Black must now prevent dxe7. White is on the roll.
[18.Rxa4 Rb8 19.Qxa6 *(19.exf7+? Kf8-+)* 19...Nf3+ *(19...Qxd5 20.exf7+ Qxf7 21.Rxg4+-* Clearance *)* 20.Kh1 Qxd5 *(20...Nxe1 21.Qc6+ Kf8 22.Rxg4=; 20...Nxf2+ 21.Kg2=)* 21.exf7+ Kf8= *(21...Kxf7? 22.Bc4+-* Pin *)*]
18...exd6 2.40/18
[18...fxe6± 1.25/19 19.Be2 *(19.Rxa4 Rb8±)* 19...exd6 20.Bxg4 *(20.Qxg7? Qh4-+* Double Attack *)* 20...0-0]
19.Bg2!+-
[19.Bxa6 Rxa6 *(19...fxe6? 20.Qxg7 Qh4 21.Bb5+ Kd8 22.Bg5+ Qxg5 23.Qxh8++-)* 20.exf7+ Kf8 21.Qxa6 Nf3+ *(21...Nxf7? 22.Rxa4 h5 23.Qb7+-)* 22.Kf1 Ngxh2+ *(22...Nfxh2+ 23.Kg2+-)* 23.Ke2 Nxe1 *(23...Kxf7 24.Qb7+ Qe7+ 25.Qxe7+ Kxe7 26.Rh1±)* 24.Kxe1 Qd7= *(24...Kxf7 25.Qc4+ d5 26.Qf4+ Qf6 27.Qxh2±)*]
[19.exf7+ Kf8±]
[19.Rxa4?! Rb8 *(19...fxe6? 20.Qxg7 Nf3+ 21.Kh1+-)* 20.Qg2 *(20.Qxa6 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Nxf2+ 22.Kg2 Nxe1+∓; 20.exf7+ Kf8±)* 20...c4]
19...Rc8 Inhibits Bc6+. **20.h3**
[20.Rxa4 Rc7 21.exf7+ *(21.Qxa6 0-0±)* 21...Rxf7 22.Qc6+ Kf8=]
[20.exf7+ Kf8]
20...Rc7 21.Qxa6 0-0 22.hxg4 fxe6 23.Rxa4 Rcf7 aiming for ...Qh4! **24.Be3 Qh4** And now ...Rxf2 would win. **25.Re2**
[25.Qxd6? Rxf2-+]
[25.g5 c4 26.Re2 *(26.Qxd6? Rxf2 27.Nd2 Rxg2+* Discovered Attack *28.Kxg2 Qxe1-+)* 26...Qg4-+]
25...c4

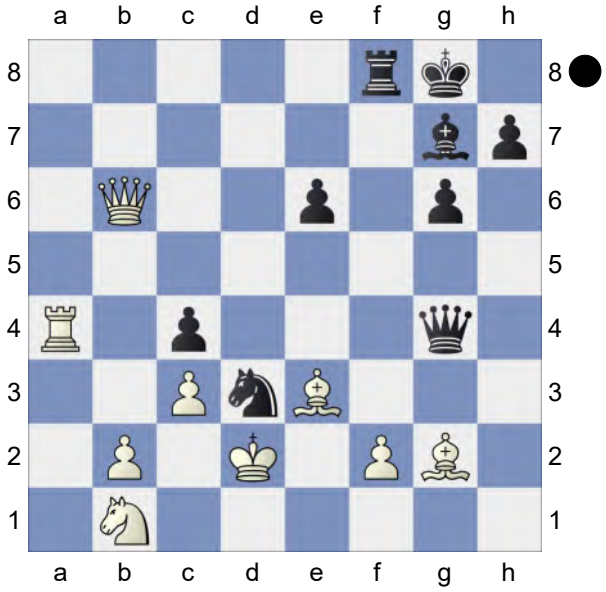


26.Qxd6?? -2.79/20
[26.Rxc4!+- 1.88/23 was the only winning move. Strongly threatening Ra4. Nxc4 27.Qxc4]
26...Qxg4-+ White is now going downhill.
[26...Rd8? 27.Qxd8+ *(27.Qxe6 Rd1+)* 27...Qxd8 28.Ra8+-]
27.Kf1 Threatens to win with Ra7.
27...Rd7 28.Qb6 -#15/18
[28.Qxd7-+ -2.58/18 Nxd7 29.Nd2]
28...Rd1+ 29.Re1 Rxe1+ -10.16/5
[⌓29...Nd3 -#14/21 30.Bd2 Rxe1+ Deflection *(30...Nxe1? 31.Bxe1 Rxb1 32.Qe3-+)* 31.Bxe1 Nf4 *(31...Nxe1 32.Kxe1 Qxg2 33.Nd2∓)* 32.Qc6 Qe2+ Deflection, Double Attack 33.Kg1 Qxe1+ 34.Kh2 Nxg2 *(34...Qxb1? 35.Qxc4 Qf5 36.b3-+)*

35.Ra5 Nf4 *(35...Rxf2? 36.Ra8+ Bf8 37.Qxg2-+)* 36.Qf3 Ne2 *(36...Qxb1? 37.Ra8-+)* 37.Ra8 Be5+ *(37...Qxb1? 38.Rxf8+ Bxf8 39.Qxe2-+)* 38.Kh3 Qf1+ *(38...Ng1+ 39.Kg2 Nxf3 40.Rxf8+* Remove Defender *Kxf8 41.Kxf3 h5 42.Na3 Qd1+ 43.Kg2 h4 44.f3 Qe2+ 45.Kg1 h3 46.Kh1 Qh2#)* 39.Kg4 Qg1+ 40.Qg3 Nxg3 *(40...h5+ 41.Kg5 Nxg3 42.Rxf8+ Kxf8 43.Kh6 Bg7+ 44.Kh7 Ne4 45.f4 Nf6#)* 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8 42.Nd2 h5+ *(42...Qxf2 43.Kh3 Nf1* Deflection *44.Nxf1 Qf3+ 45.Kh4 Qh5#; 42...Nh1+? 43.Kf3 Qxf2+ 44.Kg4 Qg3#)* 43.Kh4 Nf5+ 44.Kh3 Qh2#]

30.Kxe1 Black is clearly winning.

30...Nd3+ 31.Kd2



Rxf2+!! Deflection **32.Bxf2 Bh6+ 33.Be3 Qxg2+ 34.Kd1**

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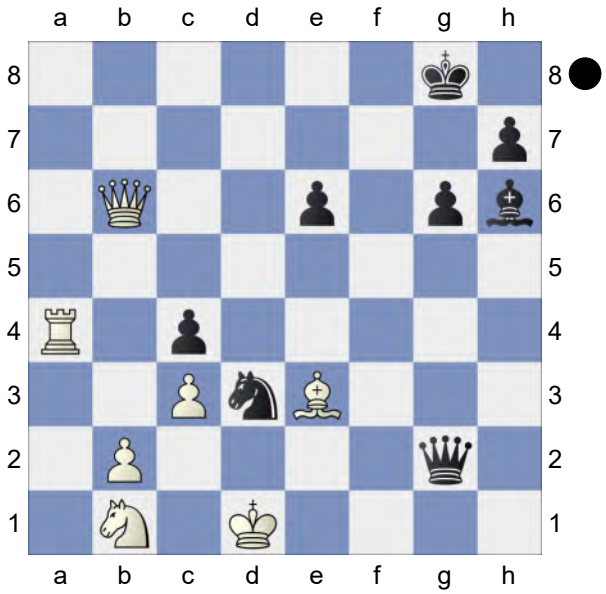
Qf1+! Skewer

[34...Qxb2 35.Qxe6+ Kg7 36.Ra7+ *(36.Qe7+ Kh8 37.Ra8+ Qb8*



38.Rxb8+ Bf8 39.Rxf8#; 36.Qe7+ Kh8 37.Ra8+ Qb8 38.Rxb8+ Bf8 39.Rxf8#)]

[34...Nxb2+ 35.Kc1 Nd3+ *(35...Nxa4 36.Qxe6+ Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Bf8 39.Qxa4±; 35...Bxe3+ 36.Qxe3 Nd3+ 37.Kd1=)* 36.Kd1 Nb2+ 37.Kc1 Bxe3+ *(37...Nxa4 38.Qxe6+ Kg7 39.Qe7+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kg7 41.Bxh6+ Kxh6 42.Qxa4=)* 38.Qxe3 Nd3+ *(38...Nxa4 39.Qxe6+ Kg7 40.Qd7+ Kf6 41.Qxa4=)* 39.Kd1 Nb2+ 40.Kc1 *(40.Ke1 Qh1+* Skewer *41.Ke2 Qh5+ 42.Ke1 Qh1+ 43.Ke2 Nxa4=)* 40...Nd3+ *(40...Nxa4 41.Qxe6+ Kg7 42.Qd7+ Kf6 43.Qxa4=)* 41.Kd1 Nb2+ 42.Kc1= *(42.Ke1 Qh1+* Skewer *43.Ke2 Nxa4∓)*]

35.Kd2 Qf2+ Skewer

[Not 35...Qxb1 36.Qxe6+ *(36.Bxh6 Qc1+ 37.Ke2 Qe1+ 38.Kf3 Qf1+ 39.Kg3 Qe1+ 40.Kh3 Qh1+ 41.Kg3 Qe1+ 42.Kh3 Qh1+ 43.Kg3 Qe1+=)* 36...Kh8 37.Qf6+ *(37.Bxh6? Qc1+ 38.Ke2 Qe1+* Skewer *39.Kf3 Qxe6-+)* 37...Kg8 38.Ra8+]

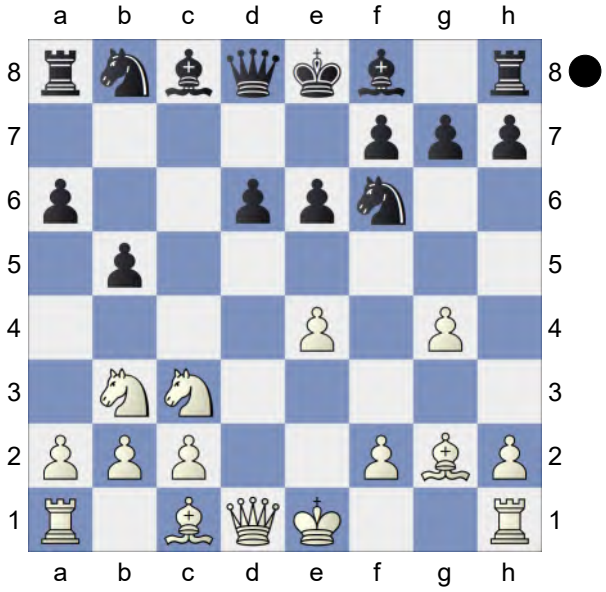
36.Kd1 Nxb2+

[36...Qxe3? perishes. 37.Qxe3 Bxe3 38.Ke2+- *(38.Rxc4? is the wrong capture. Nxb2+ 39.Ke2 Nxc4-+)*]
37.Qxb2 Qxb2 38.Ra8+ Kf7 39.Ra7+ Kf6 40.Bxh6 Qxb1+ 41.Ke2 Qe4+ 42.Kf2 Qh4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

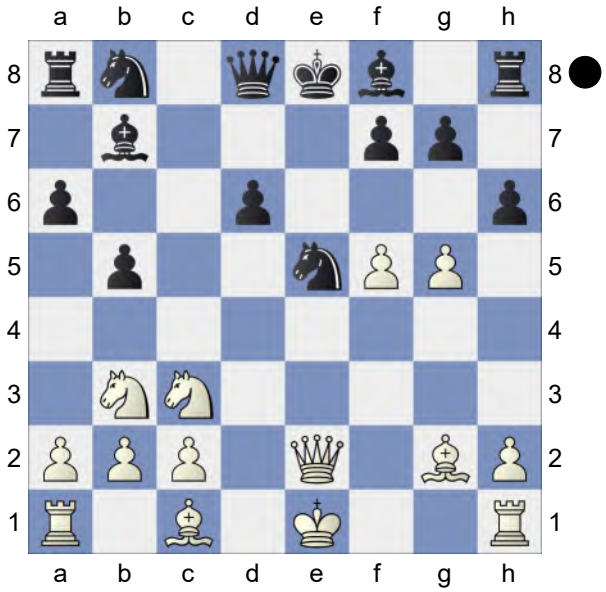
B90

□ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
■ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.58) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nb3 e6 7.g4 b5 8.Bg2**



Threatens to win with e5! **8...Bb7** Threatening ...b4. The position is equal. **9.g5 Nfd7 10.f4** -0.36/18
[10.0-0= 0.00/20 should be considered.]
[10.h4 b4 11.Ne2 Nc6 12.f4 h6 13.Be3 hxg5 14.hxg5 Rxh1+ 15.Bxh1 a5 16.Ned4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Qg4 g6 Svidler,P (2723)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 147/(59) 2020]
10...h6N
[10...Be7 11.h4 Nc6 12.Be3 Nb6 13.Qe2 Nc4 14.0-0-0 Qc7 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.Bc1 Nb6 17.Qd3 0-0 18.Qh3 Rfe8 19.h5 Na4 20.a3 Na5 21.Nxa5 Qxa5 22.Nxa4 bxa4 23.g6 Qc7 24.c3 Bf8 25.Rhf1 1-0 Salmina, V (2584)-6. ♘d5 c6 7.ef5 (2500) LIPEAP jub15 corr8891 Argentina 1988 (3)]
11.f5 fxe6 would now be deadly.
11...exf5 1.54/18
[11...b4!∓ -0.39/22]
12.Qe2± White now steadily converts the win. **12...Ne5 13.exf5**

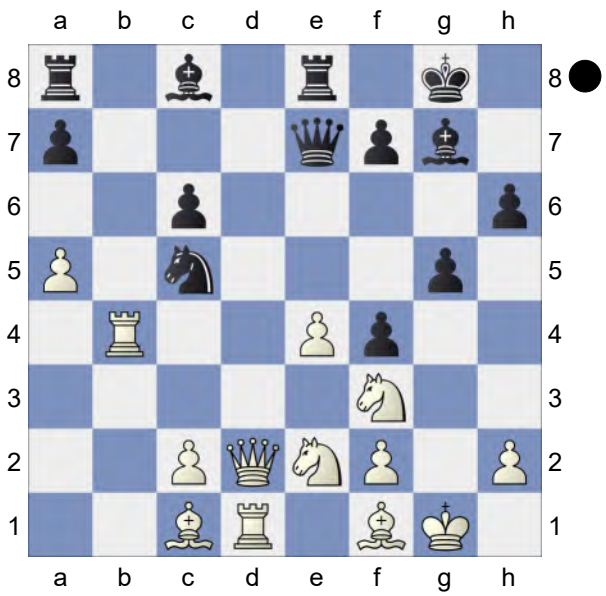


Discovered Attack **13...Bxg2 14.Qxg2 Nbd7** 2.70/22
[14...Nbc6± 1.37/19]
15.Bf4 hxg5 16.Bxg5 f6 17.Bf4 Rh4 18.Nd5
[18.Bg3 Rc4 19.0-0-0 Rac8 20.Bxe5 Nxe5±]
18...Rc8 19.0-0-0 Kf7 20.Kb1 Kg8 21.Nd4 Qe8 22.Bg3 Rh7 23.Nf4 Qf7 24.Nde6 Nc4 25.Bf2 Repels Ne3

25...d5 26.Qxd5
[26.Nxd5 Bd6 27.Bd4 Kh8±]
26...Bd6 27.Ng6 Nde5 28.Bc5 White is clearly winning. **28...Bxc5 29.Qxc5**
[Worse is 29.Nxc5 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Re8±]
29...Re8 30.Nd8 Nd7 31.Qc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.47
1-0

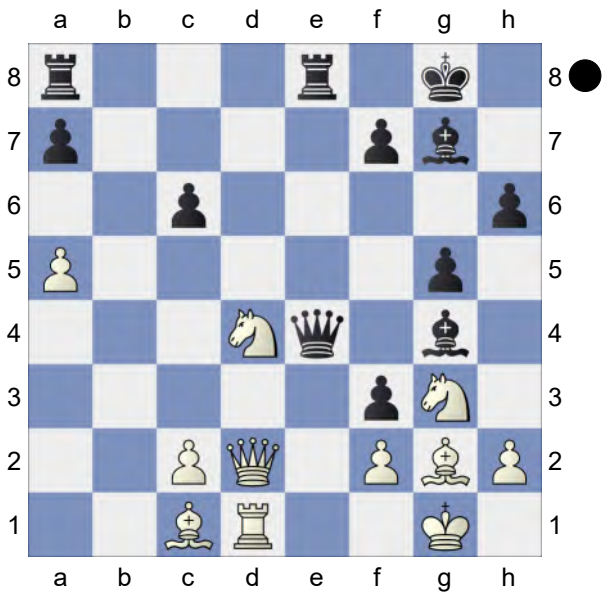
B08
☐ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
■ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.59) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System Inf 59/(77) **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bd3**
[5.Be2 c5 6.d5 0-0 7.0-0 e6 8.Nd2 exd5 9.exd5 Nbd7 10.Nc4 Nb6 11.Ne3 Ne8 12.a4 f5 13.f4 Nd7 14.a5 Ndf6 15.Bf3 Nc7 16.Nc4 Rb8 17.Be3 b5 18.axb6 axb6 19.Re1 Nfe8 Rozentalis,E (2600)-Hodgson,J (2625) 59/(77) Rakvere 1993]
5...0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7N
[6...Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nfd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.d5 Nde5 11.Qd1 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Nd4 4.Nf3-Accelerated Classical 5.h3/Be Play the Power Pirc 2023]
7.Qe2 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 White is slightly better. **9.Bc4 c6 10.a4 h6 11.b4** 0.40/21
[11.a5± 0.87/21]
11...Nh5 12.Rd1 Qf6 13.a5 Nf4 14.Qe3 b5 15.Bf1 Re8 16.g3
[16.Ne2 simplifies Nf8 17.Rb1 Bg4 18.Nxf4 exf4 19.Qxf4 Qxf4 20.Bxf4 Rxe4 21.Be3]
16...g5 0.54/20
[16...Ne6= 0.16/20 deserves consideration.]
17.gxf4 -0.30/20
[White should try 17.Bb2± 0.54/20]
17...exf4= 18.Qd4 Hoping for Qxf6.
18...Qe7 19.Qd2 Qxb4 20.Ra3 Qe7 0.59/19
[20...Qf8!= -0.01/21 21.Na2 Rxe4]
21.Ne2 -0.17/18
[21.Na2!± 0.59/19]
21...b4!↑ Black has some pressure.
22.Rb3 Nc5
[22...c5!?]
23.Rxb4 -2.04/18
[23.Qxb4!= 0.04/19 and White has nothing to worry. Nxb3 24.Qxb3]

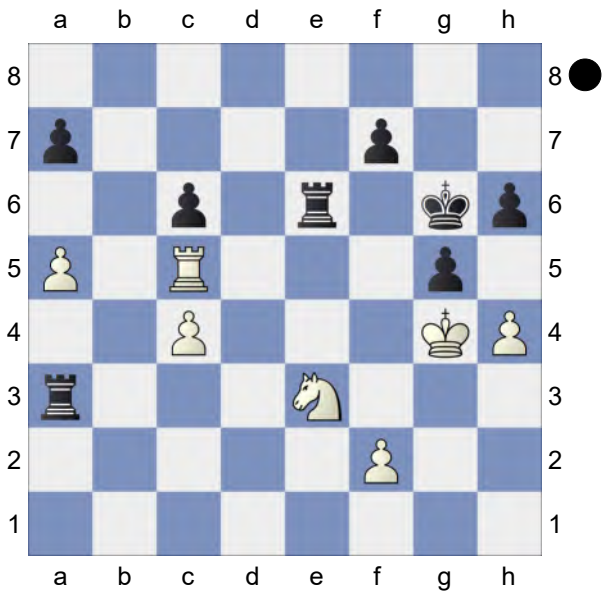


This costs White the game. **23...Bg4!-+**
24.Bg2 Nxe4 25.Rxe4
[Don't blunder 25.Qe1? Nc3 26.Bd2 Nxd1 *(26...Nxe2+? 27.Kh1-+; 26...Qxe2? 27.Bxc3 Bxf3 28.Rc1-+)* 27.Nxf4 Qxb4 28.Bxb4 Rxe1+-+]
25...Qxe4 26.Nfd4 f3 27.Ng3

(Diagram)

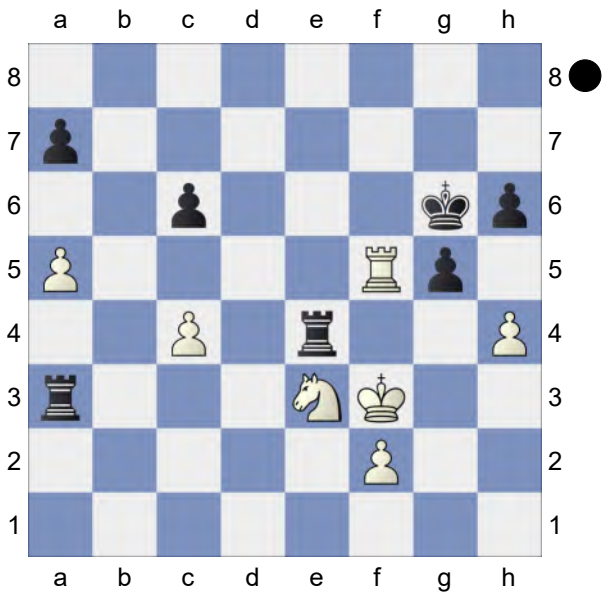


Qxd4 28.Qxd4 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 fxg2 30.Rxg4 Re1+ 31.Kxg2 Rxc1 Endgame. KRR-KRN **32.Rc4 Ra1 33.Rc5 Rb8 34.c4 Re8 35.Kf3 Re6** Black is clearly winning.
[Not 35...Ra3+ 36.Kg4-+]
36.Nf5 Ra3+ 37.Ne3 Kg7 38.Kg4 Kg6 ...Rexe3 is the strong threat. **39.h4**



f5+! 40.Rxf5
[40.Kf3 f4]
40...Re4+ 41.Kf3

(Diagram)

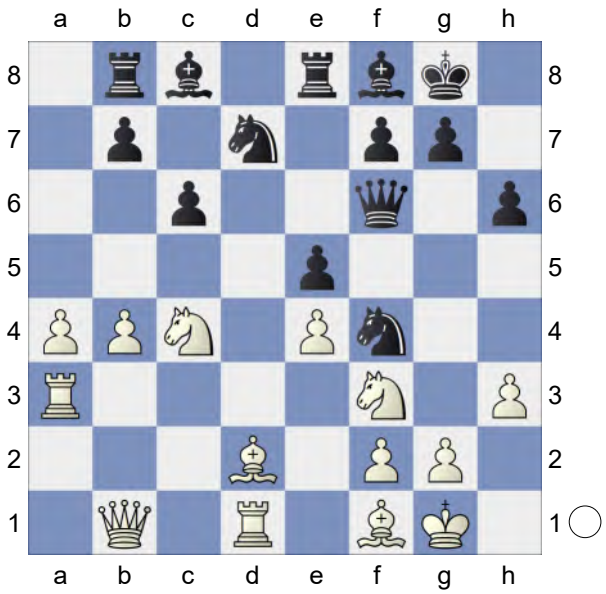


Raxe3+! Remove Defender **42.fxe3 Kxf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

C65
☐ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
■ **Garv,Rai** **2277**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.60) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d5 6.Nbd2 dxe4 7.dxe4 0-0 8.0-0** The position is equal. **8...a5 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.a4 Nb8 11.h3 c6N** 0.59/25
[11...Rd8= 0.17/25 might be stronger. 12.Be2 Nbd7 13.Re1 Nf8 14.Nb3 Bb6 15.Nfd2 Be6 16.Nc4 Bxc4 17.Bxc4 Ne6 18.g3 h5 19.Kg2 h4 20.Qe2 g6 21.Nd2 Nc5 22.Nf3 hxg3 23.fxg3 Ncxe4 24.Ng5 Nd6 25.Ba2 Re8 26.h4 Kg7 1-0 Firouzja,A (2785)-Ding,L (2788) Bucuresti 157/122 2023]
12.Bd3± Nbd7 13.Rd1 Re8 14.Nc4

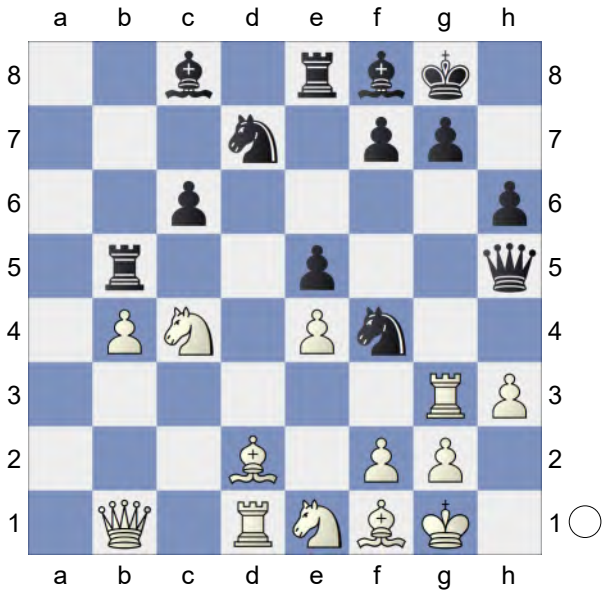
h6 15.Bd2 Nh5 16.Qb1 0.16/21
[16.Rab1± 0.53/19]
16...Nf4 17.Bf1 Qf6 ...Nxh3+! is the strong threat. **18.b4** aiming for Bxf4.
18...axb4 0.90/22
[18...Ba7!= 0.17/20 keeps the balance.]
19.cxb4± Hoping for Bxf4! **19...Bf8**
20.Ra3 Rb8 1.66/19
[20...b5± 0.85/18]



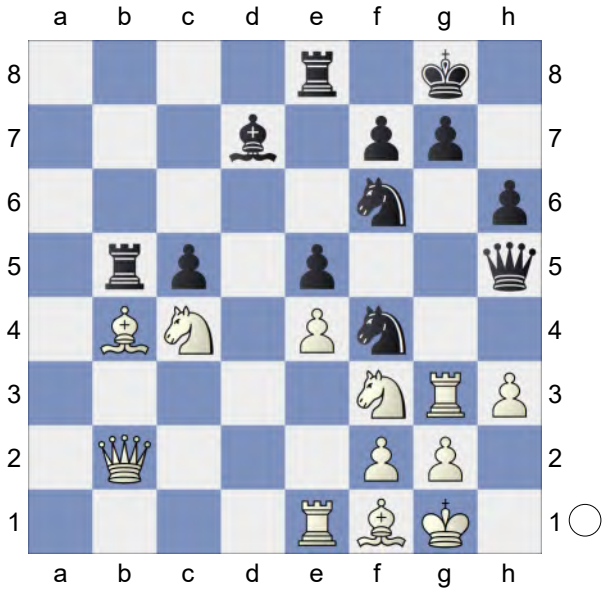
21.Ne1 0.57/19
[21.Bxf4!+- 1.66/19 Strongly threatening Bg3. Qxf4 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.Rxd6]
21...b5± 22.axb5 Rxb5 23.Rf3 Qg6 24.Rg3 Qh5 1.42/18
[Black should play 24...Qe6± 0.70/18]

(Diagram)

25.Nf3!± Nf6 1.96/20
[25...Rb8± 1.28/19 keeps fighting. 26.Na5 c5]
26.Re1 1.38/20
[26.Bc3+- 1.96/20]
26...Bd7 27.Qb2 0.67/19



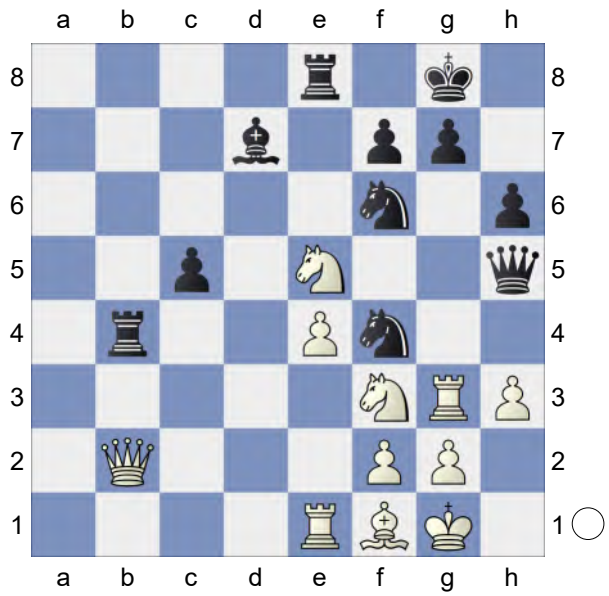
[White should try 27.Bc3+- 1.67/18]
27...Bxb4? 3.91/20 A mistake that costs the game. **28.Bxb4+- c5**



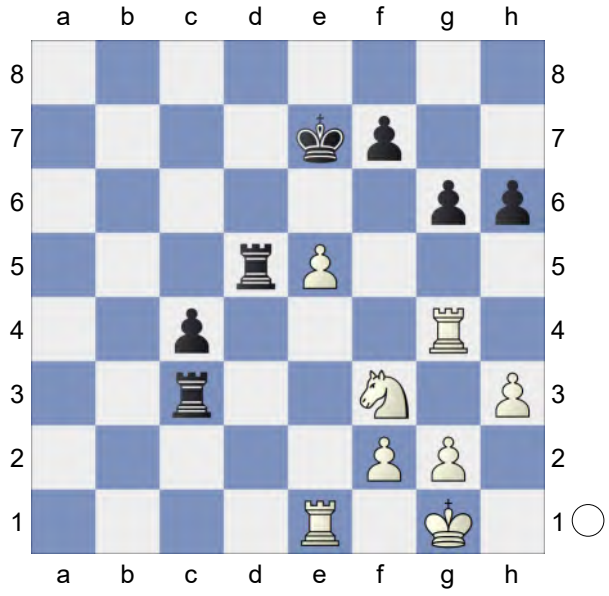
29.Ncxe5 Discovered Attack **29...Rxb4**

(Diagram)

30.Nxd7! Rxb2 31.Nxf6+ Kf8 32.Nxh5 Nxh5 33.Rg4 Nf6 34.Rf4 Rb4 35.Bd3 Rd8 36.Bc2 Ke7 37.Rf5 Rc4 5.51/19
[⌓37...Rc8 3.72/17 38.Ra1 Rc4 39.Ra7+ Kf8]
38.Bb3 Rc3 39.e5 Nd5 40.Bxd5



Rxd5 41.Rf4 c4 42.Rg4 g6



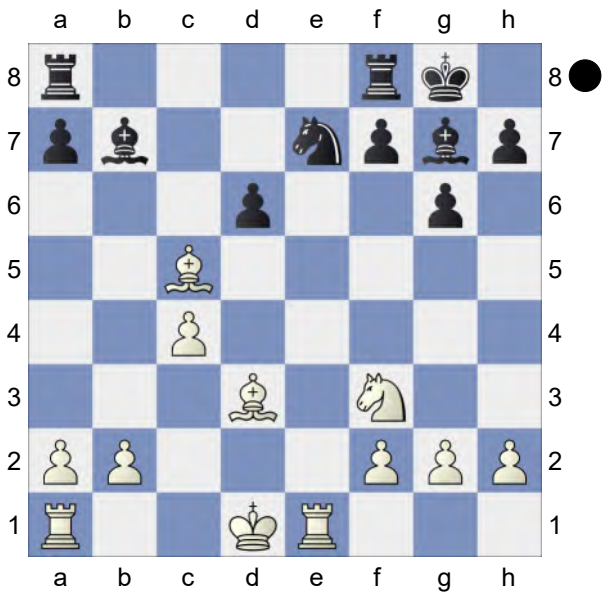
43.e6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

C45
□ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula 2276**
■ **Mammadzada,Gunay 2421**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.61) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

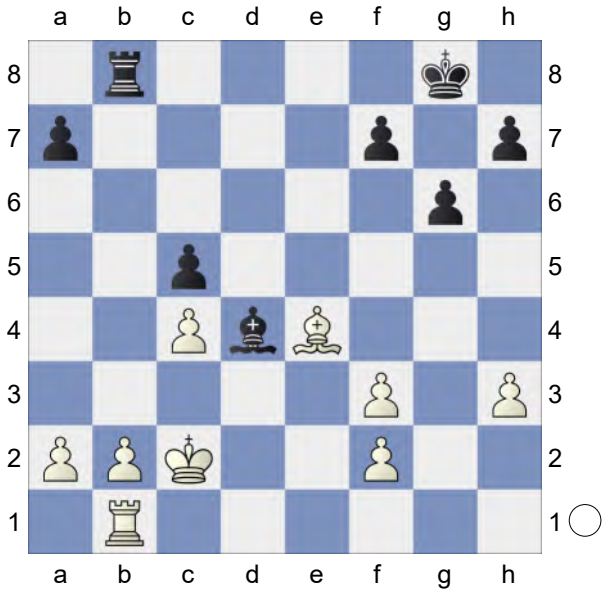
C45: Scotch Game **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Ba6 9.Nd2 g6** 0.13/21
[⌓9...0-0-0! -0.30/18]
10.Nf3= Qb4+ 11.Kd1! Ne7
[11...Nb6 12.b3 Bg7 *(12...0-0-0 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bd2 Qa3 15.Kc2 d5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Qe3 Bb7 18.Bd3 Rhe8 19.Qh6 c5 20.Bc3 Re2+ 21.Nd2 Rxf2 22.Rhf1 Rxf1 23.Bxf1 Be5 24.Qxh7 Bxc3 25.Qh3+ Nd7 26.Kxc3 f5 27.Qe3* 0-1 Perunovic,M (2567)-Predke,A (2690) FIDE World Cup Europe Hybrid Qual Tornelo INT 2021 (2.2)) 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Bxd2 0-0 15.c5 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nd5 17.Rc1 f6 18.exf6 Rxf6 19.Rc4 Rf5 20.Ne1 Ne7 21.Nd3 Rd5 22.Kc2 Nf5 23.Bc3 Re8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Kc3 g5 26.Nb4 ½-½ Caruana,F (2779)-Jakovenko,D (2719) EU-Cup 29th Rhodes 2013 (5.1)]
12.Bg5 Bg7 13.Qd2N
[13.Kc2 Rb8 14.b3 d5 Lesson Scotch-Scotch 4... Nf6,8]
13...Qxd2+ 14.Bxd2 c5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Re1 0-0 17.Be3 d6 18.exd6 cxd6 19.Bxc5

(Diagram)

Discovered Attack **19...dxc5 20.Rxe7 Bc6** A strong pair of Bishops. **21.Rb1** The position is equal. **21...Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Kc2 Bxf3 24.gxf3** Endgame. KRB-KRB **24...Rb8 25.Be4**



Be5 26.h3 Bd4



27.b4! cxb4

[But not 27...Bxf2?! 28.b5±]

[27...Rxb4 28.Rxb4]

28.Rd1 Bxf2 29.Rd7 Re8 30.Kb3 Bc5 31.Ka4 Hoping for Kb5. White has compensation. **31...a6 32.Rd5 Rc8** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

A05

□ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**

■ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**

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[Kitty Kat]

A30: Symmetrical English: Double Fianchetto and Hedgehog **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 b6**

[4...d5 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 *(6.c4 Nc6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxg7 Kxg7 9.Qc1 e5 10.Qb2 Qf6 11.d3 Rd8 12.Nbd2 Nd4 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Rc1 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bh3 16.Rc4 c6 17.Qc1 h6 18.Nc3 g5 19.g4 Nf4 20.Rg1 Rxd3* 0-1 Yurtseven,M (2330)-Kilic,E (2412) Cesme op-A 9th 2023 (9)*)* 6...c5 7.c4 dxc4 8.bxc4 Nc6 9.d3 Bd7 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Qc8 12.Nc3 Bh3 13.Rb1 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qc6+ 15.Kg1 Rfd8 16.Qa4 Qxa4 17.Nxa4 b6 18.Nc3 Nd7 19.Bxg7 1-0 Tari,A (2653)-Moroni,L (2588) EU-ch 22nd Terme Catez 2022 (11)]

5.Bg2 Bb7 6.c4N

[6.0-0 0-0

A) 7.d3 c5 8.e4 Nc6 *(8...d6 9.Nbd2 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Qc7 11.c4 a6 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.Rac1 e5 15.Nc2 Bh6* A 05/05 2000*)* 9.Re1 d6 10.c3 e5 11.Nbd2 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.a3 a5 14.c4 Nf6 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Qxd3 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ne4 Qd4 20.Qf3 Bg7 21.Rad1 Qb2 Exam Time-Petrosian Vs D Paravyan,T;

B) 7.a4 d5 8.d4 Nfd7 9.Na3 c5 10.c3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Nc4 Bg7 14.Ne3 Na6 15.Nxd5 Nb4 16.e4 f5 17.Qb1 fxe4 18.Nxb4 cxb4 19.cxb4 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Qe7 ½-½ Leskowsky,Z-

Martinovsky,E NAICCC VII corr ICCF 1993]

6...c5 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qh4 d6 0.75/20

[10...h6= 0.19/18 keeps the balance.]

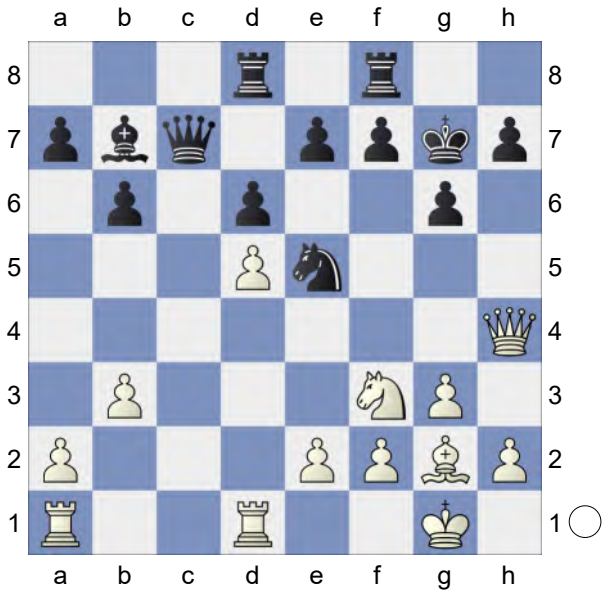
11.Rd1 Qc7 1.08/19

[11...Rc8± 0.51/21]

12.Nc3± White is more active. White is better. **12...Rad8** 2.51/18

[12...Qd8± 1.09/20]

13.Nd5+- Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.cxd5 Rac1! is the strong threat. **15...Ne5**



16.Nd4! Rac1 would now be deadly. **16...Rde8** 2.36/20

[⌓16...Bc8 1.93/19 17.Rac1 Qb7]

17.Rac1 Qd8 18.Rc2 Nd7 19.Rdc1 Nf6 20.Qg5 Kg8 4.08/19

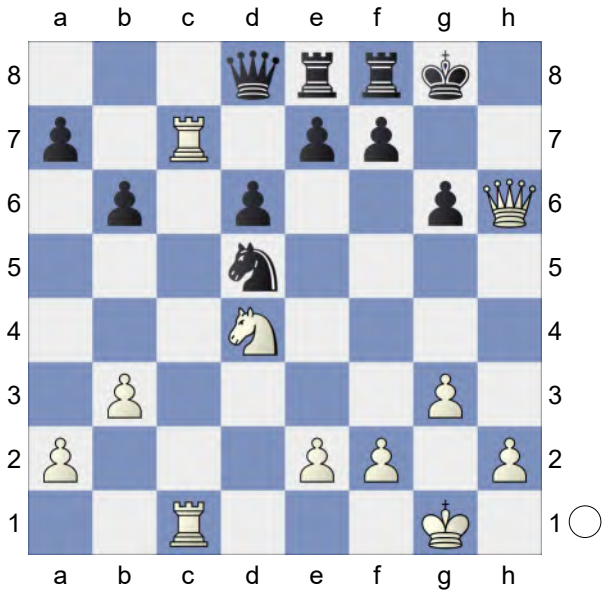
[⌓20...Ng8 2.79/20 21.Rc7 Qa8]

21.Rc7 h6 22.Qxh6 White is clearly winning. **22...Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Nxd5**

(Diagram)

24.Ne6 Deflection **24...fxe6 25.Qxg6+**

[25.Rxa7? loses. Kf7 *(25...Rf6 26.e4=)* 26.Qh7+ Kf6 27.Qh4+ Kg7 28.Qd4+ Nf6-+]



25...Kh8 26.Qh6+

[And not 26.Rxa7 Rf6 27.Qh5+ Kg7=]

26...Kg8 27.Qxe6+

[Not 27.Rxa7 Rf6 28.Qh5 Kg7=]

27...Kg7 28.Qxd5 Rf6 29.Qb7 Qa8 30.Rxe7+ Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.59

1-0

A45

□ **George Samir,David** **2272**

■ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**

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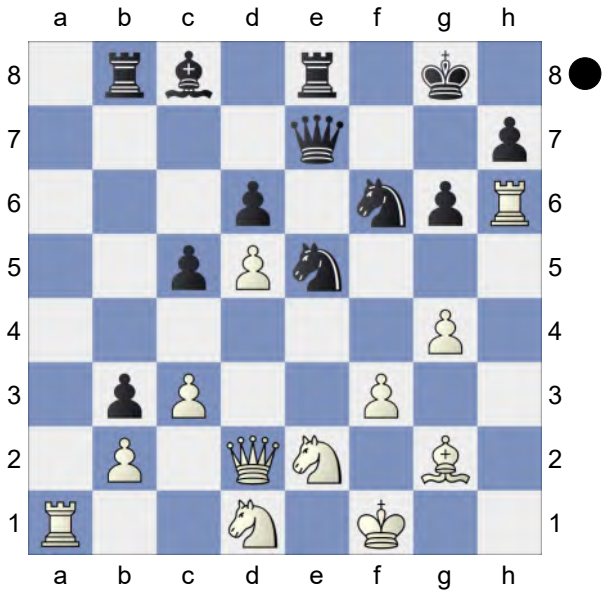
[Kitty Kat]

A43: Schmid Benoni **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.f3N**

[6.f4 0-0 7.Nf3 a6 8.a4 Nh5 9.f5 Nd7 10.Be2 Rb8 11.0-0 Nhf6 12.Qe1 Re8 13.Qh4 c4 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Kh1 b6 16.g4 Nc5 17.g5 Nfd7 18.Bd4 Ne5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Be3 b5 Trompowsky Attack-1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 c5 3.d5 d6 Survey 2012 21.axb5

axb5 22.Qf2 Trompowsky Attack-1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 d6 Survey 2012]
6...0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 White is slightly better. **8...Re8 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.g4** -0.42/20
[White should try 10.Ng3± 0.69/18]
10...Ne5∓ 11.Bg2 Rb8 12.h4 -0.62/21
[12.Bh6= -0.22/22 was preferrable.]
12...b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.h5 b4 15.Nd1 b3 -0.27/21
[15...e6∓ -0.63/20 16.hxg6 fxg6]
16.c3!= e6↑ Strongly threatening ...exd5. Black has some pressure. **17.hxg6 fxg6** White must now prevent ...exd5. **18.Bh6** -1.62/22 Loses the game.
[18.Ne3∓ -0.32/22]
18...Bxh6-+ 19.Rxh6 -3.27/20
[⌓19.Qxh6 -1.91/22 exd5 20.g5]
19...exd5 20.exd5 -4.33/20
[20.g5 -2.54/17 dxe4 21.gxf6 exf3 22.f7+ Nxf7 *(22...Kxf7? 23.Ra7+ Bb7 24.Rxh7+ Kg8 25.Raxb7-+)* 23.Bxf3]
20...Qe7 21.Kf1 -5.47/19
[⌓21.Rh1 -3.51/18]

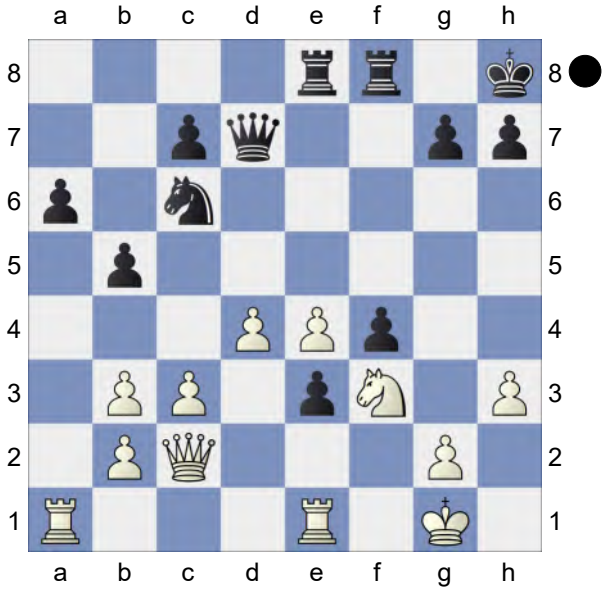


21...Nfxg4! Black is clearly winning.
22.fxg4 Nc4
[Not 22...Nxg4 23.Rh3∓]
23.Qd3 Bxg4 24.Kg1 Bxe2 25.Qh3 Bxd1 26.Rxd1 Nxb2 27.Ra1 Nc4 ...b2 would now be deadly. **28.Be4 b2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

C50
□ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun 2416**
■ **Jaiveer,Mahendru 2271**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (1.64) 3.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo Of course, if everything is balanced, then you have no advantages, and you want to create imbalances, so you can take advantage of your strengths and your opponent's weaknesses. That is quite different from the previous examples, where you already had an advantage and wanted to avoid further imbalance in your opponent's favor. --- Take the following common position after **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.Be3 Bxe3 6.fxe3 Be6 7.Bb3 Nf6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Bxb3 10.axb3 d5N**
[10...Qe7 11.Qe1 a6 12.Qg3 Rfe8 13.Rf2 Rad8 14.Raf1 b5 15.Nh4 Principle Of Symmetry]
11.Qe2 a6 12.Rad1 -0.22/19
[⌓12.exd5 0.19/21 Nxd5 13.Ne4]
12...d4= 13.exd4 exd4 14.Nb1 Ng4 15.Rfe1 Qd7 16.h3 Ne3 17.Rc1 f5 18.c3
[18.Nxd4? Nxg2 *(18...Nxd4 19.Qxe3 f4 20.Qf2∓)* 19.Qxg2 Nxd4-+ *(19...Qxd4+ 20.Kh1∓)*]
18...f4!
[18...fxe4 19.dxe4 Rxf3 20.Qxf3+-]

19.Nbd2 Rad8 20.Nc4 b5 21.Nxe3 dxe3 22.d4 Rde8 23.Qc2 Kh8
[23...Ne7 simplifies 24.c4 Ng6 25.cxb5 axb5 26.Qxc7 Qxc7 27.Rxc7 Rxe4 28.Ra1 Re7]
24.Ra1



g5! White must now prevent ...g4.
25.Rxa6
[25.Nxg5? Rg8 26.h4 h6-+]
25...g4 0.43/18
[25...Nb8!= -0.04/21 26.Ra7 Nc6]
26.hxg4± Nb8 1.68/21
[26...Nd8!± 0.70/19]

(Diagram)

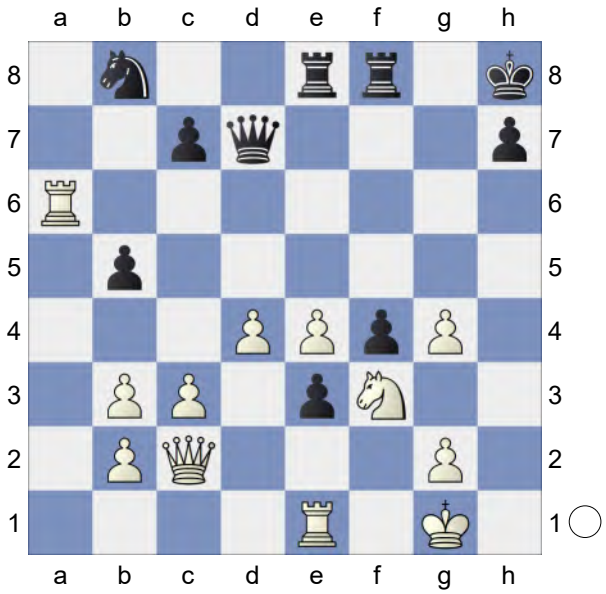
27.Rh6!+- aiming for e5. **27...Qxg4 28.e5 Re7**

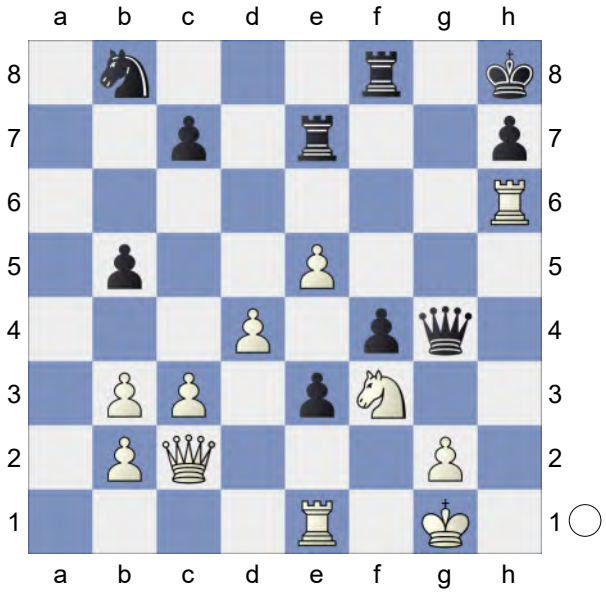
(Diagram)

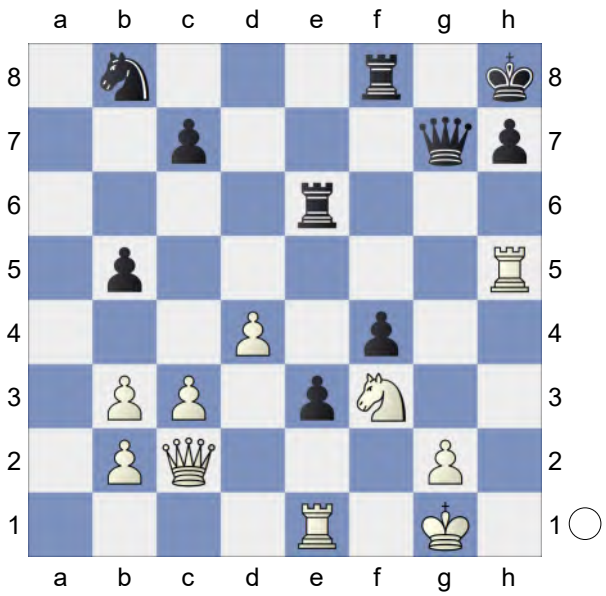
29.e6? 0.31/23 **Qg7 30.Rh5** Chess con chili. **30...Rxe6**

(Diagram)

31.Rxh7+! Decoy **31...Qxh7 32.Qxh7+**







Kxh7 33.Ng5+ Kg6 34.Nxe6± Endgame. KRN-KRN **34...Rf6 35.Nxc7 Kf5 36.Nd5**
[36.Nxb5 Rg6±]
36...Rd6 37.c4
[37.Nxe3+ simplifies fxe3 38.Rxe3 Nd7 39.Kf2]
37...bxc4
[37...Nc6 38.Rf1 *(38.cxb5 Nxd4 39.Nxe3+ fxe3=)* 38...Nxd4 39.Rxf4+ *(39.Nxe3+ Ke5=)* 39...Ke5 40.Rf8±]
38.bxc4 Nc6 39.Rf1! Nxd4 (→ ... Ne2+) **40.Nxe3+**
[Don't play 40.Nxf4 Ke4=]
40...Ke4 The position is equal. **41.Nd5 f3 42.Re1+ Kd3 43.g4 Kxc4 44.Nf4 Rf6 45.Re4** And now g5 would win. **45...Rb6 46.g5** g6 is the strong threat. **46...Rxb2 47.g6** Hoping for g7. **47...Rb1+ 48.Kf2** g7 would now be deadly. **48...Rb2+ 49.Kg3**
[49.Ke3!? Rb3+□ 50.Kf2 Rb2+ 51.Kg3±]
49...Rb1 50.Re5 Ra1 51.Rh5 Rg1+ 52.Kf2 Rg4 53.Rh1 Rxf4 54.g7 Rg4 55.Rg1 Rxg7 56.Rxg7 Kd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

E11
□ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar 2241**
■ **Klukin,Kirill 2413**
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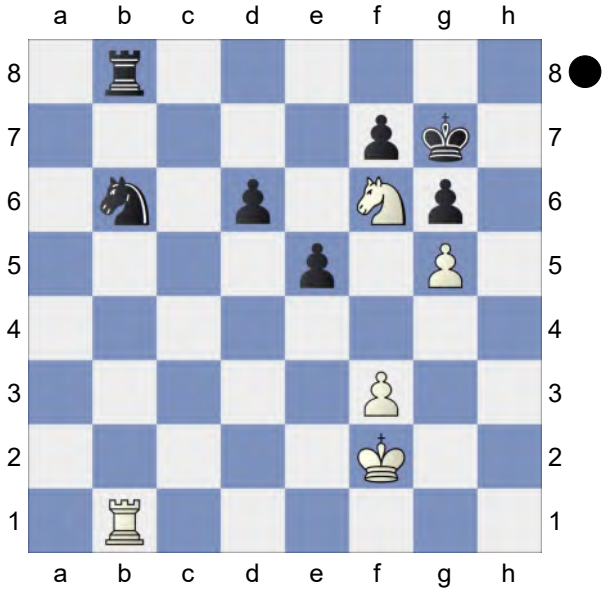
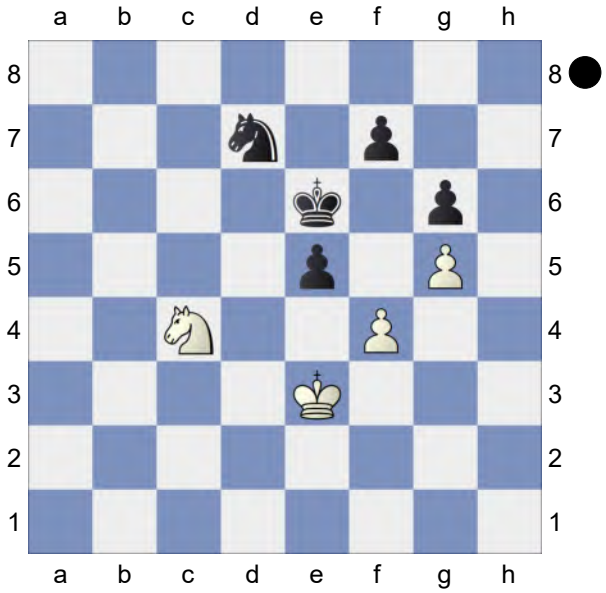
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4**
[8.g3 b6 9.Bg2 Bb7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rad1 Rfd8 12.Qc2 c5 13.d5 Nf8 14.e4 exd5 15.exd5 Bc8 16.Nh4 Re8 17.Qc1 Qc7 18.Qf4 a6 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Ng6 22.f4 Re7 0-1 Maric,D (2383)-Udeshi,A (2629) 3rd Dato Arthur Tan Kuala Lumpur MAL 2006 (10)]
8...e5 9.d5 Nbd7N
[9...a5 10.b3 Na6 11.Bd3 Bg4 *(11...Nh5 12.0-0 Nf4 13.Ne2 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qe3 Nc5 17.Ned4 Be4 18.Ne6 Bxf3 19.Nxf8 Rxf8 20.gxf3 Rf4 21.Rfc1 a4 22.bxa4 Qg5+ 23.Kh1 Qf6 24.Kg2 h6 25.a5 Qg6+ 26.Kh1* 0-1 Shinkar,D-Kiriakov,P (2495) RUS-Cup08 Omsk/Perm 1998 (4) *Qh5 27.Kg2 Rh4 28.h3 Qg6+ 29.Kh2 Qf5 30.f4 Rxf4 31.Kg2 e4 32.Qg3 Nd3 33.Rc2 h5 34.Rg1 Rf3 35.Qh4 Nf4+ 36.Kf1 e3 37.Rg3 Rxf2+* 6 Chapter-Games Chapter 16 Game*)* 12.Qe3 Nh5 13.0-0 Nf4 14.Bc2 f5 Line-5.a3 2020]
10.b4 Wards off Nc5 **10...a5** ...axb4 would now be deadly. **11.Rb1** Black has an edge. **11...axb4 12.axb4 Nb6 13.Be2 Bg4 14.Ng1 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 c6 16.Nf3 Ra3 17.Rc1 Rb3**

18.dxc6 Rxb4 19.cxb7 Qxb7 Hoping for ...Rc8!
[19...Rxc4 feels hotter. 20.Nd2 Rc7 21.0-0 g6]
20.Nd2! Rc8 Black is more active.
21.0-0 -1.70/18
[21.Nd1!∓ -0.70/21]
21...Nxc4-+ 22.Nd5 -3.06/20
[22.f3 -1.90/20 was called for.]
22...Nxd5 23.Rxc4 Rbxc4 24.Nxc4 Nc3 25.Qd3 Qxe4 26.Qxe4 Nxe4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **27.Ra1 g6**
[Inferior is 27...Rxc4 28.Ra8+]
28.Ne3 Nf6 29.g4 Kg7 30.g5 Ne4 31.h4 h6 32.f3 Nd2 33.Kf2 hxg5! 34.hxg5 Nc4? -0.72/21
[34...Nb3-+ -2.82/22 is more deadly. 35.Ra6 Nd4 36.Rxd6 Rc5]
35.Nd5? -2.29/22
[35.Ng4∓ -0.72/21]
35...Rb8? -0.13/20
[Better is 35...Nd2!-+ -2.29/22 ...Nb3 is the strong threat. 36.Nf6 Kf8]
36.Nf6!= Nb6 37.Rb1



Nd7! Discovered Attack **38.Rxb8** Remove Defender **38...Nxb8** KN-KN **39.Ne8+ Kf8 40.Nxd6 Ke7 41.Nc4 Ke6 42.Ke3 Nd7 43.f4?** -4.90/31
[43.Ke4= -0.03/28]



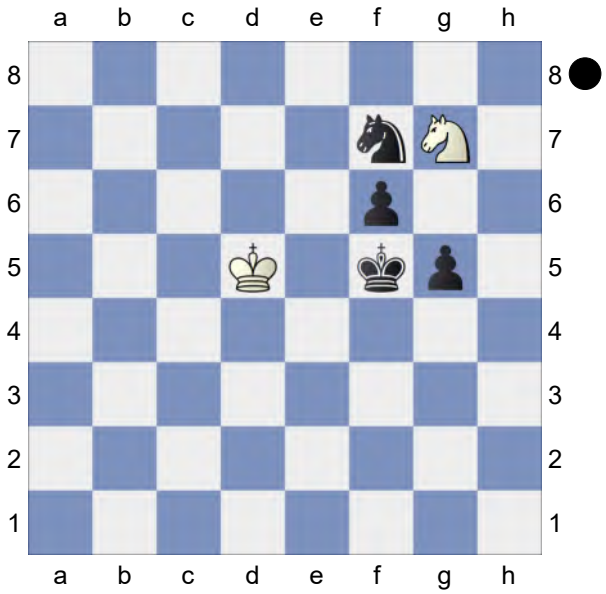
White is now going downhill. **43...Kf5!-+** Black is clearly winning. **44.Nd6+ Kg4 45.fxe5 Nxe5**
[Not 45...Kxg5 46.Nxf7+ Kf5 47.Kf2=]
46.Ne4 -7.76/24
[⌓46.Ke4 -4.89/25 Nf3 47.Nc4 Nxg5+ 48.Ke5]
46...Kf5 47.Nd6+ Kxg5 48.Ke4 f6 49.Ne8 Nf7 50.Nc7 Kg4 51.Kd5 Kf5 52.Ne8 g5 53.Ng7+

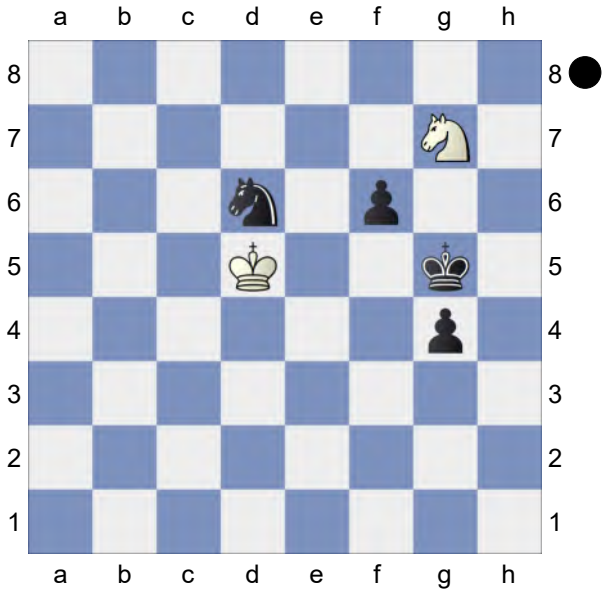
(Diagram)

Kg6!
[Stronger than 53...Kg4 54.Ke6=]
54.Ne8 g4 aiming for ...g3. **55.Ke4 Kg5 56.Ng7 Nd6+ 57.Kd5**

(Diagram)

g3! 58.Ne6+
[58.Kc6 g2]
58...Kg4 59.Nd4 Nf5 (→ ...Nxd4) **60.Ne2 Kf3 61.Ng1+ Kg2 62.Ne2 Kf2**





63.Nf4 Ng7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.36
0-1

B40

☐ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
■ **Al Hosani,Omran** **2239**
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[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6**

[4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 h6 11.Nc3 a6 12.h4 Nf5 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qa7 15.Be3 Nxe3 16.Rxe3 Ne7 17.Rc1 Nf5 18.Rec3 Bd7 19.Nc5 1-0 Khamatgaleev,A (2480)-11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♗f3 (1856) 125/114 2015 (3)]

5.Qe2N

[5.d3 d5 *(5...g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Re1 d5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c3 a5 10.e5 Nd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.b3 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Rb1 Qc5 18.Nf3 e5 19.Be3 Qd6 20.Rbd1* 0-1 Giri,A-Svidler,P Norway Chess blitz 2nd Flor & Fjaere 2014 (8)*; 5...d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.d4 e5 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qxd8 Bxd8 12.Be3 b6 13.Ne1 Be6* 4. The Anti Sicilians-Anti Sicilian *)* 6.Nbd2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qc1 e5 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Nc3 Nde7 15.h4 Qd7 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Nh2 Bh3 18.Bh1 Nd4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 0-1 Tagelsir,A (2236)-Yilmaz,M (2633) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open Batumi (1.1)]

5...e5 6.0-0 Be7 7.c3 d6 0.34/22
[7...0-0= -0.08/25]
8.Na3 -0.13/23
[8.Rd1± 0.34/22]
8...0-0= 9.Nc2 Re8 10.d3 Be6 11.Bg5 b5 12.a3 Rb8 13.Ne3 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd2 b4 0.51/22
[15...Ne7= -0.06/22]
16.axb4± cxb4 17.Ndc4 Inhibits Na5.
17...Qd7 18.Nd5 Bxd5 1.00/21
[18...Bd8± 0.55/23]
19.exd5± Ne7 20.Ra6 Nc8 21.Bf3 White is more active. **21...Nb6 22.Ne3**
[22.cxb4 Nxc4 23.dxc4 Rxb4=]
22...bxc3 23.bxc3 Na4 1.19/22

[Better is 23...e4± 0.48/21 24.Bxe4 *(24.dxe4 Bxc3 25.Qa2 Rb7±)* 24...Bxc3]

24.Bg4 0.06/21

[24.Rc6± 1.19/22]

24...Nxc3= 25.Qf3 -0.38/21

[25.Qc2= 0.06/21 Qb7 26.Rxd6]

25...Qd8 0.00/26

[25...Qb5∓ -0.38/21 26.Rxa7 Re7 *(26...Qxd3 27.Bh5∓)*]

26.Rxa7 Rd7 is the strong threat. **26...e4 27.dxe4 Nxe4 28.Rd7 Qb6** Hoping for ...Nd2. **29.Bh5**

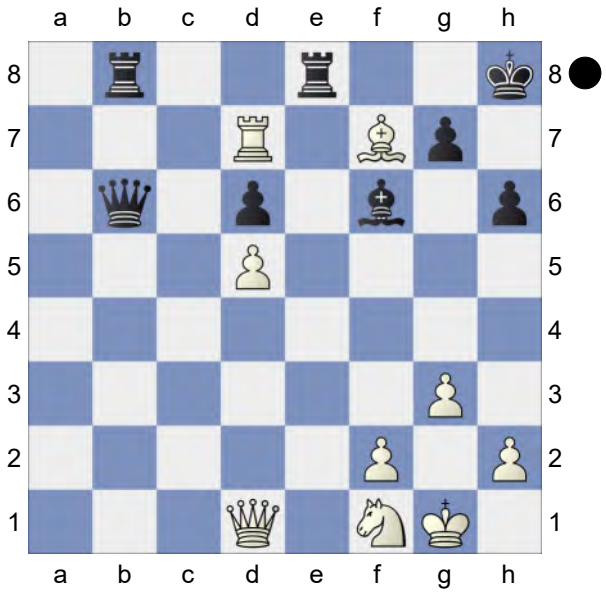
[29.Qf4!?]

29...Nd2 30.Bxf7+ -1.39/20 White is weak on the dark squares

[30.Qf4!∓ -0.58/26 Nxf1 31.Ng4]

30...Kh8∓ 31.Qd1 Nxf1 32.Nxf1

[Avoid the trap 32.Ng4? Qb1 33.Qxb1 Rxb1-+]

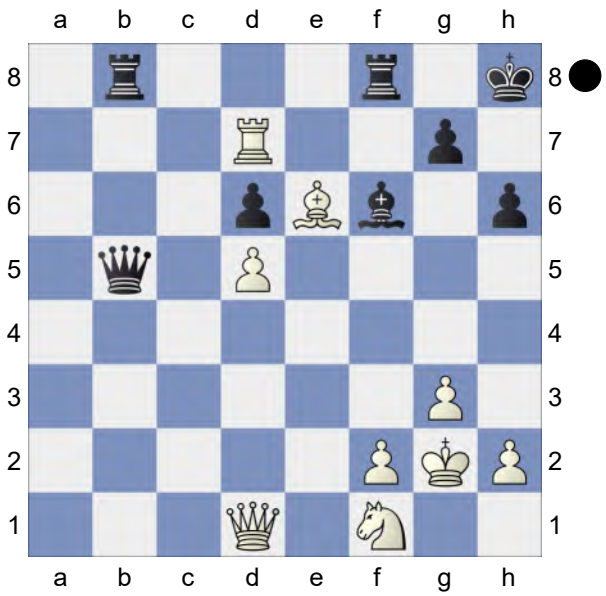


32...Rf8 aiming for ...Bd4. **33.Kg2** -2.16/20

[33.Ne3∓ -1.05/20]

33...Qb5-+ 34.Be6

(Diagram)



Qc5 -0.03/22

[34...Qb2!-+ -2.06/22 Threatens to win with ...Bd4. 35.Qf3 Be7]

35.Ne3!= Rb2

[35...Bg5 looks sharper. 36.Nf5 Rb2 37.Qe1 g6]

36.Qf3 Rbb8 0.64/21

[36...Qc3= 0.00/23]

37.Nf5 0.01/26

[White should try 37.Qe4!± 0.64/21]

37...Be5! The position is equal. **38.Rf7 Rxf7 39.Bxf7** Strongly threatening Nh4. **39...Qc3 40.Qxc3 Bxc3 41.Nxd6** Endgame. KRB-KBN **41...Bb4 42.Ne4 Rf8 43.Be6 g6 44.d6 Kg7**

[44...Rd8!?]

45.f4 Rd8 46.d7

[46.h4 simplifies Bxd6 47.Nxd6 Rxd6 48.Bg4]

46...Kf8 47.h4 Ke7 48.Bh3 Ra8 49.f5 gxf5 50.Bxf5 Rf8 51.Bg4 Ba5 52.h5 Bb6 53.Bh3 Bd4 54.Bg4 Kd8 55.Nd6 Be5 56.Nc4 Bc7 57.Ne3 Bb8 58.Nd5 Bd6 59.Be6 Be7 60.g4 Rf6 61.Bf5

[61.Nxf6 simplifies Bxf6 62.Bf5 Ke7 63.Kf3]

61...Rd6 62.Ne3 Rd4 63.Kf3 Bg5 64.Nc2 Rc4 65.Ne1 Rc3+ 66.Kg2

Bh4 67.Nf3 Rxf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

E73
□ **Khoder,Akram 2232**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan 2403**
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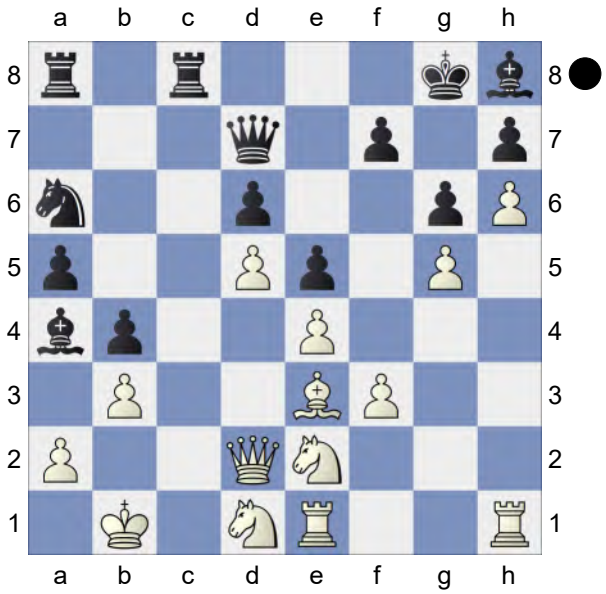
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.g4 Na6 9.g5 Nd7 10.h4 Ndc5** White is better.
[10...f5 11.gxf6 Nxf6 12.h5 Nc5 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qd3 Ra6 16.0-0-0 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Bxg4 18.f3 Bh5 19.Qe3 Qe7 20.Kb1 Raf6 21.Rh3 R8f7 22.Rf1 Qf8 23.Nce2 b6 24.a3 Bh6 25.Qc3 1-0 Sivenkov,O (2663)-Etmans,M (2530) British CF-27 Championship Chester/ Cheshire (Town Hall) 1934 (5)]
11.Qd2N
[11.h5 c6 *(11...Bd7 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Nh2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 f5 15.gxf6 Bxf6 16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Qg4 Kg7 18.Rg1 Qe8 19.0-0-0 Rh8 20.Nf3 Nb4 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.d6 c6 23.a3 Na6 24.Rg3 Rh6 25.Rdg1 Qf7 26.Qf5* 1-0 Ortega Ruiz,J (2354)-Sanroman Costas,M (2123) Santiago de Compostela Bicapawn GP B2 blitz 2022 (7) *)* 12.hxg6 *(12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.a4* Knaak,R-Reiners,C corr WC39/ct/3 ICCF 2019 *)* 12...fxg6 13.f3 cxd5 14.cxd5 Bd7 15.Nh3 Rb8 16.Nf2 b5 17.Rc1 a4 18.Kf1 Rf4 19.Qd2 Qxg5 20.Nh3 Bxh3+ 21.Rxh3 Qg4 22.Rh2 Rxf3+ 23.Bxf3 Qxf3+ 24.Kg1 b4 25.Qe2 Qxe2 0-1 Short,N (2430)-Magnusson,G (2590) 64/405 Dortmund 1995 (4.12)]
[11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Nh2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nb4 14.Rd1 a4 15.Bxc5 dxc5 16.a3 Na6 17.Nxa4 f5 18.Nc3 Nb8 19.Nf3 Nd7 20.h5 Nb6 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qd3 Nc8 23.Qe3 Nd6 24.Nh4 fxe4 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 The King'S Indian Defence-White plays 5.Be2 and 6.Be3 with idea g2-g4 and h2-h4]
11...c6 12.h5 cxd5 13.cxd5 Bd7 14.h6 0.33/17
[14.f3± 0.77/18]
14...Bh8± 15.f3 Qe8 16.0-0-0 -0.39/21
[16.Rc1± 0.61/20]
16...b5∓ Threatens to win with ...b4.
17.Re1 -0.92/21
[17.Rf1!∓ -0.37/23]
17...b4∓ 18.Nd1 Ba4! 19.Bxa6 -0.95/21
[19.Kb1!= 0.03/23 remains equal.]
19...Nxa6 20.Kb1 Qd7 21.Ne2 Rfc8 22.b3

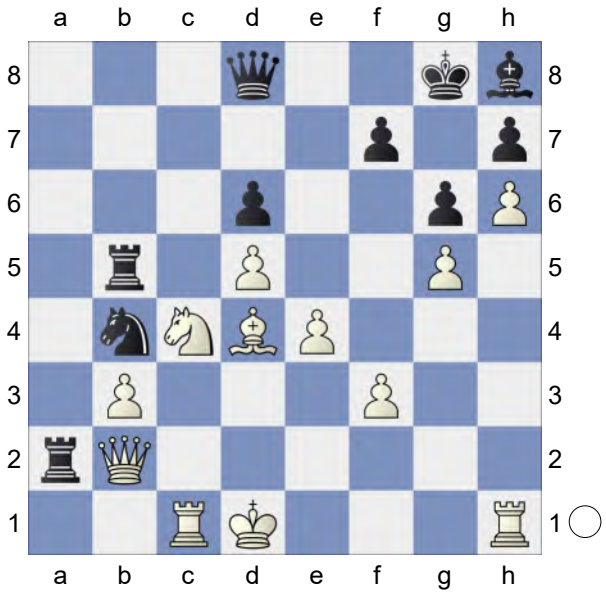


Bb5 -0.36/19
[22...Bxb3!∓ -0.99/23 aiming for ... Bc2+. 23.axb3 a4 24.bxa4 Qxa4]

23.Nb2∓ a4 0.42/22
[23...f5∓ -0.57/23 24.gxf6 Bxf6]
24.bxa4!±
[24.Rc1 Nc5 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Nxa4 Qxa4]
24...Bxa4 25.Rc1 Dodges Bc2+. Active counter play! **25...Rcb8** Threatening ... Bb5. **26.Nc4** -0.60/20
[26.Nxa4!= -0.04/19 Qxa4 27.Qb2]
26...Qd8!∓ 27.Qb2 -1.23/20
[White should play 27.Rhg1∓ -0.64/20]
27...Rb5 0.00/25
[Better is 27...Nc5∓ -1.23/20 White must now prevent ...b3. 28.Bxc5 dxc5]
28.Nd4= Dodges b3 **28...exd4 29.Bxd4 Bc2+** Decoy **30.Kxc2**
[30.Qxc2? Bxd4 31.Qa4 Rbb8-+]
[30.Rxc2!? b3□ 31.axb3 Rxb3 *(31...Bxd4? 32.Qxd4 Rxb3+ 33.Rb2+-)* 32.Qxb3 Bxd4 33.Qd3±]
30...b3+? 2.31/18 This move loses the game for Black.
[30...Nc5!∓ -0.34/19 keeps the upper hand. 31.Bf6 *(31.Bxh8 Rxa2* Remove Defender, Decoy *32.Qxa2 b3+∓)* 31...Bxf6 32.Qxf6 Rxa2+ 33.Kb1 Qxf6 34.gxf6 b3 *(34...Ra6 35.Rhd1=)*]
31.axb3+- Nb4+ 32.Kd1 Ra2

(Diagram)

33.Qc3
[Less strong is 33.Bxh8 Rxb2 34.Bf6 Qb8 *(34...Rxd5+? 35.exd5 Qa8 36.Bxb2+-)* 35.Nxb2 Na2+-]
33...Nxd5 34.exd5 Rxd5 35.Rh4 Rxg5 36.Qe3 Prevents Rg1+
[36.Bxh8 leads to mate. Rg1+]
36...Bxd4 37.Qxd4 Rd5 38.Qxd5 Intending Nxd6! and mate. **38...Qxh4 39.Nb2!** Back Rank



[39.Qxd6? Qh1#]
39...Qh3 5.03/21 Prevents Rc8+.
[39...Qh1+ 2.60/18 keeps fighting. 40.Kc2 Qxh6 *(40...Qh2+? 41.Kd3+-)*]
40.Rc2 Ra1+ 41.Kd2 2.20/16
[⌓41.Ke2 4.52/21]
41...Qxh6+ 42.Kd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.31
½-½

C08
□ **Socko,Monika** **2402**
■ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
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[Kitty Kat]

C08: French Tarrasch: 3...c5 4 exd5 exd5 sidelines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbxd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.Bg5 Rc8 13.c3** White is slightly better. **13...Be7N**
[13...Rc6 14.Ne5 Re6 15.Ng4 Be7 16.Ne3 Re5 17.Bh4 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5

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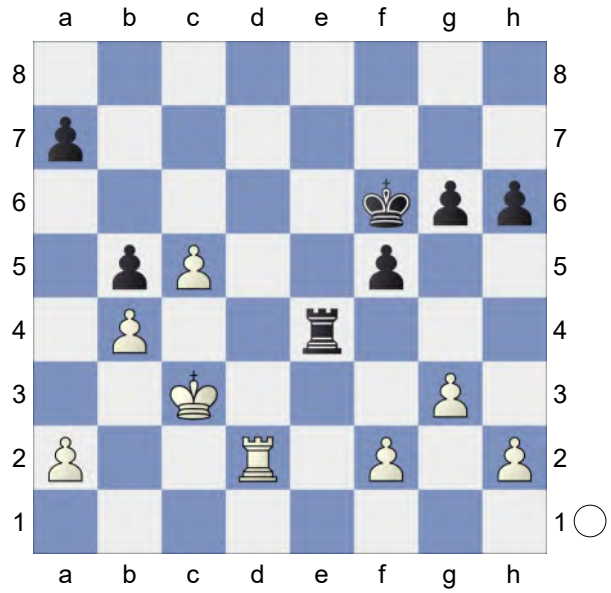
14.Qb3 Ne4 1.27/23
[Black should play 14...h6± 0.54/20 15.Bh4 Re8]
15.Bxe7± Qxe7 16.Qxd5 Rcd8 17.Qf5 Nd2 18.Rfe1 Nxf3+ 19.Qxf3
[Much weaker is 19.gxf3?! Qd6=]
19...Qc7 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Endgame. KQR-KQR **21...h6** 1.98/20
[21...g6± 1.53/19 is a better defense. 22.g3 b6]
22.g3+- Re8 23.Kg2 Re6 2.40/23
[23...b5 1.99/19 was called for. 24.h4 Qc4]
24.Rd2 g6 25.Qd5 Re7 26.c4 b6 27.Qd8+ Kg7 28.Qxc7 Rxc7 KR-KR **29.b3 Kf6 30.Kf3 Ke6 31.Ke4 f5+ 32.Kd4 Kf6 33.b4 Re7 34.c5 Re4+ 35.Kc3 b5** 6.64/21
[35...bxc5 3.56/18 36.bxc5 Re6]



36.Rd6+ White is clearly winning. **36...Kg5 37.Rd4 Re1 38.Rd2 Re4 39.Kb3 Re7 40.c6 Rc7 41.Rd6 Kh5 42.Kc3 g5 43.Kd4** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.44
1-0

D30
□ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
■ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
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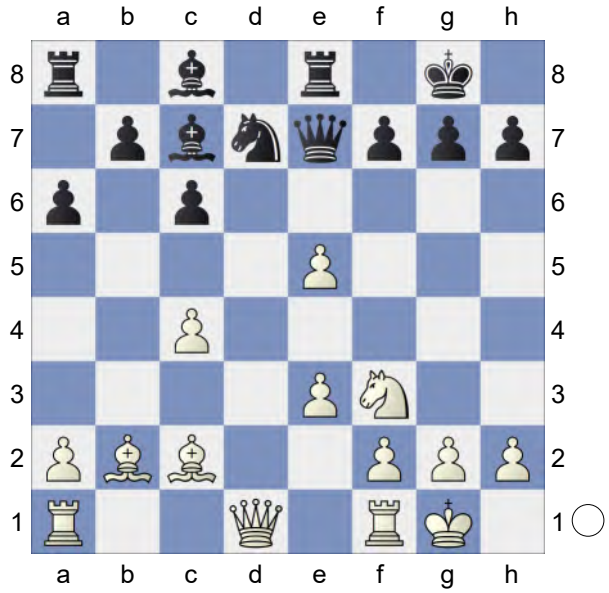
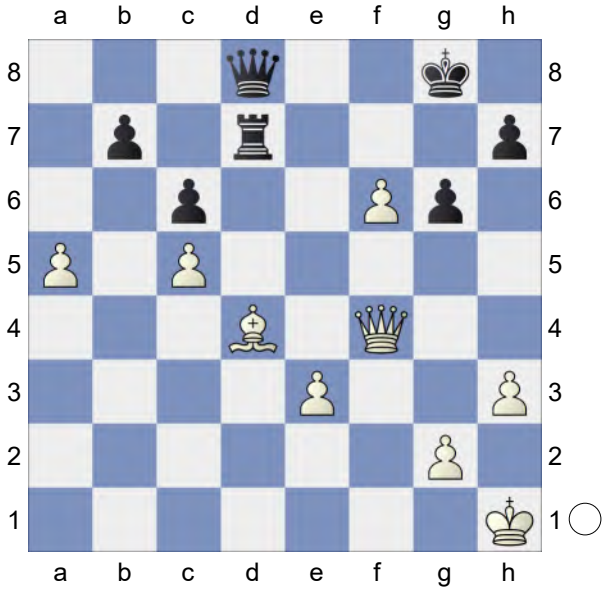
D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3 Mikhalevski,V: 'LesEchecs.com: 'D30: Gambit Dame refusé '' **1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 c6 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.Bd3 a6N**
[6...Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.exd5 exd4
A) 11.Ne4 Nc5 *(11...Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nc5 13.Bc2 Bg4 14.Qxd4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nd7 16.Kh1 Be5 17.Qd3 Qh4 18.f4 Bd6 19.Rg1 g6 20.Qg3 Qf6 21.Qg4 Nb6 22.f5 Rad8 23.Bg5 Qe5 24.f4 Qxd5+ 25.Rg2 Rc8 26.Rd1* 1-0 Hase,M-Baer,H MN/055 corr ICCF 1997*)* 12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.Nxd4 Be5 14.Nf5 Kh8 15.Bc2 Rg8 16.Qh5 Nd3 17.Ne3 Rg5 18.Qh4 1-0 Banas,J (2057)-Karlsson,T (1389) Odense 2012 (1);
B) 11.Nc4 Bc5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bh4 Nb6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 *(14...Bxb6 15.Nd2 Qd6 16.Re1 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qf4 18.Re4 Qc7 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.Rxd4 Be6 21.Qd2 Kh8 22.Be4 Nc7 23.Rb4 Qa5 24.Bf6 Qh5 25.Bxg7+ Kxg7 26.Qc3+ f6 27.Rxb7 Rf7 28.Rxc7* 1-0 Georgiev,K (2625)-Goloshchapov,A (2566) EU-Cup 20th Izmir 2004 (5.1)*)* 15.Rc1 Nxd5 16.Bb1 g6 17.Re1 Nf4 18.Re4

Ne6 D 30/36 2003]
[6...c5 7.b3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bb2 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rfd1 cxd4 12.exd4 Nh5 Chess Informant Eco-N, N Chess Informant ECO D3 Survey 1998]
7.b3 dxc4 8.bxc4 Bd6 1.22/24
[⌓8...c5 0.72/22]
9.0-0 e5 10.Bb2 Qe7 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 0-0 13.dxe5 Bc7 14.Bc2 Re8 1.22/22
[⌓14...Nxe5 0.79/24 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bxh7+ Decoy Kxh7 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qxe5 *(18.Bxe5 Be6±)* 18...Qxe5 19.Bxe5 Re8]

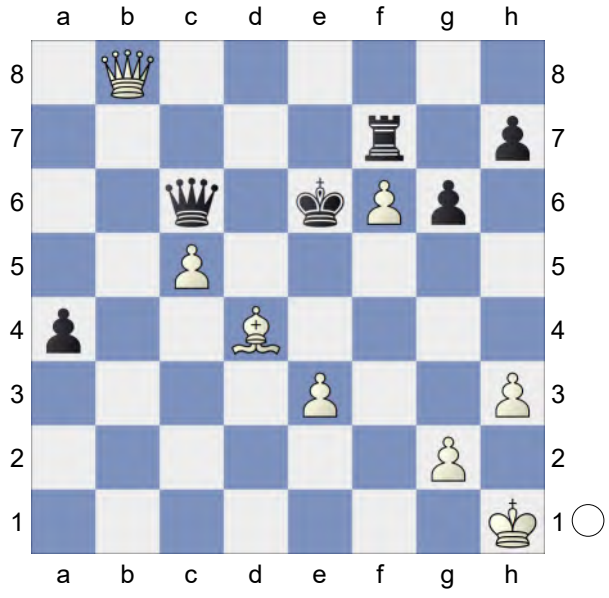


15.e6!± fxe6 16.Qd3 g6 17.Qc3 e5 18.Nd2→ White has strong attack.
18...Bd6 2.08/26 Inhibits Ba3.
[18...Nc5± 1.10/21]
19.Ne4 Bb4 20.Qb3 a5 21.a3 1.29/23
[21.c5+!+- 1.65/27 Kg7 22.Nd6]
21...Nc5 22.Qa2 Bf5 1.84/23
[22...Nxe4± 1.47/25 23.axb4 *(23.Bxe4 Bc5∓)* 23...Ng5]
23.axb4+- Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nxe4 25.bxa5 Qf7 26.f4 0.62/22
[26.Rad1+- 1.97/22]
26...Nd2± 27.fxe5 0.00/24
[27.Rf2!± 0.45/23 is more appropriate. Nxc4 28.Bc3]
27...Nxf1= 28.Rxf1 Qd7 29.Qb3 Re6 30.c5 Black is weak on the dark squares
30...Rf8 31.Rf6 Rfe8 0.81/23
[31...Rfxf6= -0.07/30 32.exf6 Qd5 33.Qxd5 cxd5]
32.Bd4 0.12/23
[32.e4± 0.81/23]
32...R8e7! 33.h3 Qd5 34.Qb2
[34.Qxd5 simplifies cxd5 35.Rf1 Ra6 36.Ra1]
34...Rd7 35.Qf2 Rxf6 36.exf6 Endgame. KQR-KQB **36...Kf7 37.Qf4 Qe6 38.Qh6 Kg8 39.Qf4 Qe8** Prevents Qb8 **40.Kh1 Qd8** 0.91/25
[40...Kf7= 0.06/27 keeps the balance.]



41.Qe4 0.16/22
[Better is 41.Be5!± 0.91/25]
41...Kf7 42.a6 Deflection **42...bxa6 43.Qxc6 Ra7** 2.05/29
[43...Rxd4!= 0.07/27 and Black stays safe. 44.exd4 Qxd4]
44.Qe4 0.81/20
[44.Qa4+- 2.05/29 and White stays

clearly on top. Qd5 45.Qb4]
44...Rc7± 45.Qb1 0.62/25
[45.Qh4± 1.39/22 Ke6 46.Qf2]
45...Qd7 46.Qb3+ Qe6 47.Qb8 Qc6 4.72/27
[47...Qc8± 0.61/26 48.Qb3+ Qe6]
48.Qh8+- Ke6 49.Qg8+ Rf7 50.Qb8? 2.02/19
[50.e4 5.55/21 a5 51.Bb2]
50...Rb7? 5.22/22
[50...Kd7 2.02/19 is more resistant. 51.Qb3 Rxf6 52.Bxf6 Qxf6]
51.Qg8+ Rf7 52.Bc3 a5 53.Qd8 2.27/22
[53.Bxa5 Qxc5 54.Qd8 Rf8= *(54...Qxe3? 55.Qe8+* Skewer *Kd5 56.Qxe3+-)*]
[⩲53.Bd4 4.24/17 a4 54.Kh2]
53...a4? 5.10/23
[53...Rb7 2.27/22 54.Qxa5 h5 55.Qa2+ Qd5 56.Qa6+ Kf7]
54.Bd4? 1.81/22
[54.Qg8 5.10/23 Threatens to win with e4! a3 *(54...Qxc5? 55.Qe8++-)* 55.e4]
54...Kf5 3.26/24
[⩲54...a3 1.81/22]
55.Qb8 Ke6



56.e4? 0.14/19 **Rb7?** 4.60/22
[56...Rxf6= 0.14/19 and Black is okay. 57.Bxf6 Kxf6]
57.Qg8+ Rf7 58.Qb8? 0.16/19
[58.Ba1+- 4.51/23 a3 59.Bc3]
58...Rb7? 2.44/20
[58...Rxf6= 0.16/19 59.Bxf6 Kxf6]
59.Qe5+? 0.00/25
[White has to play 59.Qg8++- 2.44/20 Rf7 60.Bb2]
59...Kf7= ...Rd7 is the strong threat.
60.Qd5+ Qxd5 61.exd5 KR-KB
61...Rb1+ 62.Kh2 Rc1 Hoping for ...a3.
[62...Rd1? 63.c6 Rxd4 64.c7+-]
63.c6! a3 And now ...a2 would win.
64.Be5 a2 65.d6! a1Q Dancing on a razor blade.
[65...a1B 66.Bxa1 Rxc6 *(66...Rxa1? 67.c7+-)* 67.g4∓]
[65...Rxc6 66.d7 a1Q 67.d8N+ *(67.Bxa1? Rd6-+)* 67...Ke8 68.f7+ *(68.Bxa1 Kxd8 69.Kg3 Ke8-+)* 68...Kf8 69.Bxa1]
66.Bxa1 White threatens d7 and mate.
66...Rxc6!
[66...Rxa1 67.c7 Kxf6 68.d7 *(68.c8B?* loses. *Rd1-+)* 68...Kf7 69.c8Q *(69.d8R Rc1+-)* 69...Rd1 70.d8Q *(70.d8B Rd4+-)* 70...Rxd8 71.Qxd8]
67.Be5 Rc5 68.Bb2 -0.61/23
[68.Bf4= -0.13/36 might be stronger.]
68...Rd5∓ 69.Kg3 Rxd6 70.Kh2 Rd3 71.Kg1 Ke6 72.Kh2 g5 73.Kg1 h5 74.Kf1? -3.94/31
[74.Kh2= -0.24/33 and White has nothing to worry.]
74...Rd7? -0.24/34
[Black should play 74...Rb3-+ -3.94/31 75.Bd4 Rd3]
75.Ke2? -3.29/39
[75.Kg1!= -0.24/34]
75...Kf5? -0.50/24

[Black should try 75...Rc7-+ -3.29/39 Strongly threatening ...Rc2+. 76.Kd3 Ra7]
76.Ke3? -3.42/37
[76.g4+!∓ -0.50/24 hxg4 77.hxg4+ Kxg4 78.Ba3]
76...Kg6 77.Bc3 Ra7? -0.81/28
[77...Kf7-+ -2.94/37 has better winning chances. ...Rb7 would now be deadly. 78.Ke4 Ke6]
78.Bd4? -2.77/38
[78.Kf2∓ -0.81/28]
78...Ra4 79.Be5 Ra5 80.Bd4 Rf5 81.Ke4 Rf1 82.Ke3 Rf5 83.Ke4 Rf4+ 84.Ke3 Kf5? -0.05/27
[84...Kf7-+ -2.74/26 aiming for ...Ke6. 85.Bc3 Ra4]
85.Kd3? -2.74/32
[85.g3!= -0.05/27 Re4+ 86.Kd3]
85...Ke6-+ White must now prevent ...g4.
86.Bc3? -7.13/27
[86.Ke3 -2.40/24]
86...Rf2 Black is clearly winning. **87.g4 Rf3+ 88.Kd2 h4 89.Bd4 Rxh3 90.Ke2 Rg3** Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.60
0-1

A40
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
■ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
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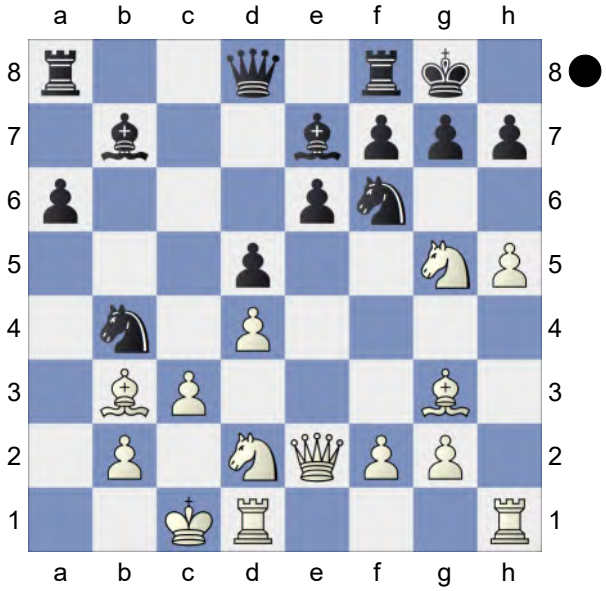
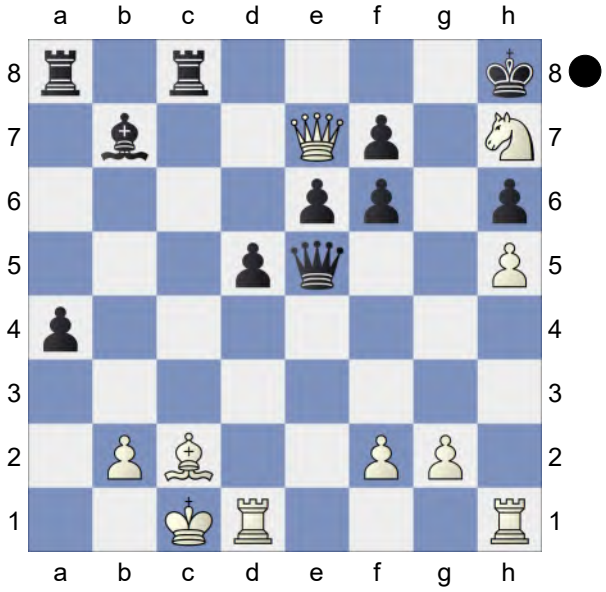
A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems **1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4+ 6.Nd2 Qb6 7.N4f3 Qc7 8.a3 Be7 9.Bg2 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 d6 13.Rc1 Nbd7 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Qb1 Qb8 16.Rfd1 Qa8 17.Ne1 Bxg2 Stupak,K (2412)-Mihajlovskij,S (2466) Belarus (ch) 104/(132) 2008]
[3.g3 b6 *(3...c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.c4 a6 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.Qd3 Nc6 10.b3 b6 11.Nf3 Bb7 12.Rd1 Rfd8 13.Bf4 d6 14.Rac1 Ne5 15.Qd2 Nxf3+ 16.exf3 Qd7 17.Ne4 d5 18.Nxf6+* ½-½ Garces Suaza,C (1670)-Woelk,T (2026) 38/138 Bor 1984 (9) *Bxf6 19.cxd5 Qxd5 20.Qc2 Qa5 21.Rxd8+ Bxd8 22.h4 Bd5 23.Bd6 b5* ½-½ Chukaev,E-Estrin,Y Spartak Moscow T 1961*)* 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 *(5...Be7 6.c4 0-0 7.b3 c5 8.Bb2 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qf4 d5 11.Nc3 dxc4 12.Rad1 Qc8 13.Qxc4 Nb4 14.Qf4 Nbd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qd4 Bf6 17.Ne5 Rd8 18.Rc1 Nc7 19.Qf4 Bxg2 20.Kxg2* ½-½ Gereben,E-Medina Garcia,A Monaco Grand Prix-02 Masters Monte Carlo 1968 (2) *)* 6.c4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 d6 8.Nc3 a6 9.Rd1 Nbd7 10.Ng5 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Rc8 12.Nge4 Rc6 13.Bf4 Qa8 14.Kg1 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qf3 Qc8 17.Rac1 Be7 ½-½ Pope,A (2520)-Guzman,C (2440) 60/(394) Budapest 1993 (8)]
3...c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.Bd3 Be7 8.h4 White is slightly better. **8...Na6 9.a3** Repels Nb4 **9...Nc7 10.h5** -0.27/20
[⌓10.c4 0.25/17]
10...d6 11.Qe2 a6 0.37/20
[11...0-0= -0.15/21]
12.0-0-0 -0.84/19
[12.h6± 0.37/20 stays ahead.]
12...Ncd5∓ 13.Bg3 b5 14.Ng5 b4 15.axb4 -1.36/19
[⌓15.a4 -0.96/18]

15...Nxb4 16.Bc4 d5
[16...Bxg2 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Qxe6+ *(18.Bxe6+ Kf8∓)* 18...Ke8 19.Rhe1+-]
17.Bb3 0-0 -0.82/19
[⩲17...h6 -1.45/21 18.c3 *(18.Nxe6? fxe6 19.c3 Qc8∓)* 18...hxg5 19.cxb4 Bc6 *(19...Bxb4 20.Qe3∓)*]
18.c3



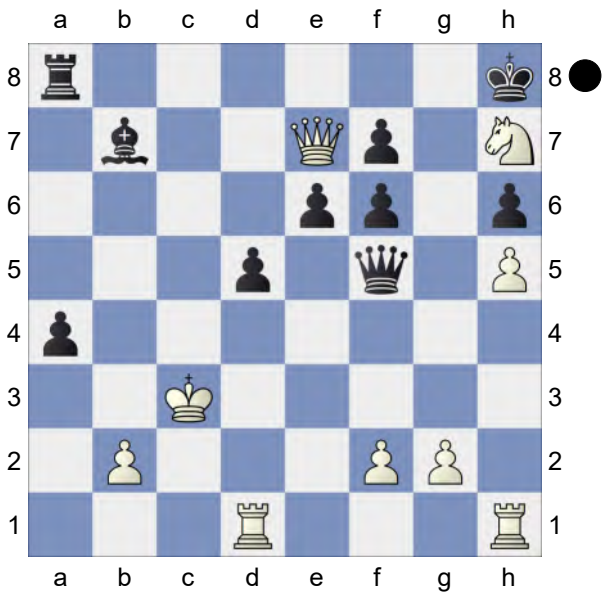
a5 ...Ba6 would now be deadly. **19.cxb4**
[19.h6 Ba6]
19...a4 -0.82/18
[⩲19...axb4 -1.34/19 Strongly threatening ...Qa5. 20.Ndf3 Qa5]
20.Bc2 Bxb4 -0.26/18
[20...Qb6!∓ -0.84/19 White must now prevent ...a3! 21.h6 g6]
21.Be5 -1.26/20
[21.h6!= -0.26/18 keeps the balance. g6 22.Nb1]
21...h6 -0.22/20
[Black should play 21...a3!∓ -1.26/20 22.bxa3 Bxa3+ *(22...Rxa3 23.Nb1∓)* 23.Kb1 h6]
22.Bxf6 Qxf6 23.Nh7 Qxd4 24.Ne4? -2.59/22 **Qe5?** -0.77/19
[24...Qb6-+ -2.59/22 is more deadly. 25.Nhf6+ Kh8]
25.Nef6+ Discovered Attack **25...gxf6**
26.Qg4+ Kh8 27.Qxb4 Rfc8
[27...Rfb8 28.Rh3 f5 29.Qe7]
28.Qe7 -1.36/21
[28.Qxb7? Rab8-+]
[⩲28.Rh3 -0.72/21]



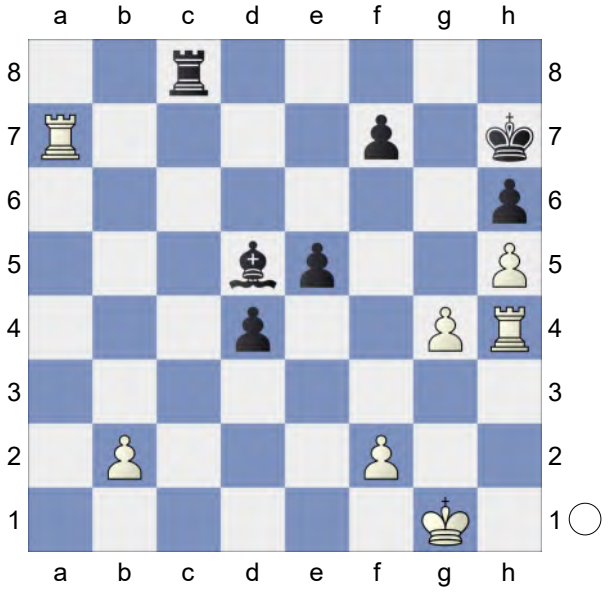
28...Rxc2+ 0.00/21 **29.Kxc2= Qf5+**
30.Kc3? -5.80/28
[30.Kd2= 0.00/21 and White has nothing to worry. Rg8 31.Qxf6+ *(31.Nxf6? Qxf2+ 32.Kc1 a3-+)* 31...Kxh7 32.Qxf5+ exf5 33.Rh4 Rxg2 34.Rf4 *(34.Rxa4 Rxf2+ 35.Kc3 Kg7±)*]

(Diagram)

30...Qe5+? 0.00/26
[Black should try 30...Rc8+!-+ -5.80/28 31.Kb4 Qc2 32.Qxf6+ *(32.Qxb7? Qb3+* Skewer *33.Ka5 Qxb7 34.Kxa4 Ra8#)* 32...Kg8]
31.Kc2 Qf5+ 32.Kd2 Qf4+! 33.Ke1 Qe4+ 34.Kf1 Ba6+ 35.Kg1 Rg8! 36.Qxf6+ Kxh7 37.g3
[37.Qxf7+? Rg7-+]



37...Be2 **38.Rd4** Chess con chili. **38...Qf3** **39.Qxf3** **Bxf3** Endgame. KRR-KRB **40.Rhh4** Threatens to win with Rdf4! **40...Rc8** (→ ...Rc1+) **41.g4** **e5** Wards off Rf4 **42.Rxa4** **d4** **43.Ra7** **Bd5**



44.f3! And now Rh2 would win. **44...Kg7** **45.Kf2** aiming for Ra5. **45...Kf6?** 1.68/25
[45...Rc2+= 0.03/26 46.Kg3 Rxb2]
46.Kg3+- **Rc2** 2.22/22
[46...Rc1± 1.30/20]
47.Ra6+ **Ke7** 2.58/20
[⌓47...Be6 1.71/20 48.Rh2 Rc1]
48.Rh2? 0.00/36
[Worse is 48.Rxh6 d3 49.Rh1 d2=]
[48.Ra5+- 2.58/20 Ke6 49.g5]
48...Rxh2= The position is equal.
49.Kxh2 **d3** **50.Ra7+**
[50.Rxh6? d2 *(50...Bxf3? 51.Ra6-+)* 51.Ra6 d1Q-+ *(51...d1B? 52.h6+-)*]
50...Ke6 **51.Ra6+** **Ke7** **52.Ra7+**
[52.Rxh6? perishes. d2 *(52...Bxf3? 53.Ra6-+)* 53.Ra6 d1Q-+ *(53...d1B?* is the wrong capture. *54.h6+-)*]
52...Ke6 **53.Ra6+** Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.42
½-½

C69
□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
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[Kitty Kat]

C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines **1.e4** **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bb5** **a6** **4.Bxc6** **dxc6** **5.0-0** **Qf6** **6.d4** **exd4** **7.Bg5** **Qd6** **8.Nxd4** The position is equal. **8...Be7** **9.Be3** **Nh6** **10.h3N** Against Ng4
[10.Qd2 g5 *(10...Ng4 11.Bf4 Ne5 12.Qc3 Bf6 13.Nd2 0-0 14.N2b3 Qe7 15.Bg3 Ng6 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Rfe1 Bd7 18.c3 b6 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.h3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Be5 22.Nd4 c5 23.Nf5 Qd7 24.Qg4 Qd2 25.Re2* 1-0 Pirie (1945)-Clancy,M (2049) Jugoslavija (ch) 84/429 2002 (3)*)* 11.Nf3 Rg8 12.h4 Qg6 *(12...f6 13.hxg5 fxg5 14.Bxg5 Qg6* The Exchange Spanish-Line 21: 7. Bg5 8.Nxd4!?,-*)* 13.hxg5 Ng4 14.Nc3 h6 15.Bf4 Be6 16.Bxc7 Rc8 17.Bb6 hxg5 18.Ne2 c5 19.Ng3 Rh8

20.Rfd1 Qh6 21.b4 cxb4 22.Bd4 f6 23.c3 bxc3 24.Bxc3 Kf7 6 Chapter Part-Games Chapter 4 Part 2 Game 25.Rac1 Rc4 26.Bd4 b5 27.Qa5 Nh2 28.Qxa6 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3 g4 30.f4 Qxf4 31.Rxc4 bxc4 32.Be3 Qf3 33.Rd6 Rh3 34.Rxe6 Rxg3+ 35.fxg3 Qxe3+ 36.Kh2 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf1+ 38.Kh2 Qh3+ 39.Kg1 Bc5# 0-1 Meier,G (2648)-Caruana,F (2784) GRENKE Chess Classic 2018 Baden-Baden Karlsruhe/GER (3.5)]

[10.f3 f5 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qe2 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Qg6 14.Rfe1 Nf5 15.Bf2 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Re8 17.Ng3 Kf7 18.Qe5 Be6 19.Nh5 Bf6 20.Nxf6 gxf6 21.Qxc7+ Re7 22.Qf4 Qf5 23.Re4 Qxf4 24.Rxf4 f5 1-0 Morozov,Y (2653)-Kennaugh,C (2717) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (2.1)]

10...Qg6 0.24/22

[⌓10...Bd7! -0.21/22]

11.Kh1= Bd7 12.Nd2 -0.46/22

[12.Nc3= 0.04/19]

12...0-0-0∓ 13.f4 f5 14.e5 c5↑ Black is more active. **15.N4f3 Bc6 16.Qe2 Qe6 17.Rfd1** -1.23/21

[17.a4∓ -0.36/19]

17...a5 -0.08/22

[Better is 17...Nf7∓ -1.23/21 Black wants to play ...g5! 18.a4 a5]

18.a3= Nf7 19.b4! g5!

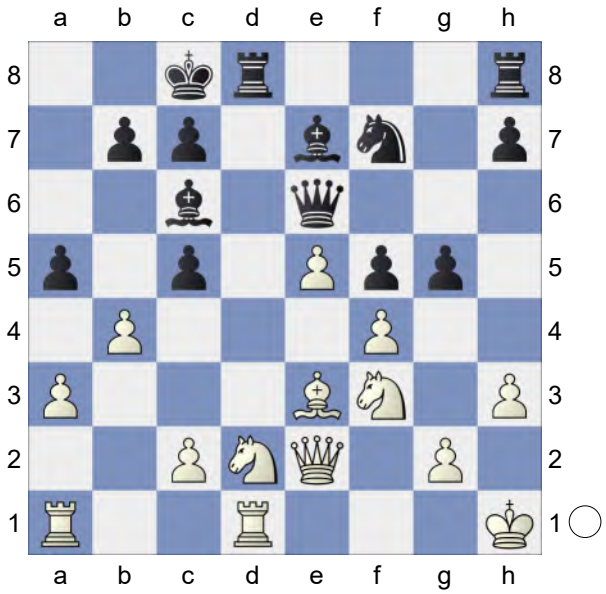
[19...axb4? 20.axb4 b5 21.bxc5+- *(21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.bxc5 g5+-)*]

(Diagram)

...g4 would now be deadly. **20.bxc5** -1.35/20

[20.Nb3!= -0.18/20 remains equal.]

20...g4 -0.77/19



[Black should play 20...gxf4 -1.35/20 21.Bxf4 *(21.Nd4 Rxd4 22.Bxd4 Rg8∓)* 21...a4 *(21...Bxc5 22.Qf1∓)*]

21.hxg4∓

[21.Nd4? Rxd4 22.Bxd4 gxh3-+]

21...Nh6 Black has more active pieces.

[21...fxg4 22.Nd4 Rxd4 23.Bxd4∓]

[21...Qh6+?! 22.Kg1 fxg4 23.Nd4±]

22.Nb3? -2.46/20 This move loses the game for White.

[22.Nd4∓ -0.51/21 Rxd4 23.Bxd4]

22...Nxg4-+

[22...fxg4? 23.Nfd4 Qg6 24.Nxc6 *(24.Nxa5 Rxd4 25.Bxd4 Nf5+-)* 24...Qxc6 25.Nd4 *(25.Nxa5 Qa4+-)* 25...Rxd4 26.Bxd4+- *(26.Rxd4 Rg8+-)*]

[22...Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Nxg4 24.Bd4=]

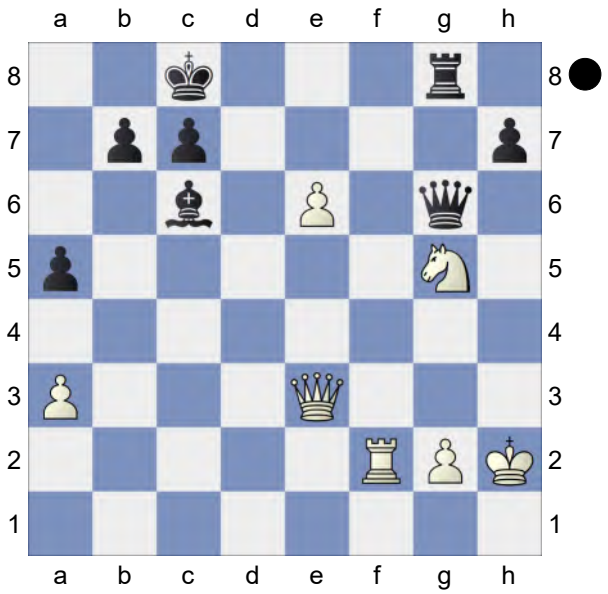
23.Nbd4 -3.79/20

[23.Kg1 -2.44/19 keeps fighting. Qh6 *(23...Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Nxe3 25.Qxe3∓)* 24.Bd4 Qxf4 25.Nxa5 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 Bxf3 *(26...Bxc5 27.Nxc6 Qe4* Pin *28.Ne7+ Kb8 29.Qxe4+-)* 27.Rxf4 Bxe2 28.Nb3]

23...Qh6+

[23...Bxc5? 24.Nxe6 Rxd1+

25.Rxd1+-]
24.Kg1 Bxc5 A strong pair of Bishops.
25.Nxf5 Bxe3+
[25...Qxf4? is the wrong capture. 26.Ne7+ Bxe7 27.Rxd8+ *(27.Bxf4 Bc5+ 28.Kf1 Rdf8+-)* 27...Rxd8 28.Bxf4+-]
26.Nxe3 Qxf4 27.Nxg4 Qxg4 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Rf1 Qa4 30.Qe3 Qxc2 ...Rd3 is the strong threat. **31.e6 Rg8** -2.15/22
[31...Rd1∓ -1.53/22 32.e7 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Qb1+ 34.Ne1 Qb5+ 35.Kf2 Qb6]
32.Rf2 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Qg6 aiming for ... Bxf3. **34.Ng5** -4.67/20
[34.Nh4 -2.20/20 Qh5 35.g3]

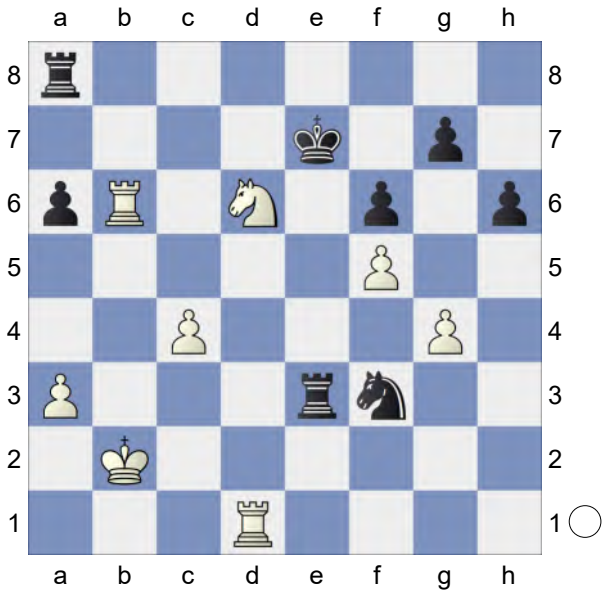


34...Qh6+
[34...Qxg5? loses. 35.Qxg5 Re8 36.e7+- *(36.Qxa5 Kb8+-)*]
35.Qh3 Qxg5 36.Rf8+ Rxf8 37.e7+ Rf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

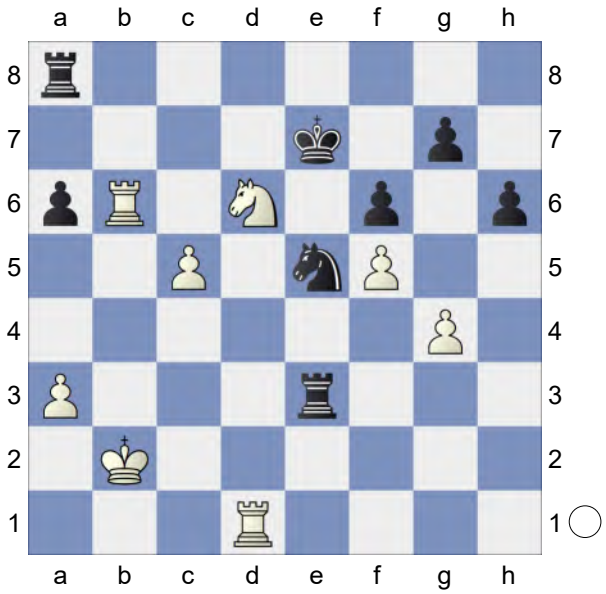
B90
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin 2681**
■ **Goutham Krishna H 2466**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.3) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.a3 b5 8.g4 Bb7 9.Bg2** White is slightly better. **9...d5N** 0.82/21
[9...Nfd7= 0.26/19 keeps the balance. 10.h4 Ne5 11.g5 Qc7 12.Qe2 Nc4 13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.h5 Nde5 15.f4 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 Nc4 17.Qg3 0-0-0 18.f5 e5 19.Nb3 d5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Rxd5 22.exd5 Bd6 23.Be4 Kb8 24.f6 gxf6 1-0 Yu,Y (2721)-Martinez Alcantara,J (2619) Speed Chess Q1 Sw Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (10) 25.gxf6 Rc8 26.h6 a5 27.Rh2 a4 28.Nd2 Nb6 29.Kb1 b4 30.axb4 Bxb4 31.Qd3 Bd6 32.Rg2 a3 33.Bxh7 axb2 34.Rg8 Qc5 35.Rxc8+ Kxc8 36.Bf5+ Kb8 37.h7 Na4 38.Qb3+ Kc7 39.Qxa4 Qg1+ 1-0 Roehrich,S (2721)-Mittag,L (2619) 65/352 Belgrad 1995 (10)]
[9...Be7 10.g5 Nfd7 11.f4 0-0 12.h4 Nc6 13.f5 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 exf5 15.Nd5 fxe4 16.Bxe4 Nc5 17.0-0-0 Rc8 18.Kb1 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Re8 20.Rhf1 Bxg5 21.Qf5 Bxd5 22.Bxg5 Be6 23.Qf2 f6 24.Be3 0-1 Ilyasli,U (2223)-Dahl,C (2360) EU-ch U18 30th Antalya 2022 (8)]
10.exd5± Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.Bf3 Qd7 13.Qe2 Strongly threatening 0-0-0. **13...Bc4** 1.11/20
[13...Nc6± 0.62/22 should be considered.]
14.Qd2 Bd5 15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.0-0-0

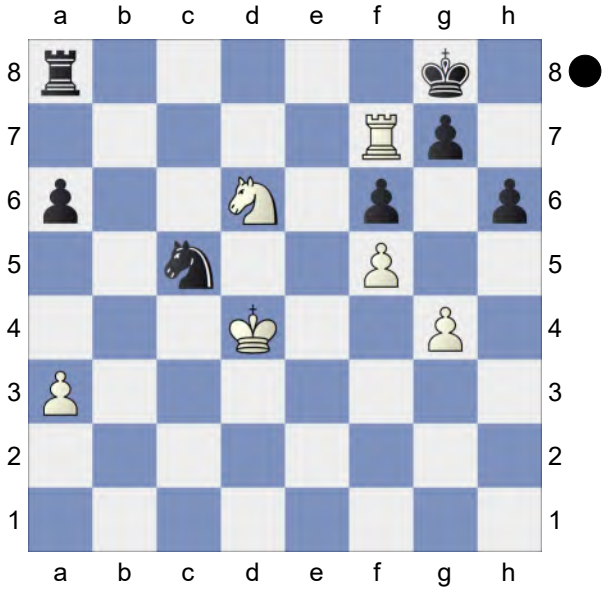
Be7 17.Kb1 Qc4 1.93/19
[17...0-0± 0.98/21]
18.f4!+- Hoping for Qg2. **18...0-0 19.Qg2** Wards off Nc6 **19...Qd5 20.Qxd5 exd5 21.Nf5 Nc6 22.Rxd5 Rfe8** Black is weak on the dark squares **23.Bc5** 1.30/22
[White should try 23.Rhd1+- 1.93/20]
23...Bf8 2.10/27
[23...Bxc5± 1.30/22 was called for. 24.Rxc5 Ne7]
24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Rc5 1.47/21
[25.Rhd1+- 1.84/23]
25...Nd8± 26.Nd6 Ne6 27.Rc6 White is more active. **27...Re7 28.f5 Nd4 29.Rb6 Nf3 30.h3 Re3** 2.14/23
[⌓30...Ne5 1.62/19 31.b3 Nd7]
31.b3 f6 32.h4 h6 33.Kb2 0.98/20
[⌓33.h5! 1.39/23]
33...Ke7 2.04/20
[33...Re2± 0.98/20]
34.Rd1 Nxh4 35.c4! bxc4 36.bxc4
[Of course not 36.Nxc4?! Re4±]
36...Nf3 1.95/20
[36...Re5± 1.37/19 might work better. 37.Kc3 *(37.Rb7+ Kf8+-)* 37...Nf3]



37.c5!+- Ne5



38.Rd5 -0.01/31
[38.Kc2!+- 2.14/19]
38...Rd3!↑ Black has good play. **39.Rb7+ Kf8 40.Rxd3 Nxd3+ 41.Kc3 Nxc5 42.Rf7+ Kg8 43.Kd4**



Repels Ne4 **43...Nd3 44.Kxd3 Rd8** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

A05

□ **Srihari,L R** 2484
■ **Nihal,Sarin** 2676
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.4) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.e4 d6 7.Re1**

[7.Nh4 Nfd7 8.d4 e5 9.d5 0-0 10.c4 a5 11.Nc3 Na6 12.a3 Nac5 13.b3 a4 14.b4 Nb3 15.Ra2 Ba6 16.Nb5 Nd4 17.Qd3 Bf6 18.Nf3 Nxf3+ 19.Bxf3 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Bg5 21.Rc2 Ra7 0-1 Kostka,V (2694)-Novy,M (2654) Alushta 1994 (5)]

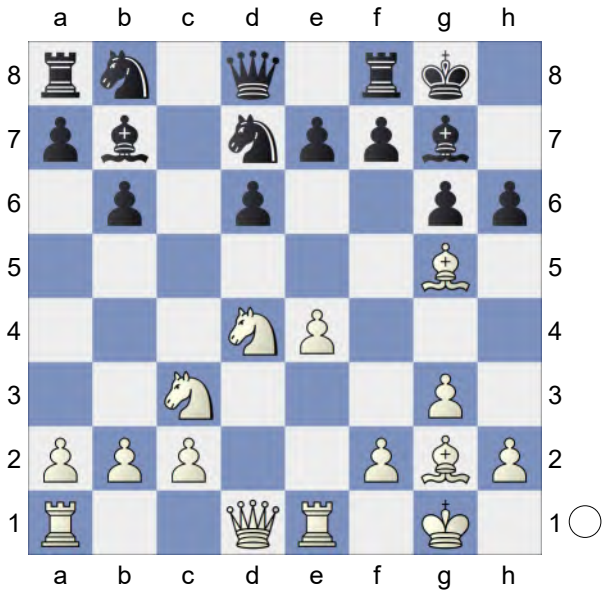
[7.Nfd2 e5 8.a4 a6 9.d4 Nbd7 10.Re1 0-0 11.d5 Bh6 12.Nc3 Qe7 13.Nc4 Bxc1 14.Qxc1 Kg7 15.Qd2 h5 16.h4 Ng4 17.Bh3 Ndf6 18.Qg5 Qe8 19.Qd2 Qe7 20.Qg5 Qe8 21.Qd2 Qe7 ½-½ Matamoros Franco,C (2404)-Escalona Landi,S (2305) Iberoamerican-ch 10th Linares 2024 (5)]

7...0-0 8.Nc3N

[8.c3 e5 9.Nbd2 c6 10.d4 Qc7 11.a4 Nbd7 12.Qc2 a5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nc4 Ba6 15.Bf1 Rfe8 16.b4 Bf8 17.Qb3 axb4 18.cxb4 b5 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Ng5 Qa7 22.Na5 Bxb4 1-0 Salas,F (2540)-Guilman,A (2415) 78/(183) Metz 2000 23.Qxf7+ Kh8 24.Ne6 Bf8 25.Bg5 Qxa5 26.Bxf6+ Nxf6 27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Rd1 Qa7 29.Bxb5 cxb5 30.Qxe5 Re8 31.Rd8 Rxd8 32.Nxd8 b4 33.Qd5+ Kh8 34.Ne6 Qe7 35.h4 h5 36.e5 Bh6 37.Kg2 Kh7 1-0 Todorcevic,M (2540)-Gomez Esteban,J (2415) Pamplona 9091 1st 1990]

8...c5 9.d4 The position is equal.

9...cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nfd7 11.Bg5 h6



12.e5! Bxg2

[12...hxg5? 13.Bxb7 Nxe5 14.Bxa8+-]

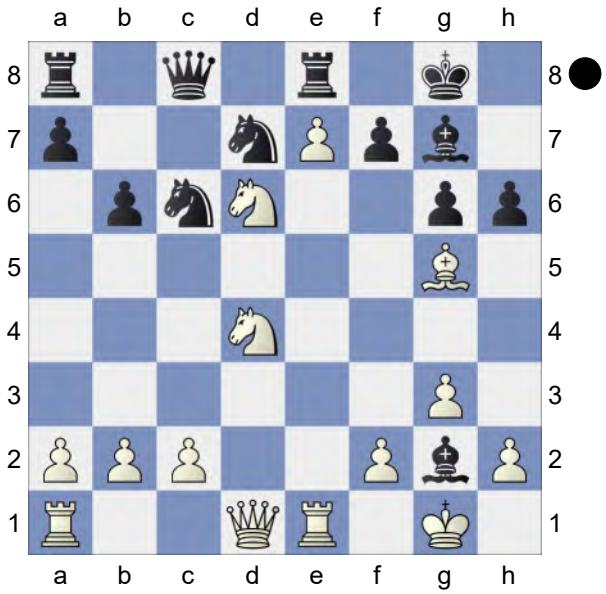
13.exd6! Qc8! 14.dxe7

[14.Bxh6!? Bxh6 15.dxe7±]

14...Re8 15.Ncb5 -1.26/20

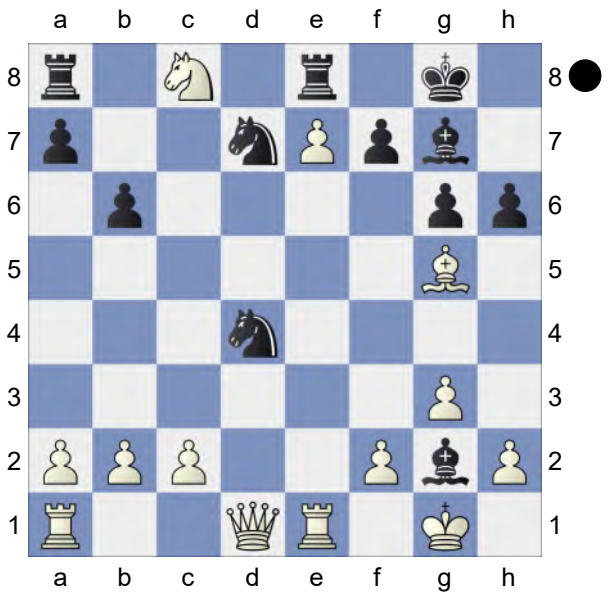
[15.Bxh6= -0.24/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Bxh6 16.Ncb5 *(16.Kxg2 Nc6∓)*]

15...Nc6!∓ 16.Nd6



Nxd4! 17.Nxc8

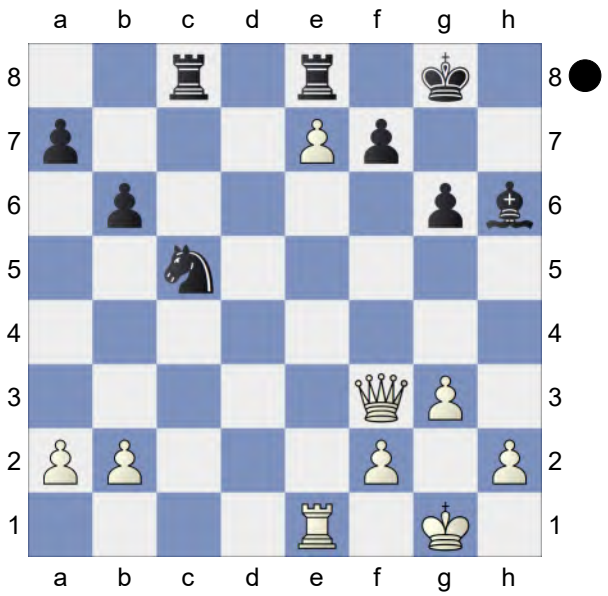
(Diagram)



Bf3 Really sharp! This pair of bishops is nice. **18.Qd3** c3! would now be deadly. **18...Raxc8** -1.11/22
[⌓18...Nc5 -1.51/22 19.Qe3 Raxc8 20.Bxh6 *(20.c3 Nc2∓)* 20...Nxc2 21.Qxf3 Bxh6]
19.Bxh6 -2.14/20 **Nc5 20.Qe3 Nxc2** -0.51/23 Black is more active.
[20...Bc6∓ -1.48/18 And now ...Nf5 would win. 21.Bxg7 Nf3+ 22.Kh1 *(22.Kf1 Kxg7 23.h4 Ne4∓)* 22...Kxg7 *(22...Nxe1+ 23.f3=)*]
21.Qxf3∓ Bxg7 is the strong threat.
21...Bxh6 22.Rad1 -1.52/23 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[Better is 22.b4!∓ -0.57/24 Nxa1 *(22...Ne6 23.Rxe6 Nxa1 24.Re2±)* 23.bxc5 *(23.Rxa1 Ne6∓)*]
22...Nxe1∓ 23.Rxe1

(Diagram)

Bg7! 24.h4 Ne6! 25.h5 gxh5 26.Qxh5 Rxe7
[Reject 26...Bxb2?! 27.Rxe6 fxe6 28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qf7= *(29.Qxe6 Kg7=; 29.Qh6+ Kg8=)*]



27.Qg4 Against Nf4 **27...Kf8 28.Re2 Rc1+ 29.Kg2 Rc6** Threatens to win with ...Nf4+! **30.Rd2 Rec7 31.Qh4 Kg8** Dodges Rd8+ **32.Qe4** Wards off Rc2 **32...Bf6 33.b3 Kg7 34.Qg4+ Kf8 35.Qe4 Rc5 36.Qa8+** -1.75/20
[36.Rd5∓ -1.24/21]
36...Kg7-+ 37.Qe4 Re5 38.Qg4+ Rg5 39.Qe4 Rc3 40.Rd1 Rc7 41.Rh1 Rgc5 42.Qg4+ Kf8 43.Qb4 -1.84/22
[43.Rd1∓ -1.47/20]
43...Rd7 44.Qe4 Rd2 45.Qa8+ Bd8 46.Qxa7 -3.67/22
[⌓46.Qe4 -2.34/19]
46...Rcc2 47.Rf1 Rxa2 48.Qb8 Kg7 49.Qb7 Rab2 50.Qf3 Be7 51.Rd1 Rxd1 52.Qxd1 Bc5 Hoping for ...Ng5! **53.Kh1 Rxf2 54.Qd5** Prevents Ng5. **54...Re2 55.g4?** -13.96/20
[55.Qd1 -3.54/21 Re3 56.Qd5]
55...Re1+ 56.Kh2 Bg1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

C65

□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**
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[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nbd2 Nd4 6.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.Nf3** Hoping for Nxd4.
[7.c3 Bb6 8.0-0 *(8.d4 c6 9.dxe5 cxb5 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nf3 d6 13.Qd3 Bg4 14.Rd1 Rae8 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Qg6 17.Bf4 Bc5 18.Bg3 Bd7 19.Raa1 Bc6 20.b4 Bxe4 21.Qf1 Bb6 22.Rxd6 Qg4* ½-½ Jones,K (2588)-Zamlutti Junior,R (2629) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (10)*)* 8...c6 9.Ba4 0-0 10.Bb3 d5 11.h3 dxe4 12.dxe4 Qe7 13.Qf3 Be6 14.Nc4 Nd7 15.Ne3 Bxe3 16.Bxe3 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 a6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Qg4 Qxg4 20.hxg4 h6 21.a4 Kf8 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2881)-Anand,V (2785) Wch Blitz 8th Dubai 2014 (13)]
7...Bb6 8.0-0N
[Much weaker is 8.Nxe5 Qe7 9.Ng4 Qb4+ 10.c3 Qxb5-+]
[8.Ba4 0-0 9.Bg5 d6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qd2 Qe7 12.0-0 h6 13.Bh4 Bg4 14.Rae1 Kh7 15.Kh1 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Qd7 17.Bxf6 Qh3 18.Qe2 gxf6 19.Rg1 f5 20.Rg3 Qh5 21.exf5 Rg8 22.d4 Bxd4 ½-½ Moore,T (2615)-Sahraoui,S (2556) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) 23.c3 Bb6 24.f6 Rxg3 25.fxg3 Qg5 26.Qe4+ Kg8 27.Qxb7 Rd8 28.Qd5 Qxf6 29.Kg2 Rc8 30.Qc6 Rd8 31.Re4 Kf8 32.Qd5 Rc8 33.Qc6 Rd8 34.Bc4 Ke7 35.Bd5 h5 36.a4 Rg8 37.Qc4 Qh6 ½-½ Maze,S (2615)-Rambaldi,F (2556) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (3)]
8...c6 9.Ba4 d6 10.c3 h6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.fxe3 0-0 13.Bb3 g6 -0.04/24
[13...Qb6∓ -0.49/21 14.Re1 Bg4]
14.h3= Kg7 15.Rf2 Qe7 16.Qc2
[16.Nd2 seems wilder. Nh7 17.Qe2 Ng5 18.h4]
16...Be6 17.Raf1 Nh7 18.d4 -0.12/21
[⌓18.Bxe6 0.24/19 Qxe6 19.c4]
18...Ng5 19.Nxg5
[Reject 19.dxe5 Bxb3 20.axb3 dxe5∓]
19...hxg5 20.Qd1 -0.09/26
[20.Bxe6 0.28/24 is more appropriate. fxe6 21.b4]
20...Bxb3 The position is equal.
21.Qxb3 f6 22.d5 c5 23.Qd1 Qd7 24.Qg4 Qxg4 25.hxg4 Endgame. KRR-KRR **25...Rf7 26.g3 a6 27.Rh2 Rh8 28.Rxh8 Kxh8 29.a4 b6 30.b4 c4 31.a5 b5 32.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

B51

□ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
■ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.6) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4

5.♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]

3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.0-0 a6 5.Be2 Ngf6 6.d3 e6 7.a4 b6 8.Nfd2 The position is equal. **8...Bb7 9.f4 Qc7 10.Bf3 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.g4 Rad8** 0.76/22
[12...h6= 0.25/19]

13.g5± Ne8 14.Bg2 0.32/21
[14.Nc4± 0.74/22]

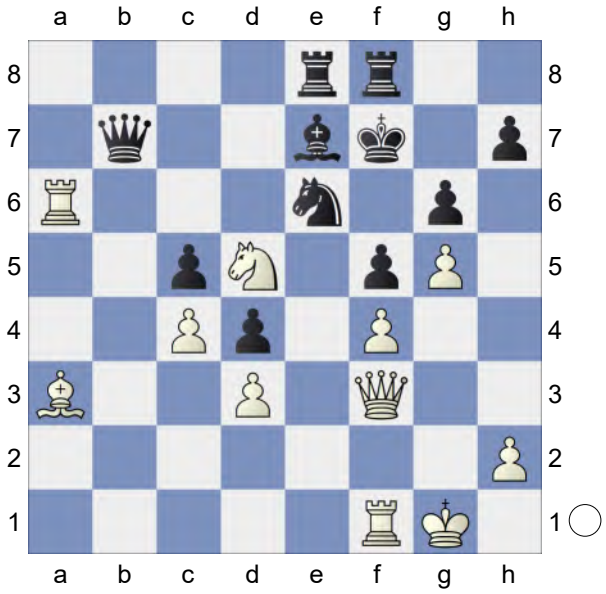
14...g6± 15.Nc4 f5 16.b3 Ng7 17.Ne3 Nb8 18.Bb2 Nc6 19.Ne2 Prevents Nd4
[19.exf5 with more complications. gxf5 20.Ncd5 exd5 21.Nxd5 Qd7 22.Nxb6 Qc7 23.Nd5]

19...Nd4 20.c3 Repels e5 **20...Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 d5 22.exd5 exd5 23.c4 d4 24.Bxb7** Remove Defender **24...Qxb7 25.Nd5 Rde8** 0.72/23
[25...Kf7= 0.10/22 keeps the balance.]

26.Qf3 White has more active pieces. **26...Kf7** Inhibits Nf6. **27.a5↑** White has good play. **27...bxa5 28.Rxa5 Qxb3** 1.36/22
[28...Bd8± 0.46/19 29.Raa1 *(29.Rxc5 Ne6±)* 29...Rh8]

29.Ba3 aiming for Nxe7! **29...Ne6?** 3.16/18
[29...Bd8± 1.20/20 is a better defense. 30.Rxa6 Qb7]

30.Rxa6+- Qb7? 6.16/18
[But not 30...Ra8? 31.Rxe6 Bd8 32.Bxc5+-]
[30...Bd8 3.27/19 31.Qd1 Qxd1 32.Rxd1 h6]



31.Rxe6! Decoy **31...Kxe6**
[31...Bd8 32.Rxe8]

(Diagram)

32.Nc7+! Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.43

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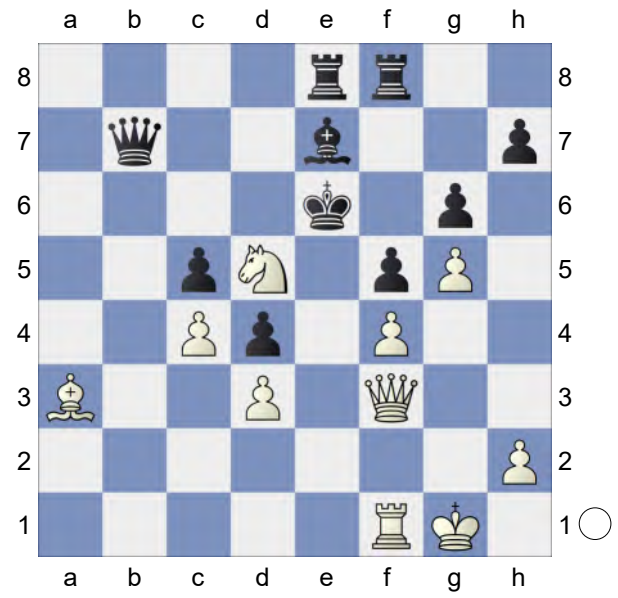

D11

□ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
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[Kitty Kat]

D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran Inf 94/(313) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Nbd7 6.0-0**

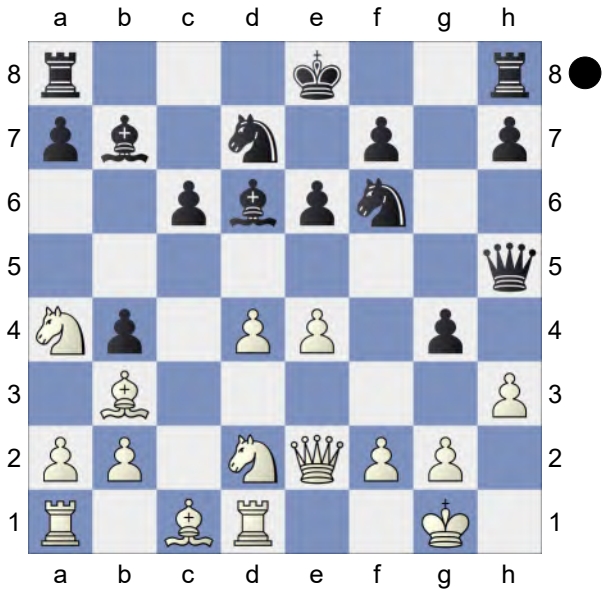
[6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 *(8...c5 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bb7 15.dxc5 Bf4 16.Bxb7 Bxc1 17.Qxc1 Qxb7 18.c6 Qc7 19.cxd7 Qxd7 20.Rd1 Qf5 21.Qc3 f6 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.Nd4* 1-0 Kurmangaliyeva,L (2199)-Dartmann Aubanell,C (1924) Wch U18 Girls Mamaia 2022 (1)*)* 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Nd2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.f4 cxd4 13.exd4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bc4 b5 16.Bxb5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Qxb5 20.Qg4 Skalusevic,L (2658)-Dallmann,V (2585) Wuerzburg op 14th Würzburg 1998]

6...Bd6 7.Nc3N

[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Re1 Re8 11.exd5 exd4 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 *(13.Rxe4 Nf6 14.Rh4 h6 15.h3 Bc5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Bb5 Bd7* ½-½ Epishin,V (2600)-Magomedov,M (2565) 94/(313) Russia 2005 *)* 13...Nc5 14.Qxd4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bf5 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Re1 h6 20.h3 b6 21.Qe5 Qxe5 1-0 Gratschov,D (2486)-Grudsky,D (2188) C) 5...d5 (1)]

7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bb3 b4! 10.Na4 Bb7 White is slightly better. **11.Qe2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qh5 13.h3 g5 14.e4 g4 15.Nd2** -0.72/19

[15.Ne5!± 0.79/20 and life is bright. Nxe5 16.dxe5 Bxe5 *(16...Qxe5 17.Rxd6 gxh3 18.Qf3±)* 17.Be3 *(17.Nc5 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Qxc5∓)*]

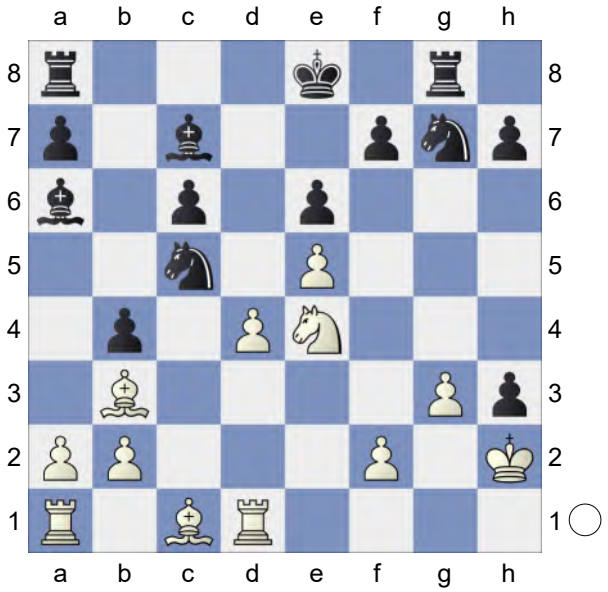


15...Rg8 0.34/19

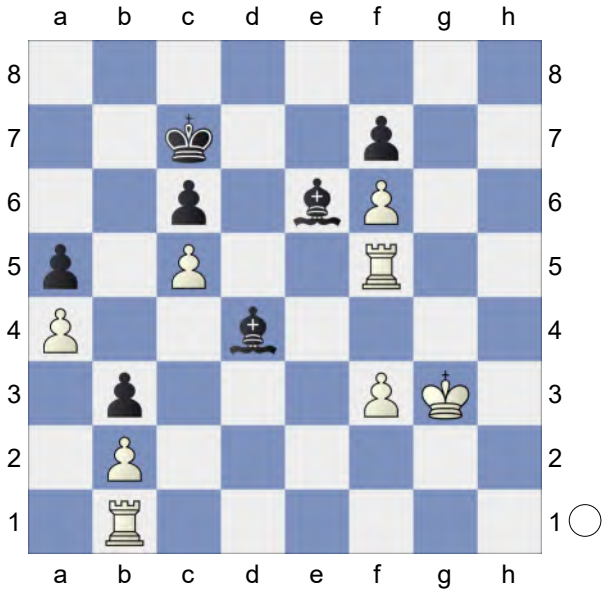
[15...Bh2+!∓ -0.72/19 16.Kh1 *(16.Kxh2? g3+* Discovered Attack *17.fxg3 Qxe2-+)* 16...Bc7]

16.g3!↑ h4 would now be deadly. White

has good play. **16...gxh3** White stays focused until the end. **17.Qxh5 Nxh5 18.e5 Bc7** 1.45/20
[⌓18...Be7 0.76/18]
19.Ne4± Ba6 20.Kh2 White is more active. **20...Ng7** 2.83/16
[⌓20...Be2 1.62/16]
21.Nac5+- Deflection
[21.Kxh3?! Be2+-]
21...Nxc5



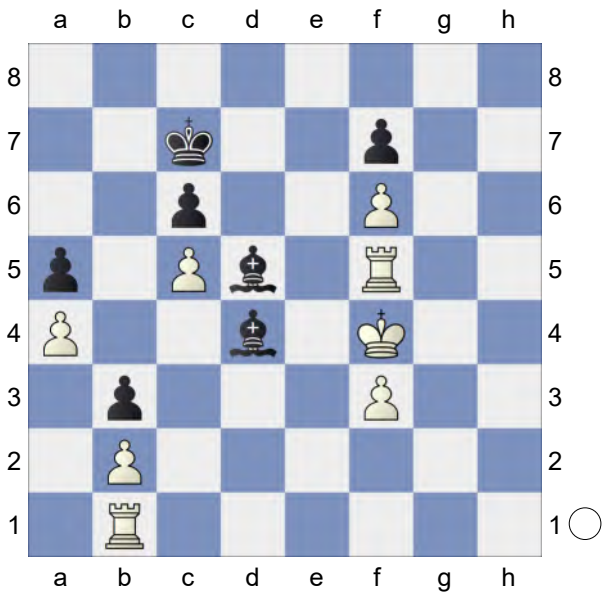
22.Nf6+
[22.dxc5 Bxe5 23.f4 *(23.Kxh3 Nf5=)* 23...f5±]
[22.Nxc5 Be2=]
22...Ke7 Threatens to win with ...Nxb3.
23.Nxg8+
[23.dxc5 Bxe5 24.Nxg8+ Rxg8±]
23...Rxg8 24.Bg5+
[24.dxc5 Bxe5 25.Ba4 *(25.Kxh3 Nf5=)* 25...Nf5±]
24...Kd7 Strongly threatening ...Ne4.
25.dxc5+ Kc8 26.Bf6
[26.Kxh3 Bxe5 27.Bf4 Bxf4 28.gxf4 Nf5+-]
26...Nf5 27.Bc2 Be2 28.Bxf5 exf5 29.Rd4 a5 30.Kxh3 Bf3 31.Rf4 Bd5 32.a3
[32.Rxf5 Be6 33.g4 h5=]
32...b3 33.Rh4
[33.Rxf5 Be6 34.g4 h5=]
33...Rg6 34.Rd1
[34.Rxh7 Rxf6 35.exf6 *(35.Rh8+ Kb7+-)* 35...Be5+-]
34...Be6 35.Kg2
[But not 35.Rxh7 f4+ 36.Kg2 Rg8+-]
35...h6 36.f3 Bd5 37.Rf4 Be6 38.Kf2 Kb7 39.a4 Kc8 40.Rfd4 Rg8 41.Rh1 White is clearly winning. **41...Rg6 42.Rdh4 Rxf6 43.exf6 Be5 44.Rb1**
[44.Rxh6 Bxb2 45.Ke3 Ba3+-]
44...Kc7 45.Ke2 Bxg3 46.Rxh6 Bf4 47.Rh5 Bc4+ 48.Kf2 Be5 49.Rxf5 Bd4+ 50.Kg3 Be6



51.Kf4 Bd5

(Diagram)

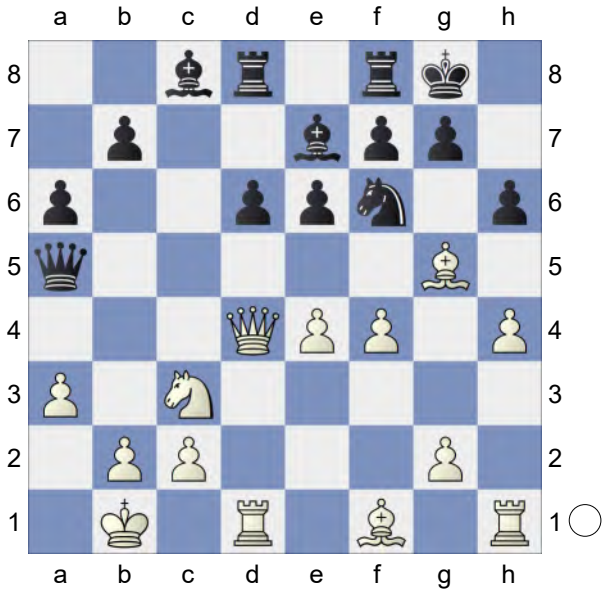
52.Re5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.31
1-0



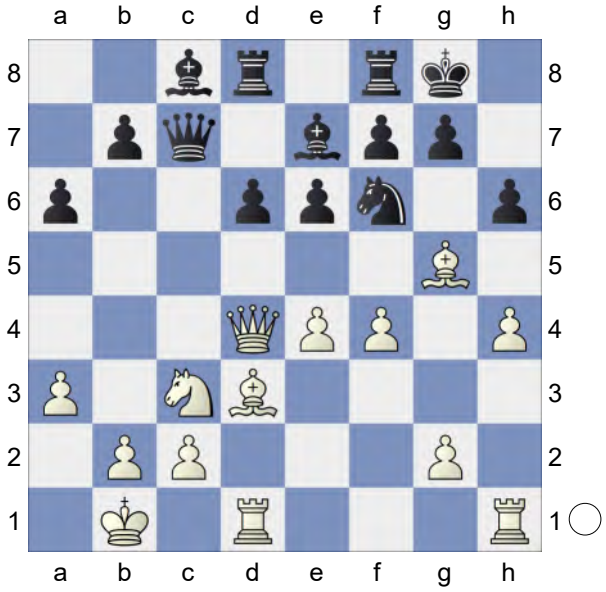
B62

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**
■ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.8) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

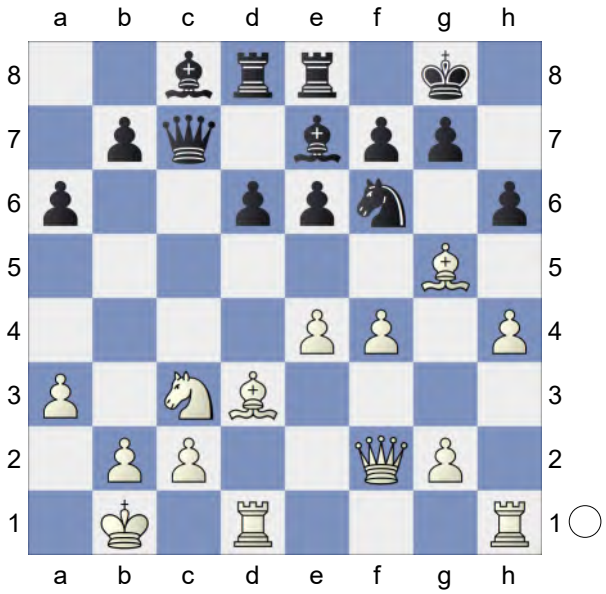
B62: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 6...e6: Unusual White 7th moves **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd3 Bd7 8.0-0-0 a6 9.f4 Be7 10.Nf3 Qa5**
11.a3 Against Nb4
[11.Kb1 Rc8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qe3 Qc5 14.Qe1 b5 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Nd5 Nxd3 18.Nxb6 Nxe1 19.Rhxe1 Rc5 20.Nxd7 Kxd7 21.Rcd1 Rg8 22.Re2 h5 23.c3 Rg4 24.g3 Kc7 25.Kc2 Kb6 1-0 Volokitin,A (2664)-Fier,A (2574) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (2)]
11...Rd8 White is slightly better.
12.Kb1N -0.27/24
[⌓12.Be2 0.16/20]
[12.Bh4 b5 13.Na2 b4 14.Be1 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Nd4 Rb8 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Kb1 Qb6 19.axb4 a5 20.b5 Bxb5 21.Qxb5+ Qxb5 22.Bxb5+ Rxb5 23.c4 dxc4 24.Rd4 Nc5 25.Rxc4 0-0 26.Kc2 Na6 ½-½ Golubka,P (2439)-Kistrup,N (2359) Gothenburg Kvibergspelen 2023 (8) 27.Bc3 Nb4+ 28.Bxb4 axb4 29.Nc1 f6 30.exf6 Bxf6 31.Rd1 e5 32.Kb3 exf4 33.Rxf4 Re8 34.Rf3 Rbe5 35.Rd2 Bg5 36.Rc2 Re4 37.Nd3 Rd4 38.Rc4 Bf6 39.Rxd4 Bxd4 40.Kc4 Bf6 41.Kb3 Re2 ½-½ Castillo,S (2439)-Koralek (2359) Jugoslavija (ch) 39/385 1985 (8)]
[12.Nd2 b5 13.Be2 0-0 14.Qg3 Qc7 15.Rhe1 Kh8 16.Qh4 b4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Nc4 Bb5 19.e5 dxe5 20.Rxd8 Bxd8 21.fxe5 Nfd5 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 23.Nd6 Rb8 24.Bxb5 axb5 25.Qd4 Nxc3 26.bxc3 Nd5 0-1 Dorfman,J (2258)-Geofroy,M (2300) Bad Ragaz op 1991 (4)]
12...0-0 0.25/22
[⌓12...h6 -0.27/24 13.Bxf6 Bxf6]
13.h4 Bc8 0.47/24
[13...Ng4= 0.00/19 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Qxd6 Nc6]
14.Nd4 Nxd4! 15.Qxd4 h6



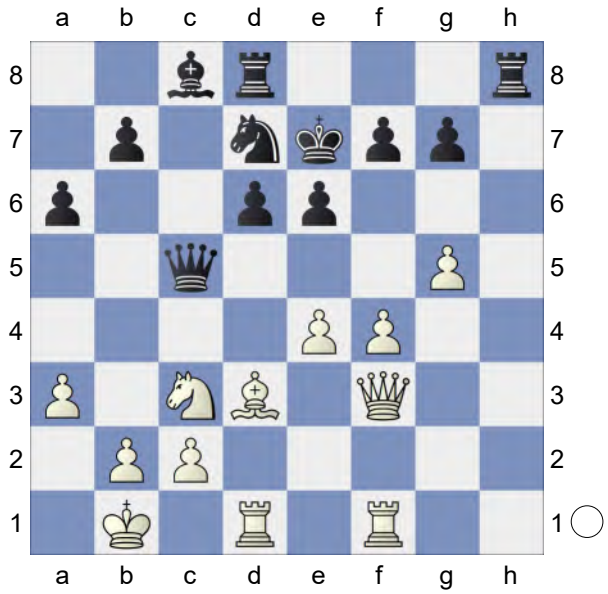
16.Bd3 0.18/21 **Qc7** 1.18/24
[16...hxg5 17.hxg5 Ng4 18.Rh4± *(18.Be2 e5±)*]
[16...Qc5!= 0.18/21 remains equal. 17.Bxf6 gxf6]



17.Qf2! White is more active. White stays focused until the end. **17...Rfe8**
[17...hxg5? 18.hxg5 Ng4 19.Qg3 Bxg5 20.Qxg4+- *(20.fxg5 f5+-)*]
[17...h5 18.Be2]



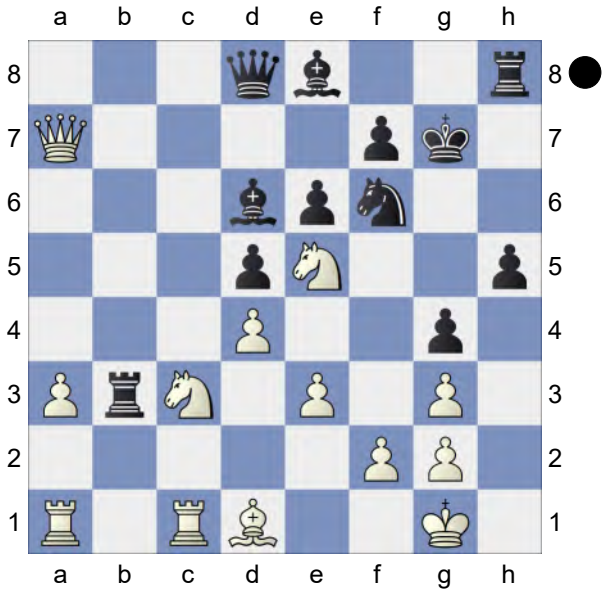
18.Qf3! Kf8 1.75/20
[18...h5± 1.08/21]
[18...Bd7 19.f5]
19.g4+- Nd7 2.63/17
[⌓19...Bd7 1.80/17 20.f5 Kg8 *(20...hxg5 21.hxg5 Ra8 22.e5+-; 20...exf5 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nd5±)*]
20.Bxe7+ Kxe7 21.g5 hxg5 22.hxg5 Rh8 23.Rhf1 1.84/17
[⌓23.e5 3.29/20]
23...Qc5 3.00/21
[23...g6 1.84/17 keeps fighting. 24.f5 Rdf8]



24.e5! d5 25.f5 Rdf8 26.Qg3 g6 4.24/21
[26...Kd8 2.96/19 was worth a try. 27.g6 fxg6]
27.fxg6 fxg6 28.Ne2
[Don't take 28.Bxg6 d4+-]
28...Rxf1 29.Rxf1 d4 5.86/21
[⌓29...Rg8 3.83/20 30.Qh4 Rf8 31.Qh7+ Kd8]
30.Nf4 White is clearly winning.
30...Nxe5 31.Nxg6+ Nxg6 32.Bxg6 Rg8 33.Qf4 Rd8 34.Be4 Kd7 35.g6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.58
1-0

D52
□ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.9) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D51: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Nbd7 sidelines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N**
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3 ½-½ Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2))* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5. e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]
[4...a6 5.e3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rd1 Qb6 *(10...Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Be5* 1-0 Kobeissey,J (2423)-Monteiro,H (2322) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7)) 11.h3 Be7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Bh6 ½-½ Bacrot,E (2714)-Istratescu,A (2589) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (7)]
[4...Bd6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rfd1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e6 f5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 1-0 Capablanca,J-Anon Lessons from Capablanca (2): attacking New York 1916]
5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Nh5 9.Be5 Ng7 White is slightly better. **10.Bg3 Nf5 11.Qc2 h5 12.cxd5 cxd5** 1.42/22
[12...Nxg3± 0.40/22 13.hxg3 exd5]
13.Nb5? -0.09/22
[13.Nxd5± 1.42/22 Qa5+ 14.Nc3]
13...Bb4+= 14.Nd2 Nxg3! 15.hxg3 Threatens to win with Nc7+. **15...Kf8 16.a3 Be7 17.Be2 Nf6 18.Nf3 Bd7** White must now prevent ...Bxb5. **19.Nc3 g4 20.Ne5 Kg7 21.Qb3** -0.61/21
[21.f3= -0.23/21]
21...Be8 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Qxa7 Rxb2 Threatening ...Rc2. **24.0-0** Rab1 would now be deadly. **24...Rb3 25.Rfc1** -0.79/20
[25.Na4∓ -0.37/20 was preferrable.]
25...Bd6∓ Strongly threatening ...h4. **26.Bd1** -1.92/20
[26.Rab1∓ -0.89/21 keeps fighting. Rxa3 27.Qb7]



26...Rxc3!-+ 27.Rxc3 Ba4 is the strong threat. **27...Ne4 28.Rac1?** -4.45/21 This move loses the game for White. **28...h4 29.Bxg4**
[29.Rc8 hxg3 30.fxg3 Qg5 31.Nxg4 Qh5 *(31...Bxg3? 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 33.Rc7-+; 31...Nxg3? 32.Qa6-+; 31...Bxg3? 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 33.Rc7-+; 31...Nxg3? 32.Qa6-+)*]
29...hxg3 30.fxg3 Qg5 Black is clearly winning. **31.Nxf7**
[31.Bxe6 leads to mate. Qxg3 32.Ng4 Qh4 *(32...Nxc3? 33.Qa6-+; 32...Nxc3 33.Qa5 Ne2+ 34.Kf1 Nxc1 35.Nf2 Qxe3 36.Bh3 Bg3 37.Nd3 Qxd3+ 38.Kg1 Qd1+ 39.Qe1 Qxe1#)*]
31...Bxf7 This pair of bishops is nice. **32.Bxe6** -6.54/22
[⌓32.Rf1 -4.62/19 Be7 *(32...Nxc3 33.Qxf7+ Kh6 34.Rf6+)* 33.Rf4 Nxc3 34.Bf3]
32...Be7 (→ ...Qxg3!) **33.Qd7 Qxg3 34.Bh3 Nxc3 35.Rxc3 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qxc3 37.Qxe7 Qc6 38.Qe5+ Qf6 39.Qg3+ Kh6 40.a4 Rg8 41.Qc7 Rg6** Hoping for ...Be6. **42.Kg1 Kg7** And now ...Qg5 would win. **43.a5 Qd6 44.Qxd6 Rxd6 45.Bc8 Be8 46.a6 Bc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.30
0-1

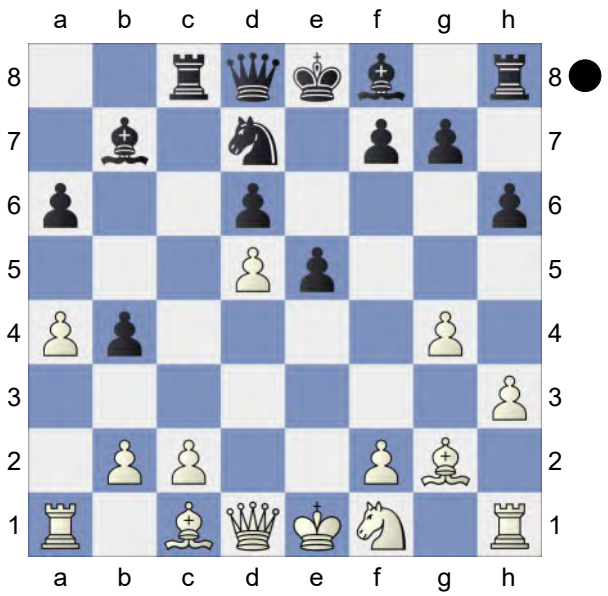
B90

□ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
■ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.10) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

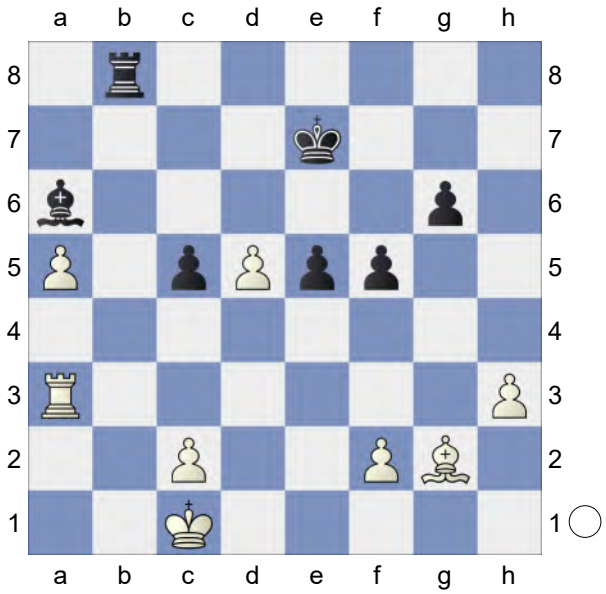
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 Smirin, Ilia: 'Smirin,I: 'Inf 78/245'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5N**
[6...e6 7.g4 Nfd7 *(7...d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 b4 14.Be1 Ra7 15.c3 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.f5 Bd6 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qd3 Rh6 21.Rd1 Rah7 22.Nf3* 1-0 Smirin,I (2630)-Mista,A (2537) EU-ch 9th Plovdiv 2008 (7)*; 7...Nc6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qd2 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Kb1 b4 13.Nce2 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qd3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.f3 Be7 18.h4 h6 19.gxh6 Rxh6 20.Ng3 g6 21.h5 0-0-0 22.Qc4* ½-½ Donrault,P (2209)-Genzling,A (2033) FRA-chT2b 0304 France 2003 (11)*; 7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.a3 h6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.g5 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.g6 Ndf6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rb1 Qc8 17.Ba3 Be7 18.Qd3 Bd5 19.Rfe1 Bc4 20.Qe3 d5 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Rb8* 1-0 Smirin,I (2666)-Murey,J (2487) ISR-chT Ramat Aviv 2000 (7)*)* 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nce2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7 13.f4 b5 14.g5 Bb7 15.Qg4 Rfe8 16.Rf2 Bf8 17.Raf1 e5 18.Nf5 Re6 19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Qg3 Rae8 21.h4 1-0 Federzoni,E (2144)-Nunes,A (1817) Caioba op 7th 2023 (3)]
7.Nf3 h6 8.g4 -0.31/21
[8.Bc4= 0.27/19]
8...b5∓ 9.a4 The position is equal. **9...b4 10.Nd5 Bb7 11.Bg2 Nbd7 12.Nd2 Nxd5 13.exd5 Rc8 14.Nf1** -0.87/19
[14.Ne4= -0.15/21]

(Diagram)

14...h5 -0.19/20 **15.g5 h4 16.Qg4 g6**



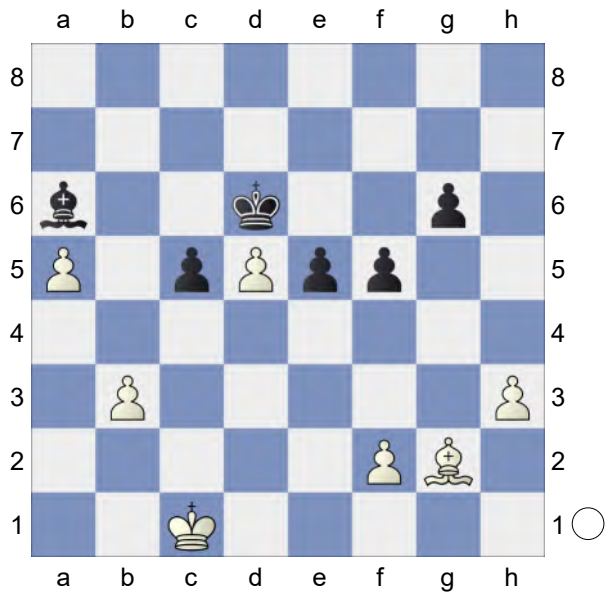
0.42/18
[16...Rxc2∓ -0.73/20 Threatens to win with ...Qc8. 17.Ne3 *(17.Qxb4? Nc5-+)* 17...Rc7]
17.Qxb4± Ba8 0.72/18
[17...Rb8= 0.30/20]
18.Be4 0.20/23
[18.Ne3± 0.72/18]
18...Be7 19.Rg1! Nc5 And now ...Rb8 would win. **20.Bh1 a5 21.Qb5+ Kf8 22.Bd2 Rb8** 1.05/21
[22...Nb7!± 0.51/21]
23.Qxa5± Qxa5 24.Bxa5 Hoping for b4. **24...Rxb2 25.Kd1 Rb8 26.Nd2** 0.59/21
[26.Bd2!± 1.02/22]
26...Kg7!± 27.Ra3 Rb7 28.Bc3 Rhb8 29.Ke2 Kg8 1.16/19
[29...Rc7± 0.66/17]
30.Rg4 0.72/18
[⌓30.a5 1.16/19]
30...Rc7± 31.a5
[31.Rxh4 Bxg5 32.Ba5 Rcc8=]
31...Bb7 32.Kd1 Bc8 33.Rxh4 Rb4 would now be deadly. **33...Bxg5** 1.45/18
[33...Rcb7!± 0.55/23]
34.Rb4 Rcb7 35.Rxb7 Rxb7 36.Bg2 Rb8 37.Ra1 0.97/21
[⌓37.Bf1 1.39/21]
37...Bxd2 1.64/21
[37...Bd8± 0.97/21]
38.Bxd2+- Ba6 39.Be3 Kf8 2.10/20
[39...f5 1.66/20 is a better defense. 40.Bxc5 dxc5]
40.Bxc5 0.79/17
[40.Bf3!+- 2.10/20]
40...dxc5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **41.Kc1** aiming for h4. **41...Ke7 42.Ra3 f5** 1.05/22
[42...Rb4± 0.64/22 feels stronger.]



43.Rb3 -0.07/21
[Better is 43.h4!± 1.05/22]
43...Rxb3= 44.cxb3 KB-KB **44...Kd6** 1.01/28
[44...g5= -0.09/26]

(Diagram)

45.Kd2 -0.09/31
[45.h4!± 1.01/28]
45...g5
[Much weaker is 45...e4 46.h4=]
46.Ke3 Bb7 47.Kd2? -4.42/24



[White has to play 47.Kd3!∓ -0.51/21]

47...Bxd5-+ 48.f3 -7.45/25

[And not 48.Bxd5 Kxd5 49.Kc3 e4-+]

[⌓48.Bf1 -4.13/24 Bxb3 49.Bg2]

48...Kc6 Black is clearly winning. **49.Kc3 Kb5 50.a6 Kxa6 51.b4 c4 52.Bf1 Bxf3** White must now prevent ...Bd5. **53.Kxc4 Kb6 54.Kd3 f4 55.Kd2 Bc6** Strongly threatening ...e4. **56.Bc4 Bd7 57.Bf1 e4 58.Ke1 e3** ...f3 is the strong threat. **59.Bg2 Bc6** Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.21 (precise)

0-1

A29

□ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**

■ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**

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[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3**

[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1)) 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Ruck,R (2550)-Romanishin,O (2561) 11th GM Lippstadt GER 2003 (3)]

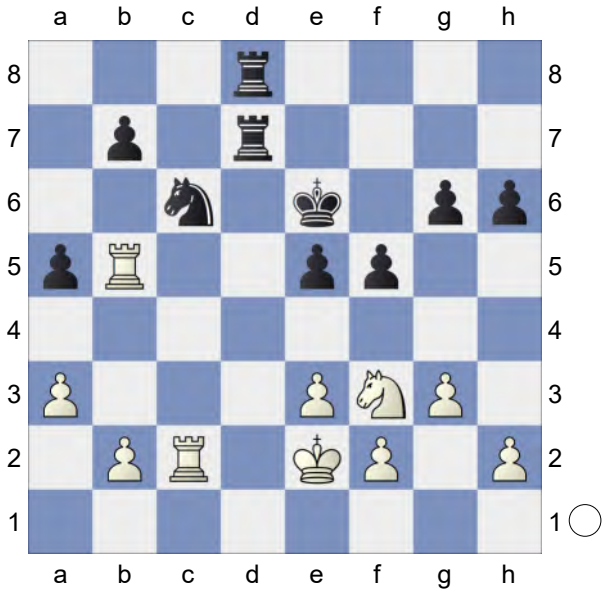
4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Bc5N

[6...Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]

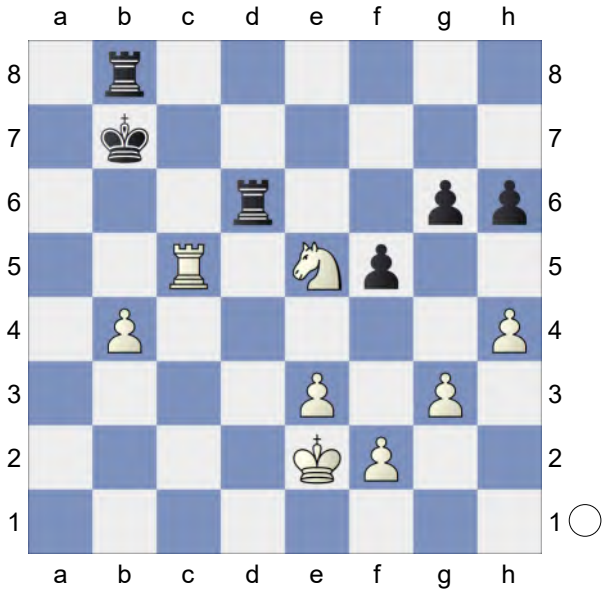
[6...Nde7 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nf5 11.Re1 h6 12.Rb1 g5 13.h4 Rb8 14.b4 Nfd4 15.b5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Kh2 b6 19.Rb4 Rc8 20.Ra4 c6 21.bxc6 0-1 Valero,J (1998)-Edouard,R (2365) FRA-chT Poule Basse Asnieres sur Seine 2006 (8) Nxc6 22.Qb1 a5 23.Be3 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Ne4 Qd7 26.Ra3 f5 27.Nd2 Rc3 28.Rxc3 dxc3 29.Nc4 b5 30.Nxa5 Qa7 31.Qxb5 Qxf2 32.Qb1 c2 33.Qc1 Bd4 0-1 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8)]

7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.a3 a5 11.Bd2 The position is equal. **11...Qd6 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Qa4 Bb6 14.Be3 Bd5 15.Bxb6 cxb6 16.e3 Rfd8 17.Rc3 Rd7 18.Rfc1 Rad8 19.Ne1 Bxg2 20.Nxg2 Qd5 21.Rb3 b5 22.Qxb5 Qxb5 23.Rxb5** Ne1 is the strong threat. **23...Rxd3 24.Ne1 R3d7 25.Kf1 f6 26.Rc4 Kf7 27.Nf3 Ke6 28.Ke2** White is more

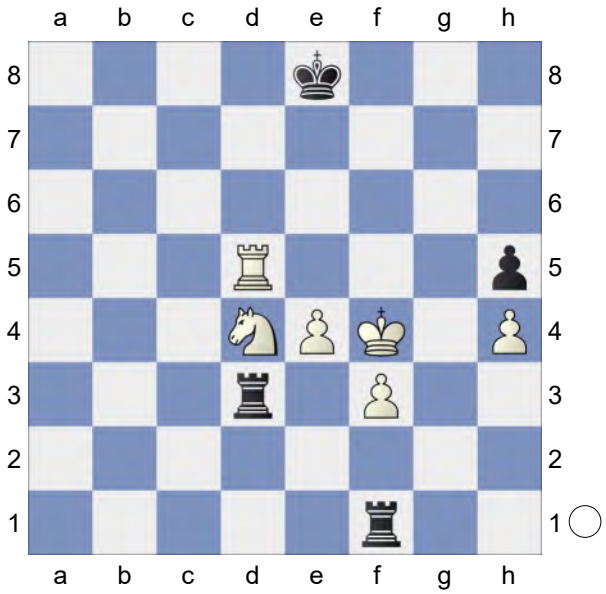
active. **28...g6 29.Rc2 f5** 0.97/17
[29...Rc8± 0.42/22]



30.Rxc6+ -0.01/25 **bxc6= 31.Rxe5+±** Endgame. KRR-KRN **31...Kd6 32.Rxa5 c5 33.b4 cxb4 34.axb4** Strongly threatening Ra6+. **34...Kc7** 1.19/25
[34...Ke7= 0.07/23 remains equal.]
35.h4! Rb8 1.93/23
[35...Rd5± 1.21/22]
36.Ne5 0.64/23
[36.Rc5+!+- 1.93/23 Kd6 37.Nd4]
36...Rd6± 37.Rc5+ Kb7

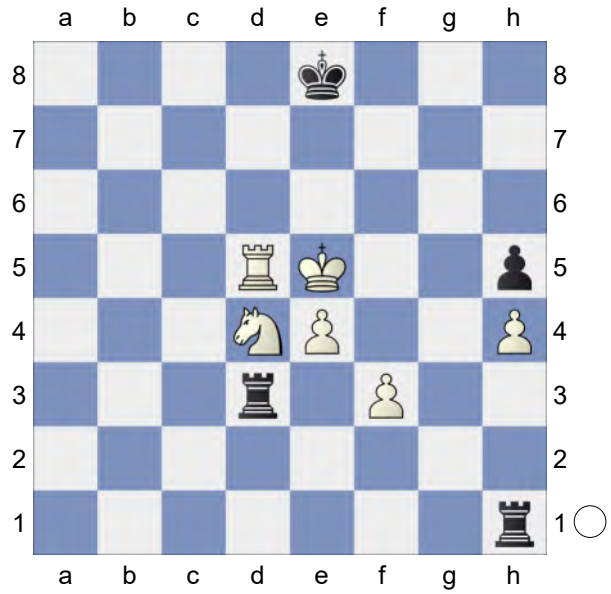


38.h5 0.33/22 **gxh5 39.Nd3 Ra8 40.Nf4**
[40.Rxf5? Ra2+ 41.Kf1 Rxd3-+]
40...Ra2+ 41.Kf3 Rdd2 42.Nh3 h4 43.gxh4 Rab2 44.Rxf5 Rxb4 45.Kg3 Kc6 46.Nf4 Rd6 47.f3 Rb3 1.46/22
[Better is 47...Rb5!± 0.32/24 48.Rxb5 Kxb5]
48.e4± Rd1 1.65/25
[48...Kd7± 1.23/20 is a better defense. 49.Kg4 Rd2]
49.Rf6+ 0.90/22
[White should try 49.Nd5!+- 1.65/25]
49...Kd7 50.Nd5! aiming for Kg4!
[50.Rxh6?! Rf1 51.Rf6 Rbxf3+ 52.Kg4 Re3=]
50...h5 51.Rf5! Rg1+ 52.Kf4 Rf1 53.Ne3!
[53.Rxh5 Rbxf3+ 54.Ke5 Rf8=]
53...Rc1 54.Rd5+!
[54.Rxh5 Rcc3 55.Rh7+ Ke8=]
54...Ke8 55.Nf5!
[Much worse is 55.Rxh5?! Rcc3 56.Re5+ Kd7=]
55...Rf1 1.71/24
[55...Rh1± 1.09/23]
56.Nd4!+- Rd3



57.Ke5! Black must now prevent f4.

57...Rh1



58.Ra5 0.31/20
[58.Rc5!± 1.43/23]
58...Rxh4± 59.Ra8+ Kd7 60.Ra7+ Kc8! 61.Nf5 White has compensation. **61...Rh2 62.f4** And now Nd6+ would win. **62...h4 63.Ne7+ Kb8 64.Nc6+ Kc8 65.Rh7 h3! 66.f5 Rf2 67.f6 h2 68.Ne7+ Kd8 69.Nf5** Threatens to win with Ke6. Some like it hot **69...Rd7 70.Rh8+**
[Don't go for 70.f7? Rxf7 71.Rh8+ Kc7-+]
70...Kc7 71.Ke6 Re2 72.e5 Rf2! 73.Nd6 Re2! 74.Nf5 Ra2? 7.45/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[74...Rf2± 0.52/22]
75.f7+- White is clearly winning.
75...Rd8 76.Rxd8
[76.f8R Rxf8 77.Rh4 Ra6+ 78.Kd5 Rxf5-+]
76...Ra6+ 77.Rd6 h1Q 78.f8Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
1-0

D35
□ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar 2578**
■ **Harsh,Suresh 2420**
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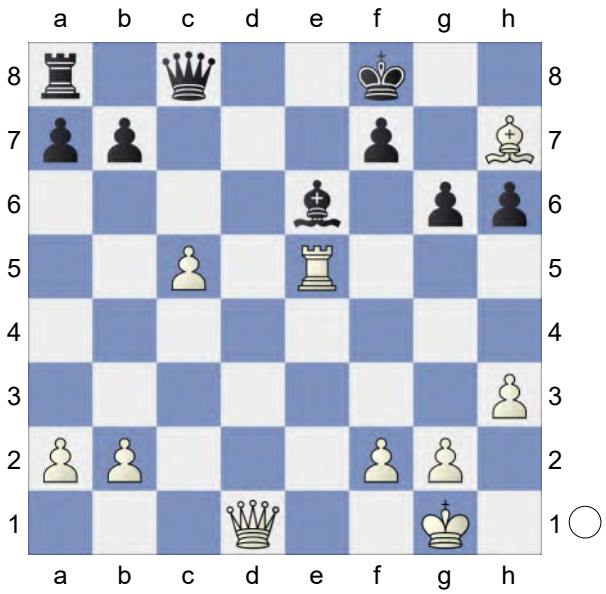
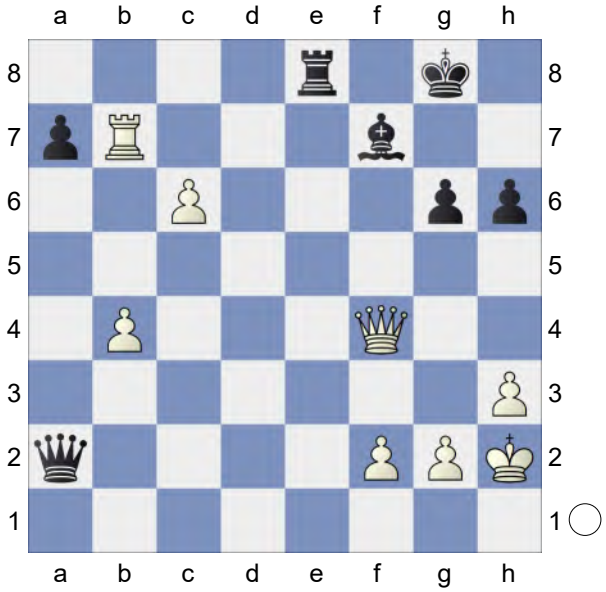
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Bg3 Ne8 10.Nf3 Nd6 11.Qc2** White is slightly better. **11...Be6 12.0-0**
[12.Ne5 Nd7 13.f4 Nf6 14.0-0 Rc8 15.b4 b6 16.Na4 Bd7 17.Rac1 Nde4 18.Bh4 Rc7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 c5 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Bb1 Kg7 25.Rf3 Rh8 26.Rg3+ Kf8 0-1 Cramling Bellon,A (2066)-Grot,B (2190) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (1)]
12...Nd7 13.Ne5 Re8 14.Rad1 Qc8N
[14...Nf6 15.f3 Bf8 16.Kh1 Rc8 17.Bf2 b5 18.e4 a5 19.b3 Qc7 20.Rc1 Qb7 21.Rfe1 Qa8 22.Qb2 a4 23.Bb1 axb3 24.axb3 Qb7 25.Nd3 b4 26.Na4 Nb5 27.Nac5 Bxc5 28.Nxc5 Qa7 29.e5 ½-½ Garriga Cazorla,P (2476)-Garrido Diaz,J (2302) Alicante Easter op 7th La Nucia 2023 (8) Nd7 30.Na4 Nb6 31.Nxb6 Qxb6 32.Qc2 g6 33.Qd2 Kg7 34.Be3 Rh8 35.Qxb4 Qa7 36.Qd2 Qd7 37.Bd3 Bf5 38.Bf1 Be6 39.Rc5 Qb7 40.Rec1 Bd7 41.f4 Bf5 42.Bf2 Rhe8 43.h3 Na7 44.b4 ½-½ Gouasdoue,V (2476)-Gottsmann,L (2302) 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bg5 (8)]
15.h3 Nb6 16.Bh7+ Kf8 0.65/20
[16...Kh8= 0.29/21]
17.e4 White is much more active.

17...dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Nd5 20.Rfe1 Nf6 21.Qb1 Rd8 0.90/20
[21...Qd8± 0.43/21]
22.Bh4 0.19/20
[22.Re2± 0.90/20]
22...c5 0.78/18
[22...Re8!= 0.19/20]
23.Bxf6 -0.12/21
[23.Nf3!± 0.78/18]
23...Bxf6= 24.dxc5 Rxd1
[24...Qxc5 25.Ng6+ fxg6 26.Rxe6=]
25.Qxd1 Bxe5 0.16/19
[25...g6!∓ -0.40/22 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.Nxg6+ Kg7]
26.Rxe5 Hoping for Qd6+. **26...g6** 0.57/24
[26...Qc7= 0.20/23 is more appropriate. 27.f4 Rd8]



27.Bxg6! 0.00/27 **fxg6 28.Qf3+ Bf7** White must now prevent ...Qc6. **29.Qf6 Kg8** Repels Qh8+. ...Qc6! is the strong threat. **30.Re7 Qf8 31.Rxb7 Re8 32.b4↑** b5 would now be deadly. White has compensation. White fights for an advantage.
[32.Rxa7? Re1+ *(32...Qxc5 33.Qxf7+ Kh8 34.Qh7#)* 33.Kh2 Qb8+ *(33...Qxc5 34.Qxf7+ Kh8 35.Qh7#)* 34.Qd6 Qxa7-+]
32...Re1+ 33.Kh2 Strongly threatening b5. **33...Qe8** 4.45/22
[33...Re6± 0.43/21 34.Qf4 g5]
34.Qd6? 1.59/20
[34.Rxa7? Qb8+ 35.f4 Qxa7-+]
[34.c6+- 4.45/22 has better winning chances. Re6 *(34...Bxa2 35.Qg7#)* 35.Qf3 Rxc6 36.Rxf7 *(36.Rxa7? Qb8+ 37.g3 Qxa7-+)*]
34...Qe2? 3.45/24
[34...Re6± 1.59/20 might work better. 35.Qg3 Re5]
35.Qf4? 0.40/19
[35.Rxa7 Qxf2 36.Re7 Rxe7 *(36...Bxa2 37.Qxg6+ Kh8 38.Qh7#)* 37.Qxe7 Qf4+ *(37...Qxa2 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.c6=)* 38.Kh1 Qxb4 *(38...Bxa2 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.c6=)* 39.Qd8+ Kg7∓]
[35.Rb8++- 3.45/24 Kg7 *(35...Kh7? 36.Qf6+-)* 36.Qd4+ Qe5+ 37.Qxe5+ Rxe5 38.c6]
35...Qxa2± **36.c6** Chess con chili.
36...Re8!

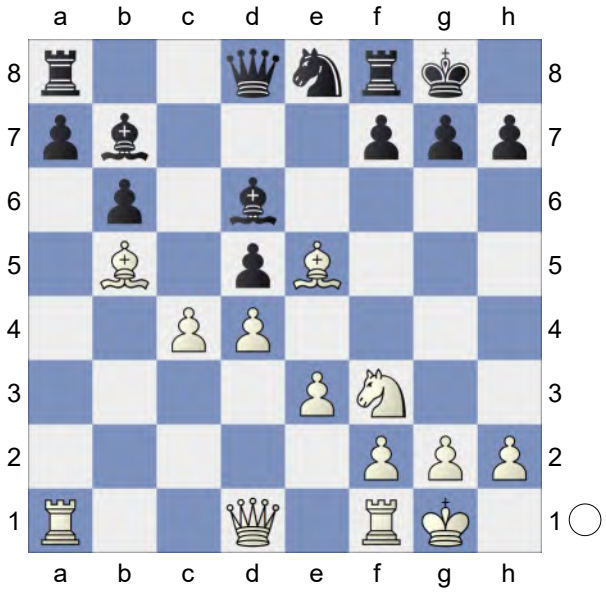


Prevents c7 **37.c7** 0.31/29
[37.Qxh6 Qxf2 38.c7 Qf6∓]

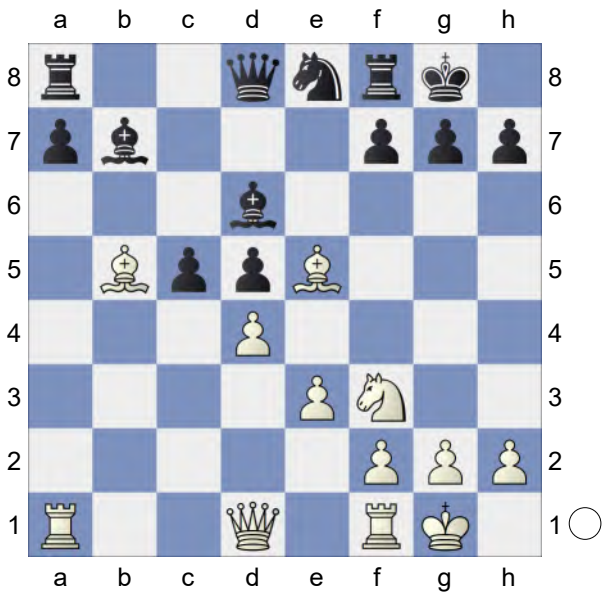
[37.b5!± 1.06/22]
37...Qe6? 4.13/23
[37...Rc8± 0.31/29]
38.Rxa7+-
[38.Qxh6? perishes. Qa6 39.Rb8 Qd6+ 40.Kh1 Rxb8 *(40...Qxc7 41.Rxe8+ Bxe8 42.Qe3∓)* 41.cxb8B Qxb8-+]
38...g5 White is clearly winning. **39.Qd4 Qc6 40.Qd8 Qc4 41.Qd6 Qb5 42.Ra5**
[Weaker is 42.Qxh6 Qe5+ 43.g3 Qf5=]
42...Qb7 43.Rc5
[Stronger than 43.Qxh6 Qxc7+ 44.g3 Re5=]
43...Kg7 44.b5 Be6 45.Re5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.58
1-0

A06
□ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**
■ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.13) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A17: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...Bb4
1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.c4 e6
[3...c5 4.a3 Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.d4 e6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.e4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Rc8 11.0-0 Qb6 12.Qxb6 Nxb6 13.Nc3 Nc4 14.Rd1 f6 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Be3 a6 17.Rd3 Rc8 18.Rad1 0-1 Thrower,C (2485)-Trkaljanov,V (2687) 8th Pfalz Open 2017 Neustadt an der Weinstrasse G (8)]
4.Nc3 Bd6N
[4...c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 exd5 7.b4 cxb4 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be6 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Qh5+ Bf7 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxa2 19.Ra1 1-0 Model Games-Parligras,M Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
5.b3 b6 6.Bb2 Bb7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nb5 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Be5 Na6 10.Rc1 c5 11.a3 0-0 12.Be2 Ne8 13.d4 Nac7 14.0-0 Nxb5 15.Bxb5 c4** 0.75/19 **16.bxc4±** Strongly threatening c5. **16...Bxa3 17.Ra1 Bd6**



18.c5! bxc5

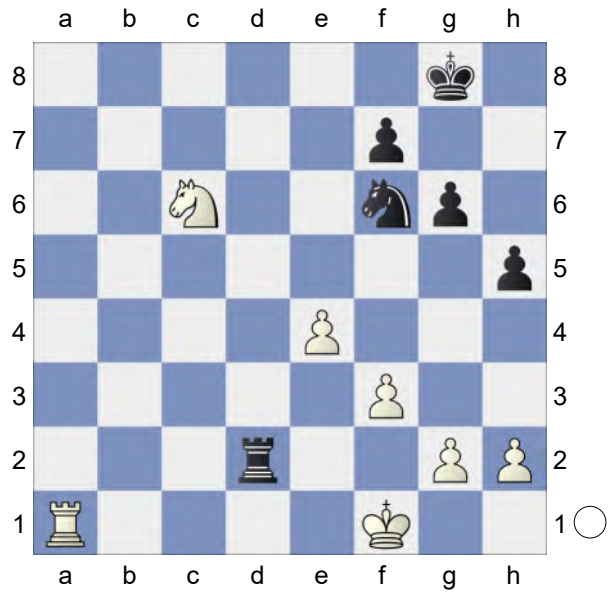


19.dxc5 0.18/22

[19.Qb3!± 0.97/22 Hoping for Bxe8. Qc7 *(19...Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Qc7 21.Nd7±)* 20.Bxe8 Bxe5 21.Bxf7+ Rxf7 22.Nxe5 *(22.dxe5 h6±)*]

19...Bxc5= 20.Qb1 Bb6 21.Qb4 Nc7 22.Ba4 d4 Decoy **23.Nxd4 Qd5** Wards off Nc6 **24.Nf3** Threatening Bxc7. Active counter play! **24...Ne6 25.Rfd1 Qe4 26.Qxe4 Bxe4 27.Bd6 Rfd8 28.Ne5 Bd4 29.Rxd4 Nxd4 30.Be7** A strong pair of Bishops. **30...Ne2+ 31.Kf1 Nc3 32.Bxd8 Rxd8 33.Bb3 Bd5 34.Bxd5 Rxd5** Endgame. KRN-KRN **35.Nc6** aiming for Ne7+. **35...Rd2 36.Nxa7 h5 37.Nc6 Ne4 38.f3 Nf6 39.e4 g6** 1.53/26

[Black should play 39...Rc2± 0.44/23 40.Ne5 Rc7]



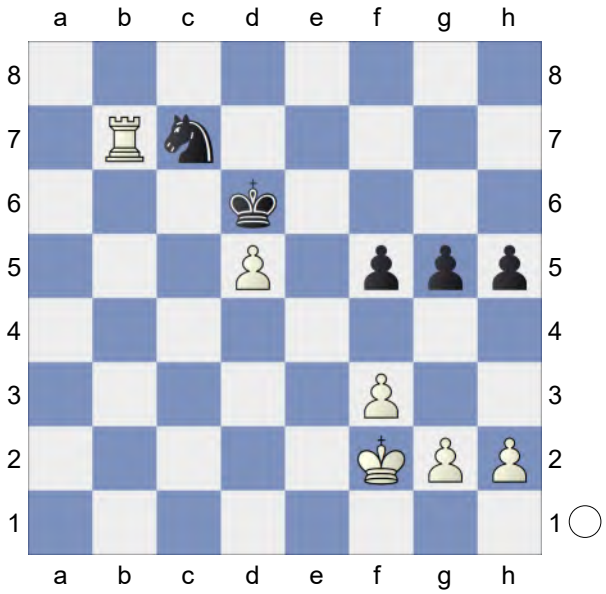
40.Ne5!± Black must now prevent Ra8+. **40...Ne8** 3.00/25

[40...Nd7± 1.59/23]

41.Ra8+- Kf8 42.Nc4 Rd4 43.Ne3 Ke7 44.Nd5+ Rxd5 7.30/31

[⌓44...Kd7 4.08/17 45.Ra7+ Skewer Kd8 46.Rxf7 Rd1+ 47.Ke2 Rb1]

45.exd5 KR-KN. White is clearly winning. **45...Nc7 46.Ra7 Kd6 47.Rb7 g5 48.Kf2 f5**



49.Rxc7! Kxc7 50.Ke3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.20 (precise)

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E46

□ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**

■ **Socko,Monika** **2402**

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[Kitty Kat]

E52: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 b6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd2 d5 6.Nf3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qc2**

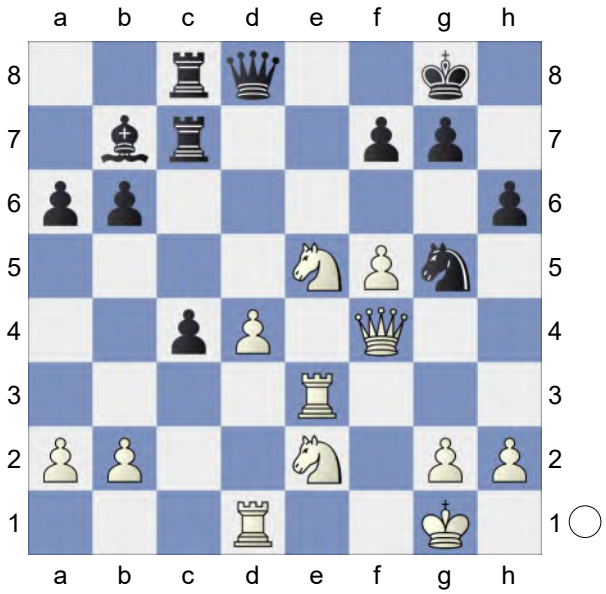
[10.Ne5 Re8 11.f4 c5 12.Be1 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 cxd4 14.Bxd4 Ne4 15.Rc1 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qe2 Rec8 18.Bb5 Qe6 19.a3 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Qxc8 22.Qd1 Ba6 23.Bxa6 Qxa6 24.Qg4 Qc4 ½-½ Leschinsky,G (1965)-Rorrer,G (2230) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (4)]

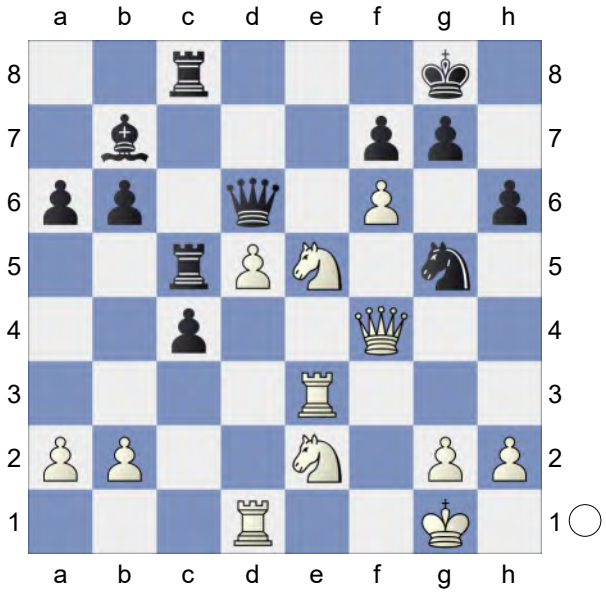
10...a6 11.Ne5 Bd6N
[11...Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Rfd1 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Qe7 16.Rd2 *(16.b4)* 16...Rad8 17.Rad1 a5 18.h3 h6 19.a3 Rfe8 E 52/03-N, N Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
[11...c5 12.a3 cxd4 13.exd4 Bd6 14.Bf4 32) Nimzo Indian: 5.Bd2!? d5-7...exd5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9-O-O Nbd7 Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]
12.f4 Re8 White is slightly better. **13.Be1 Nf8 14.Bh4 Be7 15.Rf3** White is much more active. **15...c5 16.Rh3!** Bxf6 is the strong threat. **16...h6 17.Rf1 cxd4 18.exd4 Ne4 19.Bxe7** 0.37/20
[19.Bf2!± 1.01/19]
19...Rxe7± 20.f5 Threatens to win with f6! **20...Nh7 21.Qc1 Rc8** 0.15/24
[⌓21...Nhf6 -0.24/21]
22.Qf4 Rec7 23.Ne2 Nhg5 0.80/19
[23...Nhf6= -0.03/23]
24.Re3± Nd2 25.Rd1 Black is on the road to losing. **25...Nc4** 2.01/25
[25...Nge4± 0.91/24 is a better defense.]
26.Bxc4+- dxc4

(Diagram)

27.d5! d6 would now be deadly.
27...Qd6
[27...Bxd5? 28.Nc3+-]
28.f6
[Inferior is 28.h4 Nh7=]
28...Rc5? 3.90/22
[28...Qxf6 2.03/23 29.Qxf6 gxf6]

(Diagram)

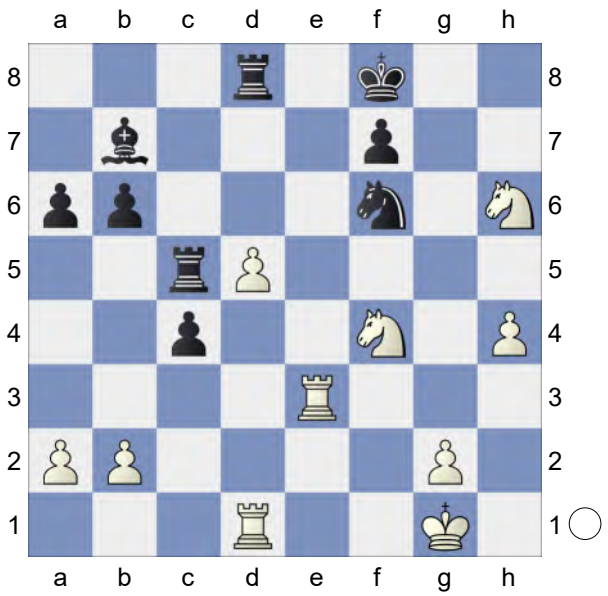




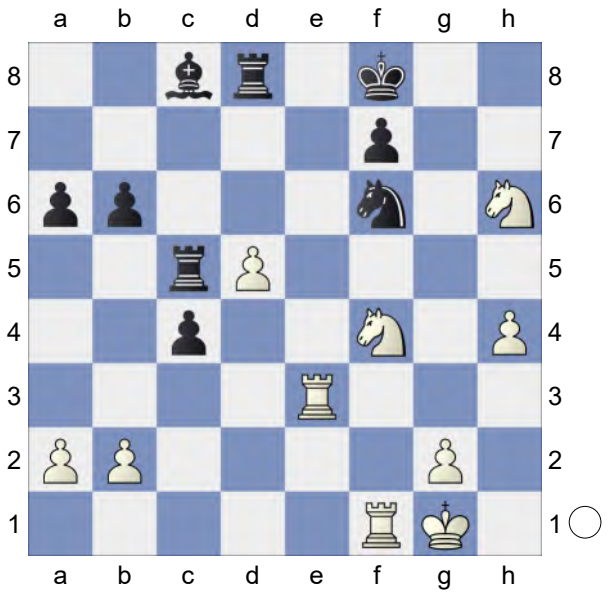
29.Ng6! Qxf4 30.Ne7+
[Not 30.Ngxf4 gxf6 31.h4 Kf8±]
30...Kf8 31.Nxf4 Rd8 32.fxg7+ Kxg7 33.h4
[33.Nh5+ Kf8±]
33...Nh7 34.Nf5+ Kf8 35.Nxh6 Black must now prevent Rf1. Excellent horsemanship. **35...Nf6**

(Diagram)

36.Rf1!
[Weaker is 36.d6 Ne4±]



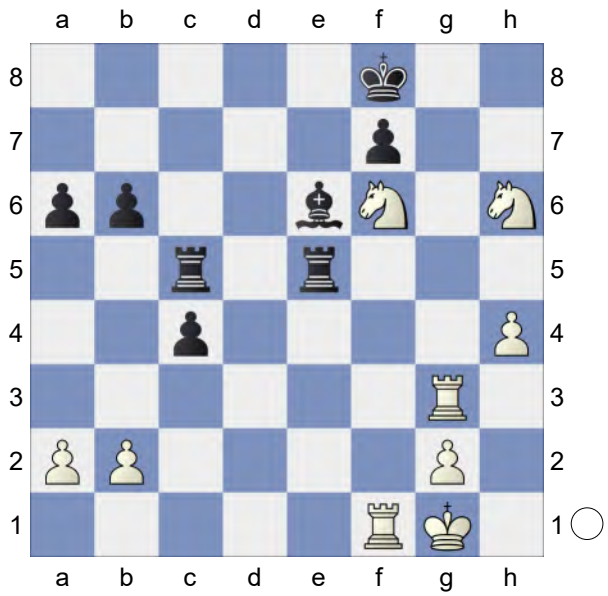
36...Bc8 4.55/18
[36...Kg7 1.98/20 was worth a try.]



Dodges Ne6+ **37.Nh5!** White is clearly winning. **37...Rdxd5**
[37...Rcxd5 38.Rxf6]
38.Nxf6 Re5 39.Rg3 Be6

(Diagram)

40.Nd7+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.39
1-0



B54
Akhmetov,Ayan **2417**
Zemlyanskii,Ivan **2543**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.15) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B55: Sicilian: 2...d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 f3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Be3N**
[6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.c4 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qc2 *(10.Re1 a5 11.h3 Nd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bc2 Rb8 14.Rb1 Rxb2 15.Rxb2 Bxc3 16.Rb8 Qc7 17.Rb1 Bxe1 18.Qxe1 Be6 19.Qc3 f6 20.e5 fxe5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Re1 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.g4 Rf4* 1-0 Pedersen,P (2670)-Grube,J (2764) FIDE GP Moscow rapid 2002 (1.13)*; 10.Be2 Rb8 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Be3 Qa5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rac1 Nc5 15.Bf3 Be5 16.Rfe1 f5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Na4 Qa5 19.c5 f4 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Red1 Be8 22.Qc2 Rf6 23.a3 Qc7 24.cxd6 Rxd6* ½-½ Burden,D (2132)-Ould Ahmed,S (1833) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1)*)*

10...Qa5 11.Rb1 Ng4 12.h3 Ne5 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bd2 f5 15.b4 Qc7 16.f4 Nf7 17.Be3 e5 18.Bd3 exf4 19.Bxf4 g5 20.Bh2 f4 0-1 Bauza,L-Najdorf,M Mar del Plata 1946 (2)]

6...g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.c4 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Nc3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bh6 11.Bxf6 exf6 12.0-0 Be6 13.b3 Qa5 14.Qc2 a6 15.a4 Rac8 16.f4 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Ne2 Bg7 19.Rac1 d5 20.Bxf5** 0.00/28

[20.c5!± 0.37/24]

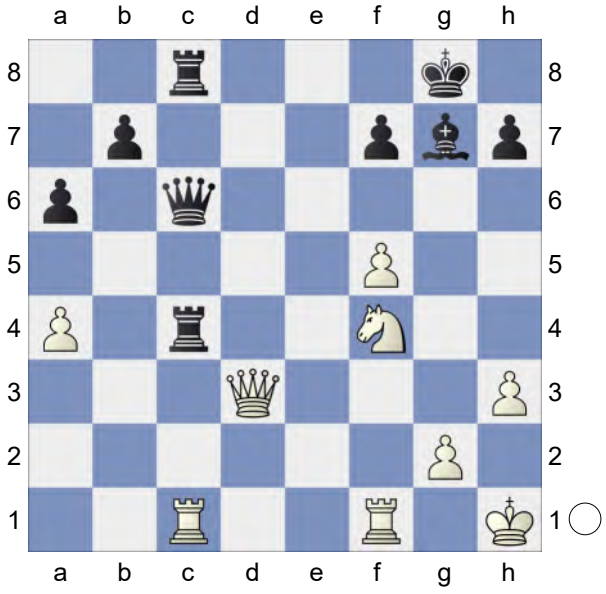
20...dxc4 0.39/22

[20...Qc5+= 0.00/28 feels stronger. 21.Kh1 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 dxc4 23.Qxc5 Rxc5]

21.Bxe6± Qb6+ 0.67/23

[21...Qc5+ 0.31/24 might be stronger. 22.Kh1 fxe6]

22.Kh1 Qxe6 23.bxc4 Rc5 24.f5 Qc6 25.Nf4 Hoping for Nd3. **25...Rc8! 26.Qd3 Rxc4**



27.Nd5! Black must now prevent Ne7+.

27...Kh8

[27...Bf8 28.Rcd1]

28.Ne7! Qc7 1.88/21

[28...Rc3!± 0.52/20 29.Rxc3 Qxc3]

29.Rxc4? 0.00/25

[29.Qxc4!+- 1.88/21 Qxc4 30.Nxc8 *(30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.f6 Bh6=)*]

29...Qxc4= 30.Qf3 Rd8 ...Rd3 is the strong threat. **31.f6 Bh6 32.Re1 Bg5 33.Nd5 h6**

[33...Rxd5 34.Re8#]

[33...Qxd5? 34.Qxd5 Bxf6 35.Qxf7+- *(35.Qxb7 Rf8+-)*]

34.Qf5 -0.51/25 **Qc6**

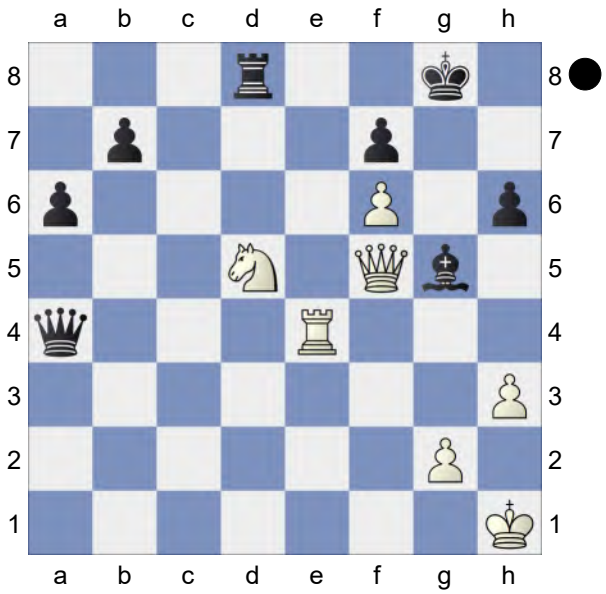
[34...Qxd5? 35.Re8+ Rxe8 36.Qxd5+-]

35.Re5 aiming for h4! **35...Qxa4 36.Re7! Kg8**

[36...Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qh5 *(37...Qxd5 38.Re8+ Rxe8 39.Qxd5=)* 38.g3= *(38.Rxb7 Qg6=)*]

37.Re4? -2.70/23

[37.Kg1∓ -0.60/23]



37...Qd7!-+

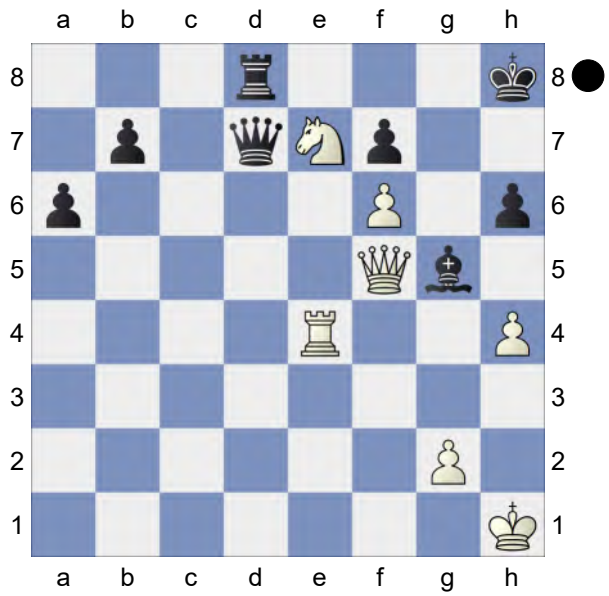
[Stronger than 37...Qd1+ 38.Kh2=]

38.Ne7+ Kh8 39.h4

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Qxd7. **39...Qd1+** -0.66/22

[39...Qxf5!-+ -2.15/24 40.Nxf5 Bxf6



41.Nxh6 Rd7]

40.Kh2∓ Qd6+ 41.g3 Bxf6 -0.52/23
[41...Qd2+∓ -0.94/23 42.Kh3 Qd1 *(42...Be3? 43.Qg4+-)*]

42.Nd5! Deflection **42...Bg7** -1.19/20
[Black should try 42...Qxd5∓ -0.55/20 43.Qxf6+ Kh7]

43.Nf4? -3.58/19
[43.Re7∓ -1.19/20]

43...Qd7-+ 44.Qc5 Rc8 45.Qf2 Qf5 46.Qe2 Rc5 47.g4 Qd7 48.Re7 Qd6 49.Qe4 -7.01/20
[49.Re8+ -3.59/18 Kh7 *(49...Bf8? 50.Qe3-+)* 50.Qe4+ f5 51.gxf5]

49...Be5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

A80

□ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**
■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.16) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves **1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 g5 4.Bg3 Bg7 5.e3 c5**

...cxd4 is the strong threat. **6.c3**
[6.dxc5 Bxb2 7.Nd2 Bxa1 8.Qxa1 Nf6∓]

6...Qb6 7.Qb3 -0.36/20
[7.Na3± 0.50/19]
[7.Nd2 d5 8.dxc5 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qxc3 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Ngf3 g4 12.Nh4 Qf6 13.f3 Qg5 14.0-0 Nf6 15.Nb3 0-0 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qd3 e5 18.f4 exf4 19.exf4 Qh5 20.Nd4 Ne4 21.Nxc6 Be6 1-0 Tabatabaei,M (2664)-Sandipan,C (2458) Dubai op 22nd 2022 (5)]

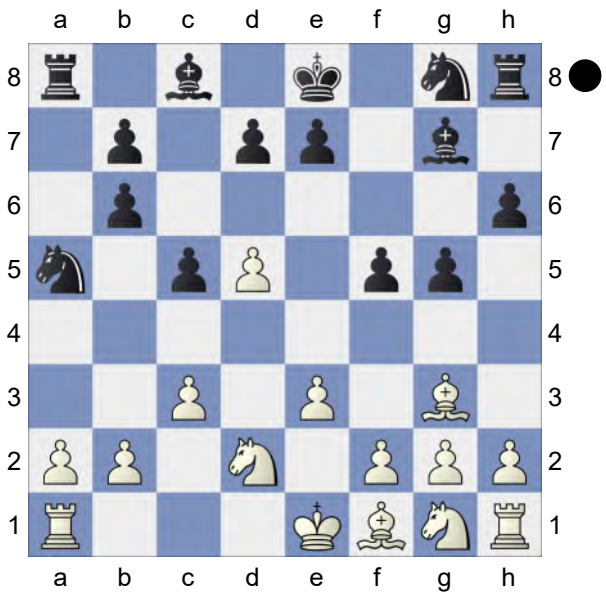
7...Nc6N 0.37/19
[7...Qxb3∓ -0.36/20 8.axb3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Nf3 d6 11.Bb5 Nf6 12.h4 Ne4 13.d5 Bd7 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Be2 Bxb2 16.Ra2 Bf6 17.hxg5 hxg5 18.Rxh8+ Bxh8 19.Bd3 Nc5 20.Bc2 Bf6 21.Nbd2 e5 22.Nc4 Ke7 23.Nb6 Rb8 0-1 8.e4 ♗d6 9.♕e1 0-0_64809 (2227)-C1 H3 (2519) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (1) 24.Nxd7 Kxd7 25.Rxa7+ Ke6 26.Nd2 f4 27.exf4 exf4 28.Bh2 Bc3 29.Ke2 Bxd2 30.Kxd2 Nxb3+ 31.Kc3 Nc5 32.f3 Nd7 33.Bf5+ Kxf5 34.Rxd7 Ke6 35.Rg7 Kf6 36.Rc7 c5 37.Bg1 Rb1 38.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 Karas,M (2227)-Asis Gargatagli,H (2519) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]

8.d5± White is slightly better. **8...Na5 9.Qxb6 axb6 10.Nd2** -0.44/22
[White should play 10.Na3= 0.16/23]

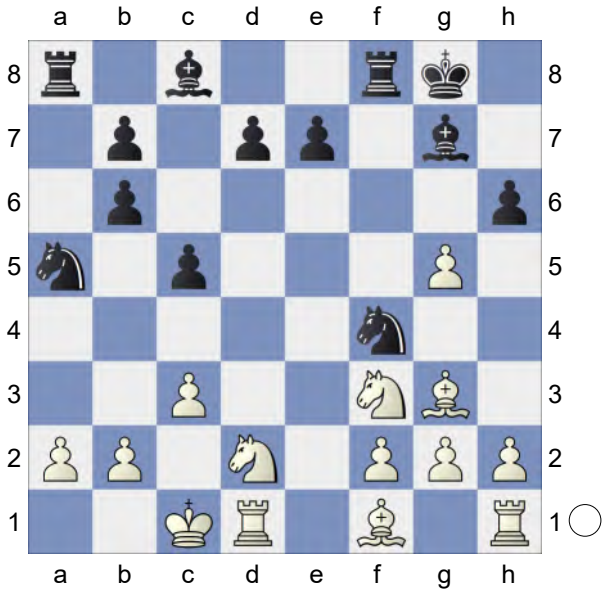
(Diagram)

Against Nb3 **10...f4?** 1.23/18 **11.exf4± Nf6** 1.57/21
[⌓11...d6 1.18/23]

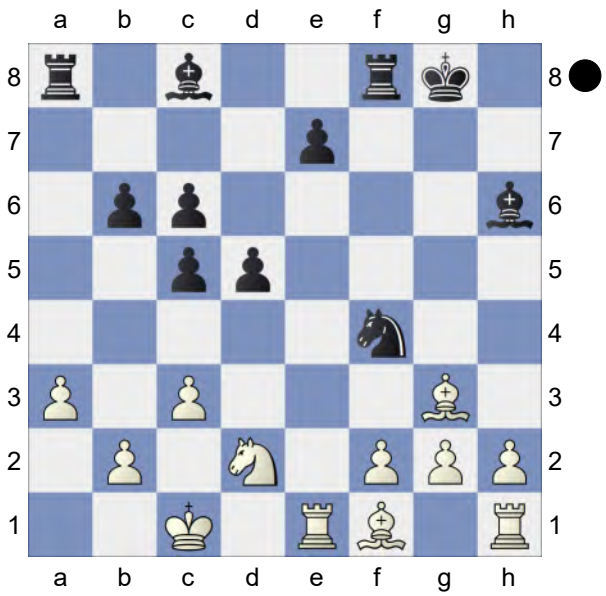
12.fxg5 Nxd5 13.Ngf3 0-0 14.0-0-0



Nf4

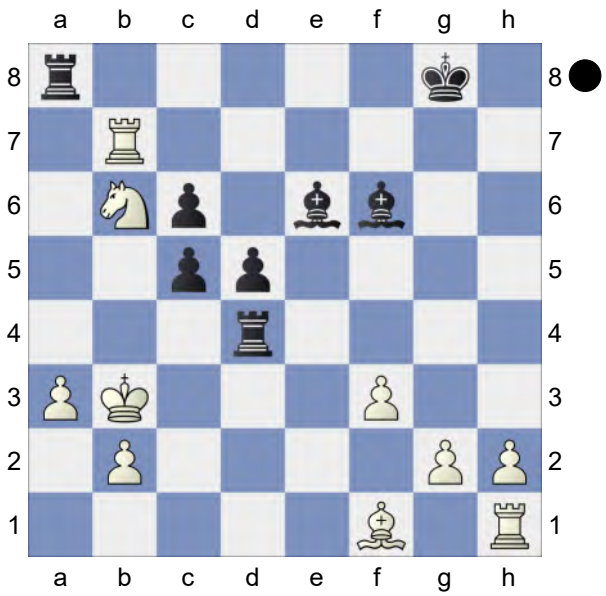


15.Re1 0.57/20
[15.Nc4!± 1.34/21 Black must now prevent Bxf4. Nxc4 16.Bxc4+ e6 17.gxh6 Bxh6 18.Rd6]
15...d5± 16.Ne5 -0.67/24
[16.h4± 0.65/20]
16...Nc6∓ 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.gxh6 -1.32/20 White is on the road to losing.
[White should try 18.Bxf4∓ -0.67/22 Rxf4 19.Bd3 *(19.Rxe7 Bf5∓)*]
18...Bxh6∓ 19.a3
(Diagram)



b5! Black is more active. **20.Bxf4**
[20.Rxe7 b4 21.Re3 *(21.axb4? Bf5-+; 21.cxb4 cxb4 22.Re5 bxa3-+)* 21...bxa3 22.bxa3 Rxa3-+]
20...Rxf4 21.f3 -2.17/20
[⌓21.Rxe7 -1.72/17 Rxf2 22.Be2]
21...b4-+ Strongly threatening ...bxc3.
22.Kc2 -3.98/19
[22.Rxe7 -2.19/19 bxc3 23.bxc3]
22...bxc3
[22...bxa3 23.Ra1-+]
23.Kxc3 Bf5 24.Rxe7 Bg5 (→ ...Bf6+)
25.Rb7
[25.Re5? Bf6 26.Bd3 Bxe5+-+]
25...Bf6+ 26.Kb3 Rd4 27.Nc4 -4.20/21
[27.Ne4 -2.76/19 is the only way for White. c4+ *(27...dxe4? 28.Bc4+ Kh8 29.fxe4-+; 27...Bxe4 28.fxe4 c4+ 29.Ka2∓)* 28.Bxc4 Bxe4 *(28...dxc4+? 29.Kc2-+)* 29.fxe4 dxc4+ 30.Kc2 Rxe4 31.Rd1]
27...Be6
[But not 27...dxc4+ 28.Bxc4+ Kh8 29.g4-+]
28.Nb6

(Diagram)



Black is clearly winning. **28...Rd2!** Discovered Attack **29.Na4 Bf5** Threatens to win with ...Bc2+. **30.Nc3 Bc2+** This pair of bishops is nice. **31.Ka2 c4 32.Bxc4 dxc4 33.Ne4 Bb3+**

[33...Rxg2 34.Nxf6+ Kh8 35.Rc1 Bb3+ 36.Ka1=]

34.Kb1 Rxb2+

[Weaker is 34...Rxg2 35.Nxf6+ Kf8 36.Nd7+ Kg8 37.Rc1+-]

35.Kc1 Be5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.28 (precise)

0-1

A20

□ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** **2524**
■ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.17) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A20: English Opening: 1...e5 **1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.d4 e4 4.d5 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7! 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Nh3**

[7.Bg2 0-0 8.Nh3 cxd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.Nxe4 Bxh3 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Bxh3 Qxb2 13.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Na6 16.e4 Nc5 17.Rhe1 Rae8 18.f3 Re5 19.Re2 g6 20.Bg2 f5 21.f4 Nxe4+ Kavakul,M (2751)-Grankin,F (2737) 51/456 München 1990]

7...d6N

[7...cxd5 8.Nf4 dxc4 *(8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 dxc4 10.e3 Nc6 11.g4 h6 12.Bxc4 d6 13.Rg1 Bd7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 0-0-0 16.Qxf7 Qxf7 17.Bxf7 Ne5 18.Bxe5 dxe5 19.Bd5 Bc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Rc1 Rd6 22.Ke2 Rhd8 23.Rc2* 1-0 Aronian,L (2736)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2690) Duesseldorf WR Masters Düsseldorf 2023 (1)) 9.Nfd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Qd8 12.Bg2 0-0 13.Bxe4 d6 14.Rc1 Nd7 15.Rxc4 Nf6 16.0-0 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.Rd1 Rc8 19.Nc3 Qb6 20.Rd4 Rc6 21.b3 Qa5 22.Nd5 1-0 Sybil (2709)-4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2681) ch Stillwater USA 2007 Qxd2 23.Ne7+ Kh8 24.R1xd2 Rc7 25.Nd5 Rc6 26.Nf4 Rd8 27.e4 g5 28.Nd3 Kg7 29.f4 gxf4 30.gxf4 Kf8 31.f5 Bc8 32.Kf2 a5 33.Nf4 b5 34.Nd5 b4 35.Nf6 Ke7 36.Nd5+ Kf8 37.R4d3 1-0 Shankland,S (2709)-Robson,R (2681) Saint Louis (m/4-rapid) 152/11 2022]

8.Bg2 White has an edge. **8...a5 9.a3 Bc5** 0.78/23

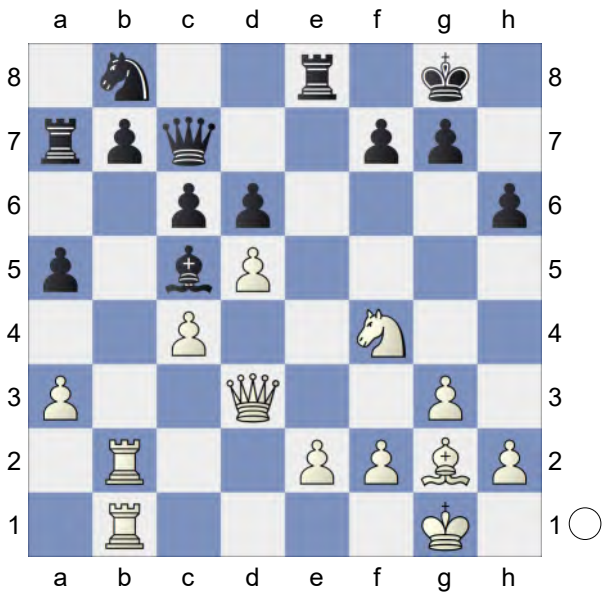
[9...Bxc3!= 0.27/21 10.Bxc3 Nbd7]

10.Bg5± Bf5 1.40/22

[10...e3± 0.45/19]

11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 Qxb2 14.0-0 Qe5 15.Qd3 h6 16.Rab1 Qe7 17.Rb2 Rfb1 would now be deadly. **17...0-0 18.Rfb1 Ra7 19.Nf4 Re8** Black is weak on the light squares **20.Bg2 Qc7**

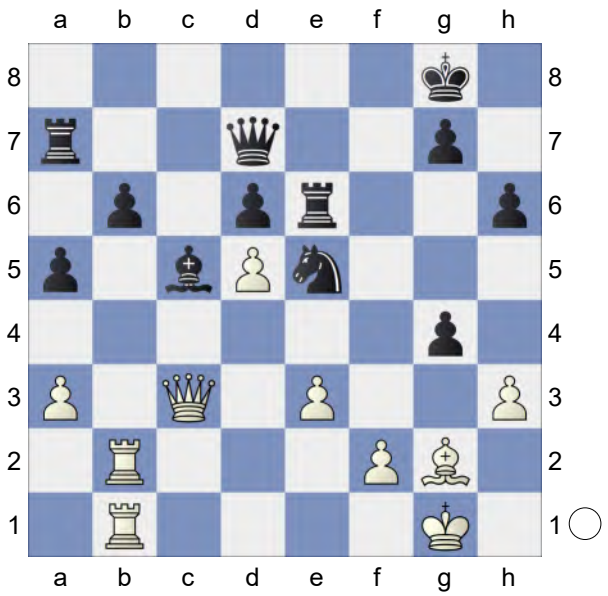
(Diagram)



21.Qc3! Nd7 22.e3 0.66/18 White is more active.
[22.Nd3± 1.20/18]
22...Ne5!± 23.Nh5 Hoping for dxc6.
23...Qd7 24.h3 cxd5 25.cxd5 -0.58/22
[White should play 25.g4!± 0.43/21]
25...b6
[25...b5 keeps more tension. 26.Rxb5 Bb4 27.Qd4 Qxb5 28.Qxa7 Qd3]
26.g4 f5 27.Nf4 -1.37/20
[27.f4? Nxg4 *(27...Ng6? 28.Re1-+)* 28.hxg4 Rxe3-+]
[27.gxf5!∓ -0.31/21 Qxf5 28.Nf4]
27...fxg4∓ 28.Ne6 Rxe6? -0.01/16
[Better is 28...Qe7∓ -1.59/19 ...Qh4 is the strong threat. 29.Qc2 gxh3 *(29...Bxa3 30.Rxb6 Bb4 31.hxg4=)* 30.Bxh3 Qh4 *(30...Bxa3 31.Rxb6 Bb4 32.Bf5∓)*]

(Diagram)

29.dxe6= The position is equal.
29...Qxe6 30.Qb3 Qxb3 31.Rxb3 gxh3 32.Bd5+! Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

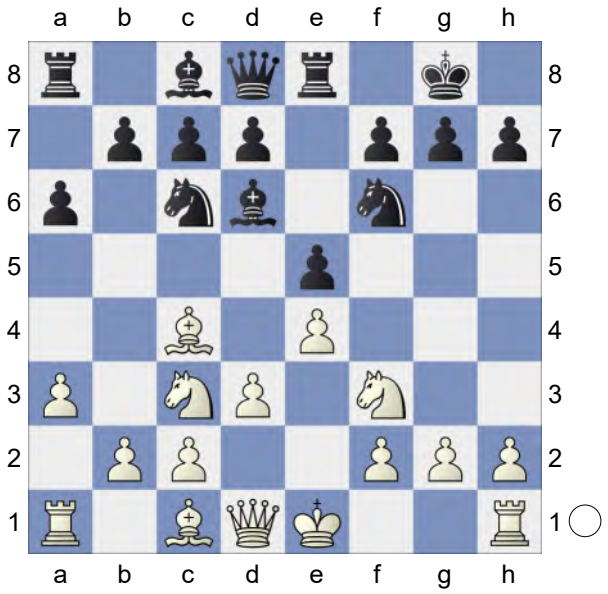


[32.Bxh3? too greedy. Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Nd2 34.Rxb6 *(34.Be6+? Kf8-+)* 34...Nxb1 35.Rxb1 Bxa3 36.Be6+ Kf8-+]
½-½

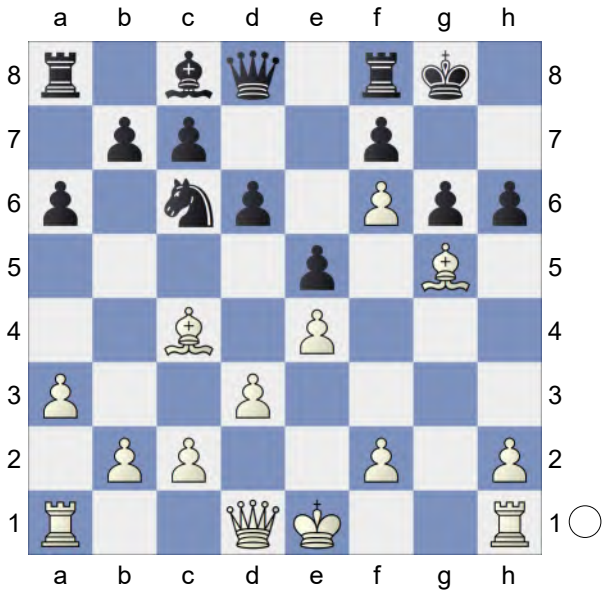
C48
□ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
■ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.18) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4 Inf 92/(309) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.d3 0-0 6.a3 Re8** 0.37/19
[6...Nd4= -0.05/17]
[6...h6 7.g4 a6 8.Bc4 Bc5 9.Rg1 d6 10.h3 b5 11.Bb3 Kh8 12.g5 Nh7 13.gxh6 g6 14.Be3 Nd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Ne2 c5 18.Bd5 Ra7 19.Nf4 Qh4 20.Qf3 Qxh6 21.0-0-0 0-1 Aydin,G (2039)-Kravtsiv,M (2598) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]

7.Bc4
[7.g4 Nxg4 8.Ng5 Nf6 9.Bc4 Rf8 10.Rg1 Nd4 11.Ne2 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 c6 13.Bd2 Bc5 14.0-0-0 d5 15.Bb3 Qe7 16.Rg2 a5 17.Rdg1 g6 18.a4 b5 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Re1 bxa4 21.Bxa4 Rb8 1-0 Ter Sahakyan,S (2617)-Mikaelyan,A (2476) ARM-ch 80th Yerevan 2020 (6)]
7...a6N 0.99/21
[7...Bc5= 0.25/23 remains equal. 8.Ng5 *(8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.b4 Bf8 12.Ne3 d6 13.h4 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.h5* Chapter-4...Bd6 2010*)* 8...Rf8 9.Nd5 h6 10.h4 d6 11.c3 Nxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.Qh5 Bf5 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.dxe4 f5 16.f3 fxe4 17.fxe4 Bf2+ 18.Ke2 Qd7 19.Bd2 Rf7 20.Kd3 Raf8 21.Raf1 Bg3 22.Rxf7 Rxf7 Iuldachev,S (2550)-Kayumov,S (2404) 92/(309) Abu Dhabi 2004]

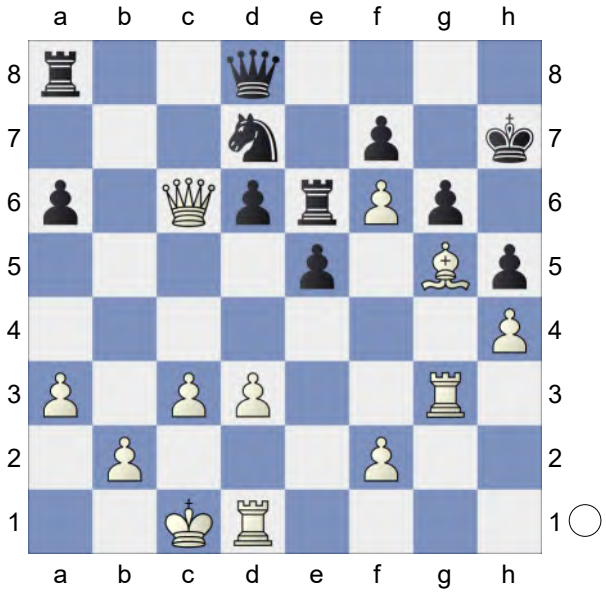


8.g4! 0.58/22 **Be7**
[8...b5 9.Ba2]
9.g5 0.43/17
[9.Rg1!± 0.88/21]
9...Nh5± 10.Nh4 g6 11.Nf5 Nh6+ would now be deadly. Deflection
11...Rf8 0.76/19
[11...Bxg5!= 0.07/21 12.Rg1 Bxc1 13.Qxh5 Kh8]
12.Nd5 -0.63/18
[Better is 12.h4± 0.76/19]
12...d6? 1.30/19
[12...Bxg5!∓ -0.63/18 keeps the upper hand. 13.Rg1 Bxc1]
13.Nfxe7+ 0.49/18
[13.h4!± 1.30/19]
13...Nxe7 14.Nf6+ Nxf6 15.gxf6 Nc6 16.Bg5 h6 1.39/23



17.h4! h5
[17...hxg5? 18.hxg5 b5 19.Ba2+- *(19.Bd5 Nd4+-)*]
18.c3 0.59/19
[18.Rg1!± 1.37/20]
18...Kh7 1.39/19
[18...Re8!± 0.59/19]
19.Rg1± Be6 20.Bd5 0.26/20
[20.Bxe6± 1.42/19 fxe6 21.Qf3]
20...Bxd5= 21.exd5 Nb8 22.Qf3 Nd7 23.0-0-0⇄ White is not keeping still
23...Re8 0.44/19
[23...b5= -0.09/20]
24.Rg3 0.00/20
[24.Rde1± 0.44/19]

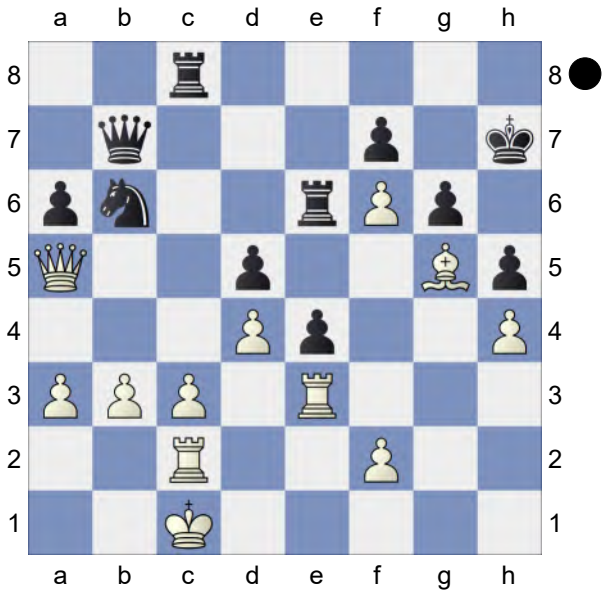
24...c6 0.52/18 **25.dxc6±** **bxc6** **26.Qxc6** aiming for d4. **26...Re6**



27.d4! **Rc8** Black is weak on the dark squares **28.Qa4** **e4!** **29.Re3** -0.82/23
[29.f4!± 0.64/21 stays ahead. exf3 30.Qxa6 *(30.Rxf3 d5±)*]
29...Nb6 Black has strong compensation. **30.Qa5** d5! is the strong threat.
[30.Qxa6? d5 31.Qa5 Ra8∓]
30...d5 **31.b3**
[31.Qxa6? perishes. Nc4 32.Qa7 *(32.Qb7? Rc7-+)* 32...Rc7-+]
31...Qc7 -0.36/20
[31...Qd7∓ -0.81/22]
32.Rd2 **Qb7!** And now ...Nd7 would win.
33.Rc2 -0.74/21
[33.Qb4= -0.27/22 should be considered.]

(Diagram)

33...Nd7!∓ **34.c4!** **dxc4** **35.bxc4** **Rb8!** Really sharp! **36.Kd2** **Rb6** 0.31/23
[Of course not 36...Qb1 37.Re1 Qb3 38.Re3=]
[36...Nxf6∓ -0.78/19 Hoping for ...



Qd7. 37.d5 Qd7]
37.Qd5 Inhibits . **37...Qxd5** **38.cxd5** Strongly threatening f3. **38...Nxf6** **39.Bxf6** **Rxf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.31. Loss on time!?
0-1

B94
□ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
■ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
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[Kitty Kat]

B94: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 Nbd7 **1.e4** **c5** **2.Nf3** **d6** **3.d4** **cxd4** **4.Nxd4** **Nf6** **5.Nc3** **a6** **6.Bg5** **Nbd7** **7.Be3** **h5** **8.f3** **g6**
[8...e6 9.Be2 Qc7 10.a4 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qe1 h4 13.h3 Be7 14.Bd3 Ne5 15.f4 Nc4 16.Bc1 Rc8 17.b3 Na5 18.Bd2 Nc6 19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Rd1 Qc5+ 21.Kh2 Qc7 22.Kg1 Qc5+ 23.Kh2 0-1 Kozak,A (2571)-Sjugirov,S (2699) Budapest Hetenyi Memorial 2023 (7)]
9.Qd2 White is slightly better. **9...Bg7** **10.Be2** **Qc7N**

[10...b5 11.a4 bxa4 12.Rxa4 0-0 13.0-0 Bb7 14.Nb3 h4 15.Rfa1 Ne5 16.h3 Nh5 17.Na5 Qd7 18.Nxb7 Qxb7 19.Bd4 Ng3 20.Bxa6 Qd7 21.Bb5 Qb7 22.Ra7 Nc6 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Kh2 ½-½ Garrido Outon,A (2411)-Chinguun,S (2269) Wch U18 Mamaia 2022 (9)]

11.a4 0-0 12.0-0 b6 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Nf6 15.c4 Re8! 16.Rac1 Bd7 17.b3 Qb7 18.Bf2 Rac8 19.Rcd1 Kh7 20.Rfe1 Bh6 21.Qd3 Bg5 1.40/23

[⩲21...e6 1.02/24]

22.Bf1 h4 23.Be3 0.82/21

[⩲23.g3 1.21/21]

23...Bxe3+± 24.Qxe3 Kg7 25.Qf2 b5 Deflection **26.cxb5** 0.18/17

[26.Qxh4 bxa4 27.bxa4 Bxa4±]

[26.axb5± 1.05/19 axb5 27.Qxh4]

26...axb5= 27.Nxb5 Nxd5 0.91/24

[27...h3!= 0.04/23 keeps the balance.]

28.Qd4+ Nf6 29.Qxh4 White is more active. **29...Be6** 1.22/18

[⩲29...Bxb5 0.72/23 30.Bxb5 Red8]

30.Nd4 0.84/22

[White should try 30.Rb1 1.22/18]

30...Bd5 1.44/20

[30...Bxb3? perishes. 31.Rb1+-]

[⩲30...Bd7 0.84/22]

31.Qg3 0.63/20

[White should play 31.Qf2± 1.44/20]

31...Qb6 1.55/23

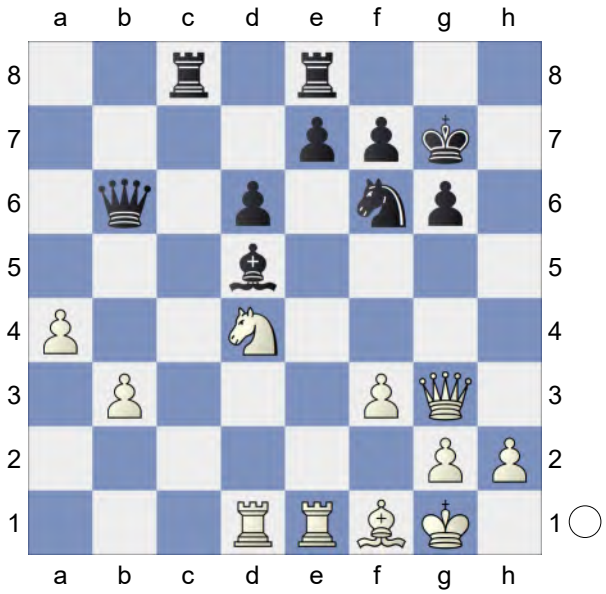
[31...Bxb3? 32.Rb1+-]

[31...e5!± 0.63/20 32.Nf5+ Kg8]

(Diagram)

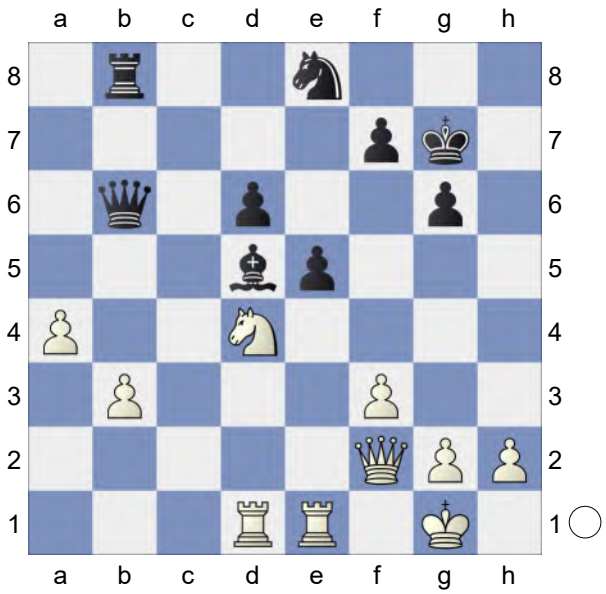
32.Qf2!↑ Keeping Black busy. **32...Rb8?** 3.07/18 This costs Black the game.

[32...Bxb3? loses. 33.Nf5+ gxf5 34.Qxb6+-]



[32...Qb7± 1.48/20 is a better defense. 33.Qe3 e6]

33.Bb5+- e5 34.Bxe8 Nxe8



35.Nf5+ Discovered Attack. White is clearly winning. **35...gxf5 36.Qxb6**

[Not 36.Rxd5 Qxb3 37.Qd2 Qxa4 38.Qg5+ Kf8 39.Qxf5 Qh4+-]

36...Rxb6 37.Rxd5 Rxb3 38.Ra1 Repels Ra3 **38...Kf6 39.Rb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.39

1-0

B12
□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**
■ **Kunal,M..** **2292**
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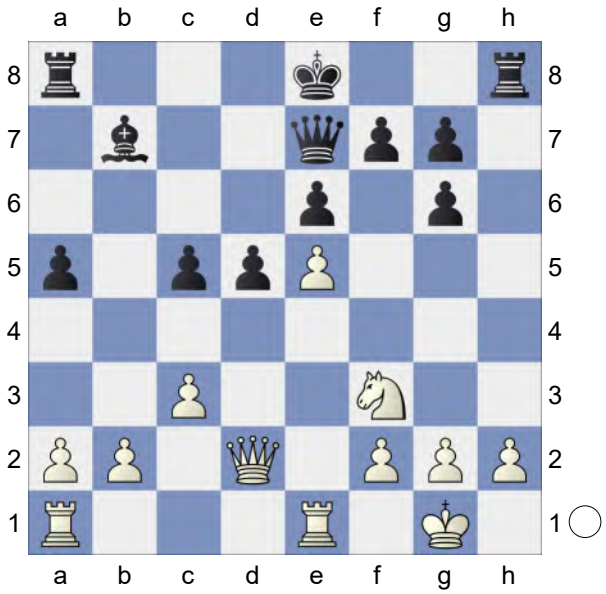
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3! e6 8.0-0** White is slightly better. **8...Ne7 9.Nd2 a5 10.Nf3 Ng6N**
[10...Ba6 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.c4 Ng6 Quickstarter Guide-Advance Variation 3...c5 4.Nf 13.Be3 *(13.Qe2 d4 14.Ne1 c5 15.Nd3 Be7 16.f4 Nh4 17.g3 Nf5 18.g4 Nh4 19.f5 h5 20.fxe6 hxg4 21.exf7+ Kf8 22.e6 Nf3+ 23.Rxf3 gxf3 24.Qe4 g5* Chapter Advance Variation-Caro Kann Advance 3...c5 4.Nf*)* 13...Be7 14.Qe2 Ra8 15.g3 Qb8 16.Kg2 0-0 17.h4 h5 18.Rfc1 a4 19.Rab1 Qb7 20.Rc2 c5 21.cxd5 Qxd5 22.Rd1 Qc6 23.Kg1 Rfd8 24.Rdc1 Rd5 25.Bd4 Nf8 26.Bc3 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2309)-Korba,R (2348) corr L22K1-H(4-5) freechess.de 2023]
11.Re1 Ba6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.c3 c5 0.83/21
[16...Rh5!± 0.44/24 should be considered.]

(Diagram)

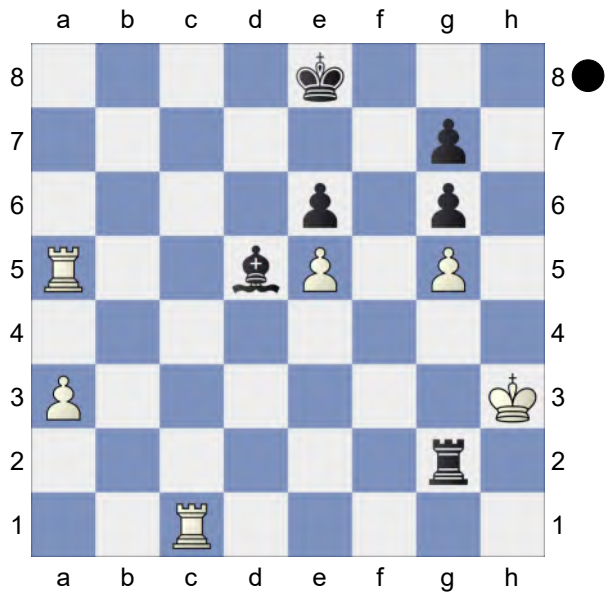
17.Qf4 0.46/22
[17.Ng5!± 0.83/21]
17...Bc6 18.Ng5 Rb8 19.b3 Rh5 20.h4 Kd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **21.g3**
[21.Qxf7?! Qxf7 22.Nxf7 Rxh4=]
21...Ke8 22.Rab1 White is more active.



22...d4? 2.85/20 A mistake that costs the game. **23.cxd4+- Rb4 24.Rbd1 cxd4** 3.18/18
[24...Qd7 2.23/20 is a better defense. 25.Rd3 a4]
25.a3
[25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Qxd4 Qxg5=]
25...Rxb3 26.Rxd4
[26.Qxd4? Qxg5 27.Kf1 *(27.Qc4 Rxg3+ 28.Kf1 Bg2+ 29.Ke2 Qxe5+)* 27...Qe7-+]
26...Qxg5 27.Qxg5 Rxg5 28.hxg5 Endgame. KRR-KRB **28...Bd5 29.Ra4 Rb5 30.Rc1 f6 31.f4** White is clearly winning.
[31.exf6 gxf6 32.Rh4 *(32.gxf6 Kf7+-)* 32...fxg5+-]
31...fxe5 32.fxe5 Rb3 33.Rxa5 Rxg3+ 34.Kh2 Rg2+ 35.Kh3

(Diagram)

Intending Rc8+ and mate. **35...Rxg5 36.Ra7 Kd8** Wards off Rc8+ **37.Re1 Rf5 38.Re3**
[Weaker is 38.Rxg7 Rf3+ 39.Kh4 Rxa3+-]
38...g5 39.Kg4 Rf1 40.Rxg7 Rg1+



41.Rg3 Re1 42.Rh3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.31

[Less strong is 42.Rxg5 Kc7 43.a4 Kb6±]

[42.Kxg5 Rxe5+ 43.Kg6 Rf5+-]

1-0

C03

□ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**

■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**

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[Kitty Kat]

D05: Colle System with ...e6 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 a6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5N** -0.04/20

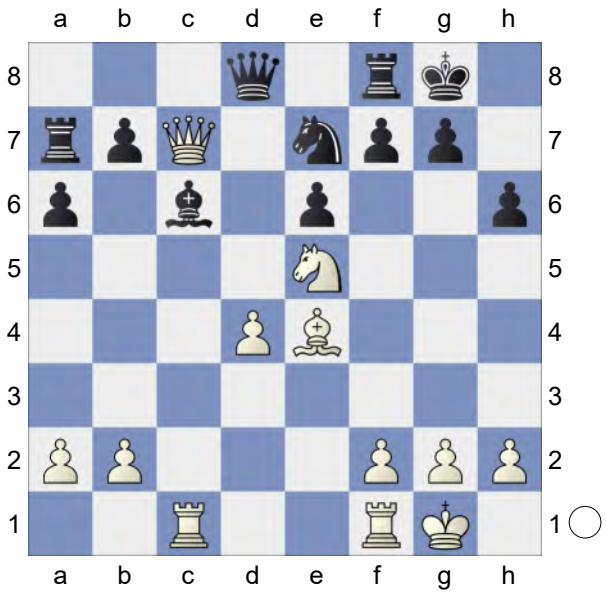
[10.a3± 0.34/22 is more appropriate. 0-0 11.Be3 Nd5 12.Rc1 Qb6 13.Qc2 h6 14.Nc5 Rd8 15.b4 Bd7 16.Bc4 Bf8 17.Qe4 Nce7 18.Ne5 Bb5 19.Rfe1 Bxc4 20.Nxc4 Qa7 21.Ne5 b6 22.Qf3 f6 23.Nxe6 Rd6 24.Qg4 f5 25.Qh5 1-0 Short,N (2675)-Kiriakov,P (2554) Monarch Assurance 08th Pori Erin 1999 (5) g6 26.Nxg6 Rxe6 27.Nxf8 Rxf8 28.Bxh6 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rf7 30.Bg5 Qd7 31.Re5 Qd6 32.Qf3 Rg7 33.h4 Nf6 34.Qb3+ Kh7 35.Qd3 Kg8 36.g3 Ne4 37.Bxe7 Rxe7 38.Rxf5 Qc6 39.Qf3 Qc1+ 40.Kg2 1-0 Pink,J (2675)-Klusek (2554) Magyarorszag (ch) 34/(207) 1982 (5)]

10...Nxe4= 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Bxe4 White is slightly better. **12...0-0 13.Qc2 h6** The position is equal. **14.Rac1 Ra7 15.Qc7** Black must now prevent Qb8. **15...Bd7 16.Ne5** Prevents Bc6.

[16.Bxb7 Qe8 17.Ne5 Bb5-+ *(17...Bc8? 18.Bc6-+)*]

[16.Qxd8 simplifies Rxd8 17.Rc7 Kf8 18.Rfc1]

16...Bc6



Discovered Attack **17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nxc6 Nxc6 20.Rxc6 Rxd4** Endgame. KRR-KRR **21.Rfc1 g5 22.Kf1 Ra4 23.a3 Rb7 24.R1c2 Kg7 25.Rc7 Rb6 26.R7c6 Rb3 27.R6c3 Rb8 28.Rc8 Rb6 29.R8c6 Rb8 30.Rc8 Rb6 31.R8c6 Rb8 32.Rc8** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04

(flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

A05
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
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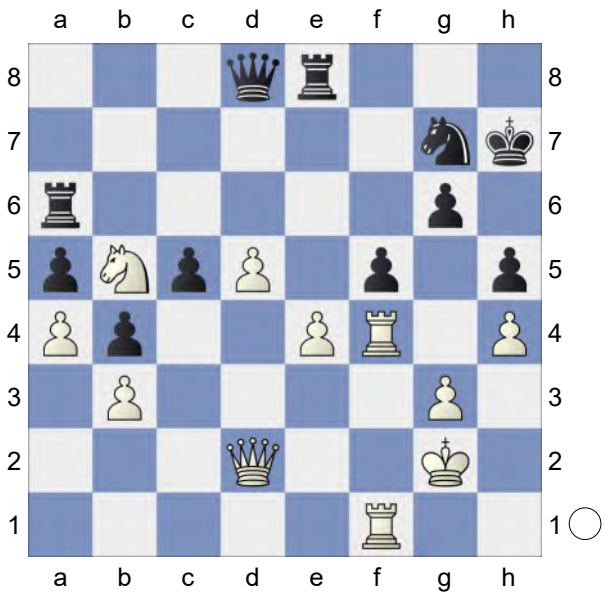
[Kitty Kat]

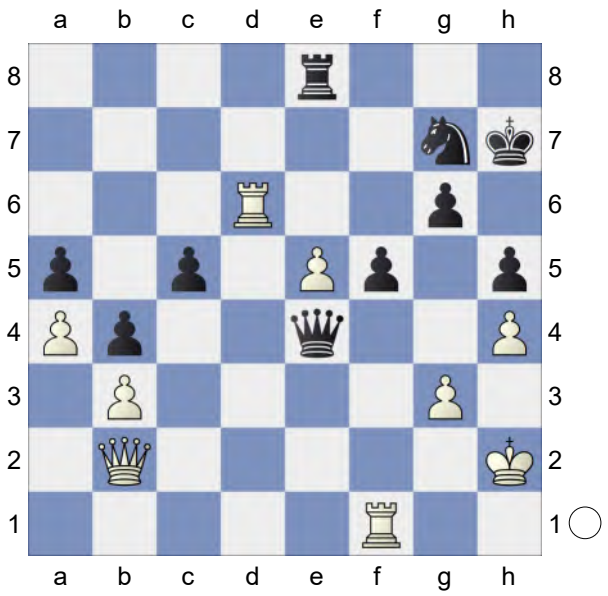
A24: English Opening vs King's Indian: Lines without ...Nc6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3N**
[4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 c6 *(5...dxc4 6.Na3 Be6 7.Ng5 Bd5 8.e4 Bc6 9.Nxc4 h6 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.Ne5+ Kg8 12.Nxg6 Nbd7 13.d4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qd3 Nef6 16.Qb3+ Kh7 17.Qc2 Re8 18.Re1 Kg8 19.Qb3+ e6 20.Rxe6* 0-1 Kavakul,M (2764)-Ciocaltea,V (2708) B32) 11.Nd2 2011 (7) *)* 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Rb1 e5 9.Qc2 Re8 10.e3 Nb6 11.b4 Bf5 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bg4 14.Bb2 Qc7 15.h3 Bd7 16.c5 Nc8 17.Nc4 b5 18.Ncxe5 Be6 1-0 9.♖e1 ♗f5 10.♕b3_70113 (2353)-Robson,R (2074) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (6)]
4...0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 c6 8.h3 Re8 9.e4 c5 10.a3 White is slightly better. **10...Nc6 11.Rb1 a5 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.b3 Nd4 14.Nc2 Bc6 15.Ne3 b5 16.a4** -0.21/18
[16.Nxb5 0.15/24 feels stronger. Nxb5 17.cxb5 Bxb5 18.Nc4]
16...b4= 17.Nb5 Ne6 0.21/21
[17...Rf8 -0.21/19 should be considered.]
18.Kh2 h5 19.h4 Bh6 20.Bh3 Ra6 0.82/23
[20...Rf8= 0.22/20 remains equal.]
21.Rb2 Bd7 1.00/23
[21...Bxe3⩲ 0.51/21 22.Bxe3 Bd7]
22.f3 0.48/22
[Better is 22.Nd5!± 1.00/23 Bxc1 23.Qxc1]
22...Rf8 0.88/20
[22...Bxe3⩲ 0.48/22 23.Bxe3 Nd4]
23.Rbf2 Nd4 0.90/22
[23...Bxe3⩲ 0.54/21 24.Bxe3 Ng7]
24.Bxd7 Nxd7 25.Kg2 0.47/21
[White should play 25.Nd5± 0.99/21 Bxc1 26.Qxc1]
25...Ne6 0.97/21
[25...Bxe3⩲ 0.47/21 26.Bxe3 Qc8]
26.Nd5 Bxc1 27.Qxc1 Kh7 28.Qe3 White has more active pieces. **28...Nf6 29.Qe2 Rg8** 1.98/21
[29...Ra8± 0.75/20]
30.Qd2 1.05/20
[30.f4+- 1.98/21 fxe5 would now be deadly. Nxd5 31.cxd5]
30...Nxd5 1.68/21
[30...Nd7± 1.05/20]
31.cxd5+- Ng7 2.50/19
[31...Nf8± 1.54/21 might work better. 32.Qc1 Nd7]
32.f4 exf4 33.Rxf4
[33.Qxf4 f5 34.exf5 Nxf5+-]
33...f5 34.d4 aiming for exf5. **34...Re8** 3.20/23
[34...Rf8 2.08/20 keeps fighting. 35.dxc5 dxc5]
35.dxc5 dxc5

(Diagram)

36.d6! exf5 is the strong threat. **36...Re5** 3.64/20
[36...Qd7 2.16/22 was worth a try. 37.Qd5 Rf8]
37.Qb2 Re6 38.e5 1.81/24
[⌓38.exf5 3.18/25 Nxf5 39.Rxf5 gxf5 40.Rxf5]
38...Rc6 39.Rd1 Qd7 40.Rff1 0.78/18
[40.Qe2+- 1.83/23 has better winning



chances.]
40...Re8 1.63/21
[40...c4± 0.78/18]
41.Nc7 0.96/17
[Resist 41.Qe2 c4±]
[41.Rd5+- 1.63/21]
41...Rxc7± 42.dxc7 Qxc7 43.Rd6 Qb7+ 44.Kh2 Qe4



Prevents Qe2. **45.e6** 0.35/23 **Rxe6± 46.Rd7 Re7 47.Rxe7 Qxe7=** Endgame. KQR-KQN **48.Rf2 Qf7 49.Qc2 Ne6! 50.Qc4** And now Re2 would win. **50...Qd7 51.Qb5 Qc7 52.Qc4 Nd4 53.Qd5 Qe7 54.Kg2 Kg7 55.Rf4** Wards off Qe4+ **55...Qe2+ 56.Kh3 Qe7** 0.00/29 Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
[56...Ne6!∓ -0.50/26 57.Rf2 Qe4 *(57...Qxf2 58.Qxe6 Qf1+ 59.Kh2∓)*]
½-½

A13
□ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
■ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
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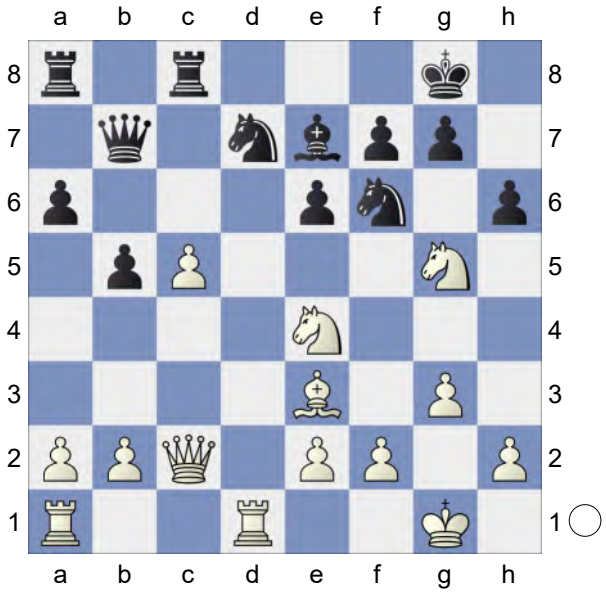
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5**
[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]
4.Bg2 dxc4N
[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
[4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 d4 12.Rfe1 e5 13.e3 Qd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Re2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rxe2 17.Rxe2 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Kf1 ½-½ Legendmike (2089)-Greecechess22 (2061) 1st Greek Chessfed Blitz FINAL Team Bat lichess.org 2020]

5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Qc2 c5 8.Nc3 Bd6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.d4 0-0 White is slightly better. **11.Rd1 b5 12.Ng5**
[12.d5 simplifies e5 13.Nd2 c4 14.Nde4]
12...Bb7 13.Bxb7 Qxb7 14.Nce4 Be7 1.32/28
[14...Nxe4? 15.Nxe4 Be7 16.dxc5± *(16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Rfc8±)*]
[14...Qc7!= 0.27/24]
15.dxc5± aiming for Rxd7! White has more active pieces. **15...Rfc8 16.Be3↑** Strongly threatening Rxd7! White is on the roll. **16...h6**



17.Nxf6+ 0.81/21
[White should play 17.Rxd7! 1.45/25 Intending Nxf6+ and mate. Qxd7 *(17...Nxd7? 18.Nd6+-)* 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Rd1]
17...Nxf6 18.Nf3 b4 1.72/23
[18...Qe4!± 0.69/20 19.Qxe4 Remove Defender Nxe4]
19.Ne5 Qc7 20.Nd3 Ng4 21.Bd2
[21.Nxb4 Nxe3 *(21...Bxc5? 22.Bxc5 Qe5 23.Rac1+-)* 22.fxe3 Qe5-+ *(22...Qxc5 23.Qxc5 Bxc5 24.Nc2=; 22...Bxc5 23.Qe4∓)*]
21...a5 1.90/21
[21...Bxc5± 1.42/23 was called for. 22.Nxc5 Remove Defender *(22.Bxb4?* perishes. *Bxf2+* Discovered Attack *23.Nxf2 Qxc2-+)* 22...Qxc5 23.Qxc5 Remove Defender Rxc5]
22.a3+- bxa3 23.Rxa3 e5 24.Qa4 Nf6 25.Bxa5 Qb7 26.b4!
[26.Nxe5? is the wrong capture. Rxc5 27.Nd7 Rcxa5 28.Nxf6+ Bxf6 29.Qxa5 Rxa5 30.Rxa5 g6-+ *(30...Bxb2? 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.Raa8-+; 30...Qxb2? 31.e3-+)*]
26...e4 27.Nf4 g5 28.Ng2 Bd8 29.Ne3 Bxa5 30.bxa5 Rxc5 31.a6 Qb6 32.Qd4 Qc6 5.17/20
[⌓32...Rc6 3.51/21 33.a7 Re6]
33.a7 White is clearly winning. **33...h5** 7.00/20
[⌓33...Rb5 4.95/18 34.Qa1 Rb7]
34.h3 h4 35.g4 Rb5 36.Qa1 Qe6 37.Ra6 Rb6 38.Ra5 Nh7 39.Rad5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

D41
□ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
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[Kitty Kat]

D50: Queen's Gambit Declined: Dutch-Peruvian Gambit **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 exd5N**
[6...Nxd5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 Nc6
A) 9.a3 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 Na5 12.Qd3 Ba4 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Be3 Nb3 15.Bd1 b5 *(15...a6 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rac1 Bd6*

18.Bb6 Ra8 19.Nd4 Ba4 20.Rc4 Bd7 21.Rd1 0-0 22.e5 Bb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Re4 Be7 25.Rd7 Rfc8 26.g3 Bf8 27.Rxb7 Queen'S Gambit-5.cd5 cd4 6. ♕d4 ♘d5 Survey 2021 *)* 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rfc1 e5 18.Nxe5 a6 19.Nc6 1-0 Anand,V (2753)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Nations Cup Online Prelim Chess.com INT 2020 (5.1);

B) 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.0-0 Qb6 11.a4 Qc5 12.Qd3 *(12.Bd2 Qxc3 13.Bxc3 a6 14.Bc4 Rg8 15.Rfd1 Bb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Ne5 Bc6 18.Bb3 Ke7 19.f3 Rgd8 20.Kf2 Be8 21.Ke2 f6 22.Nc4 b5 23.Ne3 Nc6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bd1 Nd4+ 26.Ke1 Rc8* ½-½ Kamsky,G (2695)-Topalov,V (2640) Linares 12th 1994 (6) *)* 12...Qd6 13.Qc2 a6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Be3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 Rxc2 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Bxd2 Bd6 21.Bc3 ½-½ Berecz,A (2404)-Schueppel,R (2470) Darmogray Memorial Bd02 3rd email ICCF email 2008]

7.Bg5 Be7 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Nc6 11.Qd3 Nb4 12.Qd1 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Nb5 Nc6 16.a3 Qf6 17.Nbd4 Bg4 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.Rc2 Bh5 20.h3 Rc7 21.Nb5 Rcc8 22.Nbd4 Rc7 23.Nb5 Rcc8 24.Nbd4 Rc7 25.Nb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

B40

□ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**

■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.25) 4.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5**

[3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.b4 Raf8 18.Bb2 0-1 Sermek,A (1678)-Fields,P (1942) 134 Linz 2014 (7)]

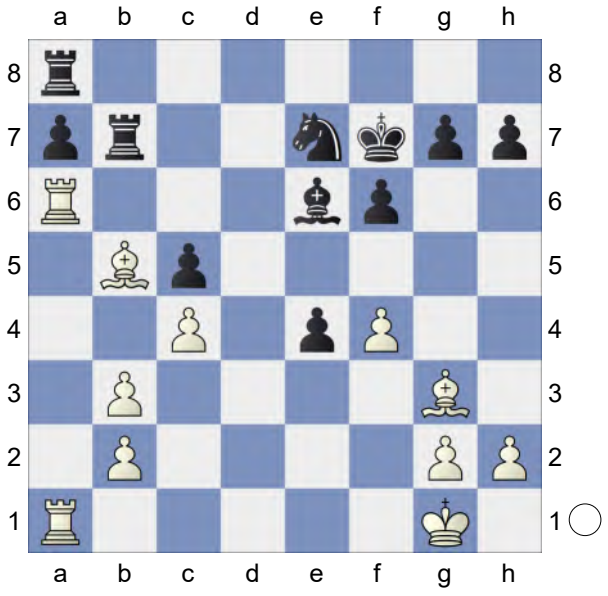
4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6N

[5...cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bc4 Be8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bc6 17.Ne5 Bd5 18.a3 Nc6 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Nxc6 1-0 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) 64/339 Amsterdam 1995 (3) bxc6 21.Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qb7 dxc4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qxc6 Qb6 25.Qxc4 Qxb2 26.Qd3 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Re1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxd4 29.Rad1 Qc5 30.Rd3 h5 31.h4 Qc4 32.Rh3 Kf8 33.Ree3 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Qc7+ 35.Rhg3 1-0 Varga,Z (2450)-Fogarasi,T (2505) HUN-ch Budapest 1996 (3) Qf4 36.Ref3 Qxh4+ 37.Rh3 Qg5 38.g3 Kg7 39.Rh4 Kg6 40.Ra4 a5 41.Raf4 Qe5 42.Kh3 f5 43.a4 Qd5 44.Kh2 Kg5 45.Re3 Qc5 46.Kh3 Qd5 47.Ref3 Kg6 48.Kh2 Kg5 49.Rc3 Qd6 50.Rb3 1-0 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) 64/339 Amsterdam 1995 (3)]

6.Na3 Nc6 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nb5 Qd7 Prevents Nc7+

[8...Bd6 seems wilder. 9.0-0 Bb8

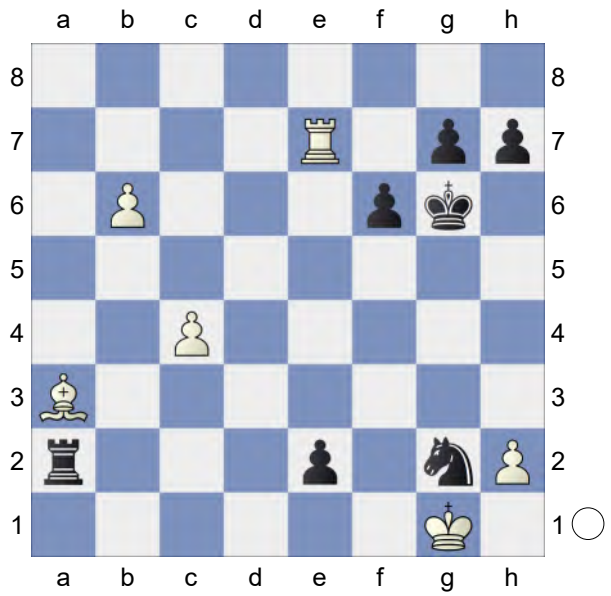
10.Nfxd4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 a6]
9.Nbxd4 Bc5 10.Nxc6 Qxc6 White is slightly better. **11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Qb3**
[13.b4!? Be7□ 14.a4±]
13...Rd8 14.Ne5 Nd5 15.Bg3 f6 16.Nc4 Qxb3 17.axb3 e5 18.Rfd1 Be6 1.29/19
[18...Be7!± 0.42/21]
19.Na5!± b6 20.Nb7 Rd7 21.Nxc5 bxc5 22.Bb5 0.25/24
[22.Ra6!± 1.17/21 Bf7 23.h3]
22...Rc7? 1.93/24
[22...Rdd8= 0.25/24]
23.Ra6 0.73/24
[23.Bc4!+- 1.93/24 is the precise move to win. Nf4 24.Bxf4 Bxc4 25.Bxe5 fxe5 26.bxc4]
23...Kf7 24.Rda1 0.01/23 White is more active.
[24.Bc6!± 0.61/23 Rd8 25.f4]
24...Ne7 25.f4 Rb7 0.89/22
[Better is 25...Nf5!± 0.36/22]
26.c4 e4



27.f5 0.00/25 **Bd7!=**
[27...Nxf5? 28.Bc6 Rxb3 29.Bxa8+-]
28.Bxd7 Rxd7 29.Bd6 Nxf5 30.Bxc5 Rd2 31.Rxa7+ Rxa7 32.Rxa7+ Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Kg6 33.b4 Nh4 34.Kf1** b5 would now be deadly. **34...Nxg2 35.b5** Strongly threatening b4. **35...e3** (→ ...e2+) **36.Re7 Rf2+**
[36...Kf5 simplifies 37.Bxe3 Nxe3+ 38.Rxe3 Rxb2 39.Re7 h5]
37.Kg1 And now b4 would win.
37...Rxb2 Hoping for ...e2. **38.b6** aiming for Bd4! **38...e2! 39.Ba3**
[39.Kxg2 e1Q+ *(39...e1R+? 40.Kf3-+)* 40.Kf3 Qf1+ 41.Ke4 Qf5+ *(41...Rxh2 42.Kd5 Rd2+ 43.Bd4 Qf3+ 44.Kc5 Qa3+* Skewer *45.Kc6 Qxe7 46.Bc3 Rc2 47.Ba5 Rxc4+ 48.Kb5 Qe4 49.Ka6 Ra4 50.Ka7 Rxa5+ 51.Kb8 Qe7 52.Kc8 Ra8#; 41...Qxc4+ 42.Bd4 Rb3 43.Re5 fxe5 44.Kxe5 Rd3 45.Bf2 Rd5+ 46.Ke6 Qe4#)* 42.Ke3 Rb3+ *(42...Qxc5+ 43.Kd3 Rb3+ 44.Kc2 Qa3 45.Kd1 Qa2 46.Rxg7+ Kxg7 47.h4 Rb1#)* 43.Kd2 Qd3+ *(43...Qxc5 44.Re4 Rb2+ 45.Kc1 Qa3 46.Rg4+ Kf5 47.Rg5+ fxg5 48.Kd1 Qa1#)* 44.Ke1 Rb1+ *(44...Qxc4 45.Re2 Qc3+ 46.Kf1 Qf3+ 47.Bf2 Rb1+ 48.Re1 Rb2 49.Re2 Rxe2 50.Kg1 Qxf2+ 51.Kh1 Qxh2#)* 45.Kf2 Rf1+ 46.Kg2 Qf3#]
39...Ra2 2.85/29
[39...Rxb6= 0.00/27 and Black has nothing to worry. 40.Kxg2 Ra6]

(Diagram)

40.b7? 0.06/38
[40.Kxg2 e1Q+ *(40...e1R+? 41.Re2-+; 40...e1R+? 41.Re2-+)*]
[White must play 40.Bb4!+- 2.85/29 Threatens to win with b7! Ra4 41.Bd6 *(41.Kxg2 Rxb4 42.c5 Rb5=)* 41...e1Q+ *(41...e1R+? 42.Rxe1*



Nxe1 43.b7+-) 42.Rxe1 Nxe1 43.b7 Rxc4 *(43...Nf3+? 44.Kf2+-)* 44.b8Q *(44.b8B? Nf3+ 45.Kg2 Ne1+ 46.Kf2 Nd3+ 47.Kf3 Kf5-+)* 44...Nf3+ 45.Kh1]

40...e1Q+ The position is equal. **41.Rxe1 Nxe1 42.b8Q**

[42.b8R? loses. Nf3+ *(42...Rxa3? 43.c5-+)* 43.Kf1 Nxh2+ *(43...Rxa3? 44.Kg2-+)* 44.Ke1 Nf3+ *(44...Rxa3? 45.Kd2-+)* 45.Kd1 Rxa3-+]

42...Nf3+ 43.Kf1 Nxh2+ 44.Ke1 Nf3+ 45.Kd1 Rxa3 46.Qb1+ Kf7

[Of course not 46...f5 47.c5 Nd4 48.Qb7= *(48.Qb6+ Kh5=)*]

47.Qb7+ Kg6 48.Qe4+ Kf7 49.Qd5+ Kg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

½-½

A14

□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**

■ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.26) 4.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.e3 d4 9.exd4 cxd4 10.Re1 Bc5**

[10...Re8 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Bd6 13.Bxd4 Bxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 15.Bb2 e5 16.Na3 Nf6 17.d4 e4 18.Nc2 Bg4 19.Qd2 Bf3 20.Bf1 Ng4 21.d5 Qd6 22.Bd4 Qg6 23.Ne3 Nxh2 24.Kxh2 Qh6+ 25.Bh3 ½-½ Kramnik,V (2753)-Anand,V (2785) Sofia MTel Masters 1st 2005 (2)]

11.d3N

[11.Na3 Re8 12.d3 e5 13.Nc2 a5 14.a3 Qc7 15.h3 h6 16.Bc1 Bf5 17.Rb1 e4 18.Nh4 exd3 19.Nxf5 dxc2 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Qxc2 Re1+ 22.Kh2 Qd7 23.Bxh6 Rxb1 24.Nxg7 Re1 25.Qd2 Re5 0-1 Savchenko,B (2550)-Tomashevsky,E (2696) RUS-chT Blitz Sochi 2022 (11.2)]

11...Re8 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.Rxe5 Black has an edge. **13...Qd6 14.f4 Rb8 15.Nd2 b6 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bb7** 0.09/19

[17...Bd7∓ -0.45/20]

18.Bxb7= Rxb7 19.Qf3 Rbe7 20.Rae1 f6 21.R5e4 e5 22.Bc1 exf4 23.Bxf4 Qd7 24.h4 0.00/28

[24.Rxe7± 0.40/21 Rxe7 25.Rxe7 Qxe7 26.Kf1]

24...Rxe4 The position is equal. **25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Qxe4** Endgame. KQB-KQB **26...h5 27.Qg6 Qg4 28.Qe8+ Kh7 29.Kf2 a5 30.Qe4+ Kg8 31.Qe8+ Kh7**

32.Qe4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

B51
□ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**
■ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**
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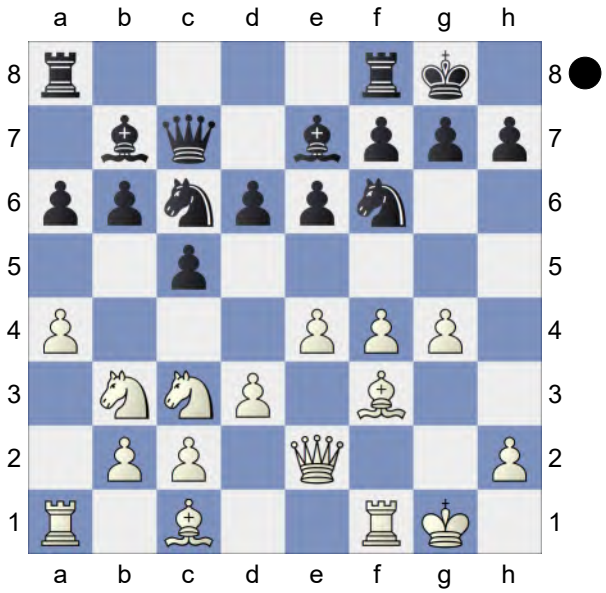
[Kitty Kat]

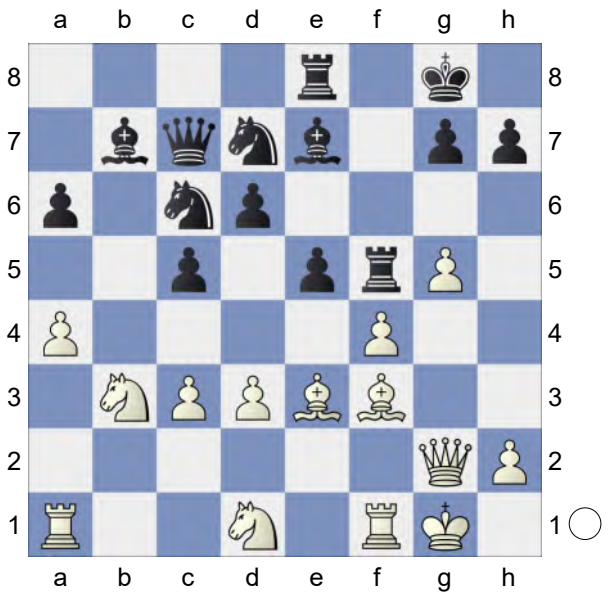
B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 a6 5.Be2 Ngf6 6.d3 e6 7.a4 b6 8.Nfd2 The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.f4 0-0 10.Bf3 Bb7 11.Nc3 Qc7 12.g4 Nb8 13.Qe2** -0.34/19
[13.Bg2± 0.43/22]
13...Nc6∓ 14.Nb3



b5 0.16/22 **15.g5**
[15.axb5 keeps more tension. Nd4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.b6]
15...Nd7 16.Be3 -0.46/18 Against Nd4
[16.axb5= -0.01/20 Nd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Nb1]
16...b4 17.Nd1 Rae8 18.Qg2 f5 0.21/19
[18...Bd8∓ -0.45/18]
19.c4 bxc3 20.bxc3 e5 0.75/19
[20...c4= 0.28/21 is more appropriate. 21.dxc4 Na5 22.Nxa5 Qxa5]
21.exf5± Rxf5

(Diagram)

22.g6? -0.73/18
[22.Qh3!± 0.91/20 g6 23.Bg4]
22...Nf6∓
[22...exf4 23.Bxf4 *(23.Bd5+ Kh8-+)*



23...Ref8 24.Bd5+ Rxd5 *(24...Kh8 25.Qh3±)* 25.Qxd5+ Kh8 26.Qh5±]

23.gxh7+ Kh8! 24.Qg6 -2.38/18

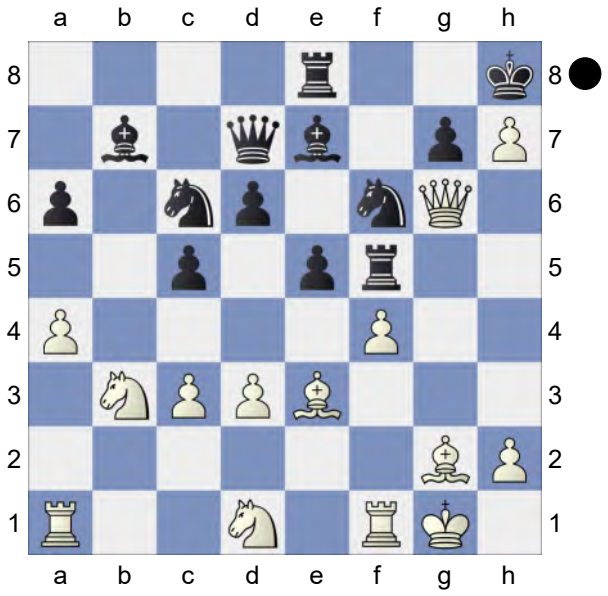
Now White is beyond hope.

[24.fxe5 Rxf3 *(24...Nxh7 25.Be4±)* 25.Qxf3 Nxe5=]

[24.Be4∓ -1.12/17 keeps fighting. Nxe4 25.dxe4]

24...Qd7-+ 25.Bg2 -3.45/18

[⌓25.Be4 -2.26/19 Nxe4 26.dxe4]



25...Bd8!

[25...Nxh7 26.Rb1 Ref8 27.Bh3∓ *(27.Be4? Rg5+ 28.fxg5 Qg4+ 29.Bg2 Nd4-+)*]

26.Bh3 Ne7 27.Bxf5 Nxf5 28.fxe5 Black is clearly winning. **28...Nh4 29.Qg5 Ng4** Discovered Attack **30.Qf4 Nxe5 31.Nc1 Nhf3+ 32.Kf2 Bg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.47

0-1

C78

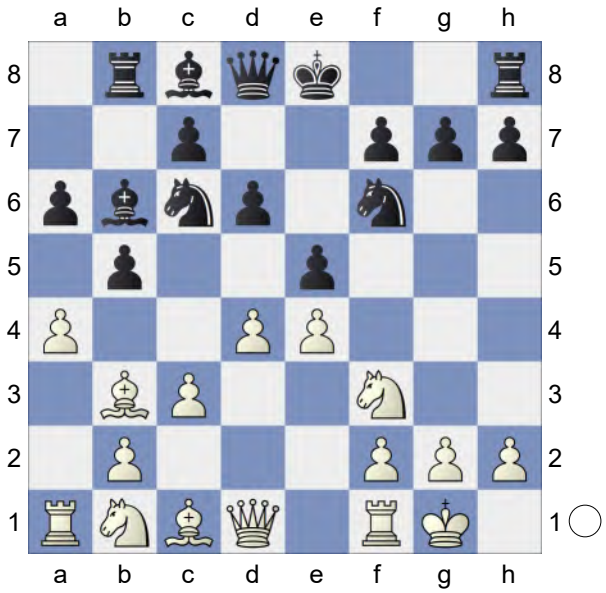
□ **Pranav,V.** **2621**

■ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.28) 4.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.c3 d6 8.a4 Rb8 9.d4 Bb6!**



10.a5!

[10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Re1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nh5 18.Ba4 Rf8 19.Bc6 Qf6 20.Ra4 Nf4 21.Kh1 d5 22.exd5 Ng6 23.Re4 Ne7 24.Rc4 Qd6 ½-½ Kamsky,G

(2741)-Grischuk,A (2779) Thessaloniki FIDE GP 2013 (3)]

10...Ba7 11.h3 Bb7N

[11...0-0 12.Be3 Ra8 *(12...Nxe4 13.Bd5 exd4 14.Bxe4 d5 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.cxd4 Qf6 19.Nc3 c6 20.Re1 Bb7 21.Na2 Rbe8 22.Qc2+ g6 23.Qc5 Qd8 24.Nb4 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Re8 26.Re5 Rxe5 27.dxe5* 1-0 Tahedl,M (2438)-12. ♘e4 de4 13.d5 ♗c8 (2381) 37/135 London 1984 [2]*)* 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Re1 Re8 15.Qc2 exd4 16.Bxd4 Ne5 17.Rad1 Nfd7 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 c5 21.Bd5 Ra7 22.Rf3 Nf6 23.Nb3 Qe7 24.c4 Rc7 25.Rc3 b4 26.Rf3 1-0 Cossin,S (2424)-Suren,A (2305) St Petersburg Korchnoi Memorial op 2023 (3)]

12.Be3 White is slightly better. **12...Nxe4 13.Re1** next d5 is good for White.

13...Ne7 14.dxe5 0.05/20

[14.Nbd2!± 0.69/24]

14...Bxe3= 15.Rxe3 aiming for Qe2.

15...0-0 16.Bc2 Nc5 17.Nbd2 Nd5 18.Re1 Nf4 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 Rbd8 22.Qc2

[22.Qxd6 simplifies Rxd6 23.b4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Ne6 25.Rae1]

22...Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Nd3 24.Re2 Qg6 25.Qh4

[25.Qxg6 simplifies hxg6 26.Kf1 Rfe8 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.b4]

25...Rde8 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.b4 c5→ Prevents Qd4. Black attacks. **28.bxc5 Nxc5 29.Rd1** Against Qd6. Black must now prevent Qe7! **29...h6 30.Qb4 Rc8 31.Qd4** -0.69/19

[31.Ne5= -0.27/20 Qf5 32.Qd4]

31...Na4 0.00/23

[31...Qe4!∓ -0.69/19]

32.Qd7 Qc6

[32...Rxc3? 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Rd8+-]

33.Qe7 Qxc3 34.Qb7 Qc2 35.Re1 -1.86/22

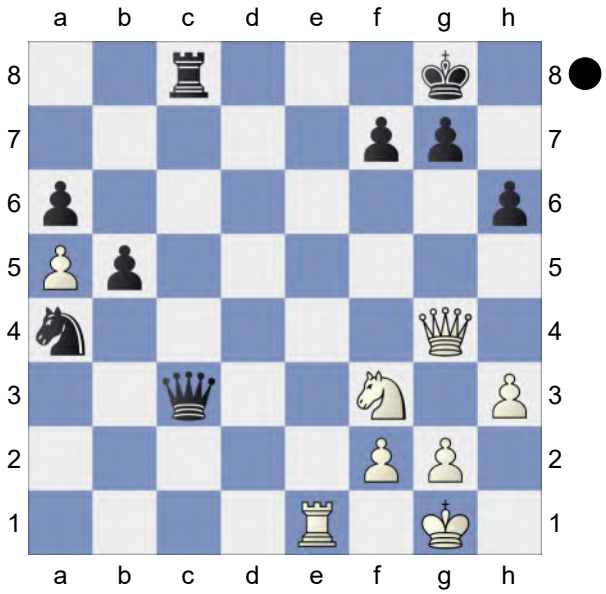
[35.Ne1= -0.23/24 and White stays safe. Qxd1 *(35...Qc6? 36.Rd8+* Deflection *Rxd8 37.Qxc6+-)* 36.Qxc8+ Kh7 37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Qf5+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Kh7]

35...Qc6-+ 36.Qe7 Qc7 Prevents Ne5

37.Qb4 Qc3 -1.25/19

[Better is 37...Nc3-+ -1.93/21 38.Qa3 Nd5]

38.Qg4∓



Rf8 -1.96/22

[38...Rd8!∓ -1.36/19 39.Qf4 Qc4 *(39...Qxa5 40.Re7∓)* 40.Qxc4 bxc4]

39.Re3 Qc1+ 40.Re1 Qc5 -0.85/20

[40...Qc3-+ -1.80/22 is more deadly. 41.Qd7 Qc8 *(41...Qxa5 42.Re8=)* 42.Qxc8 Rxc8]

41.Nd4 Kh7 -0.49/21

[Black should play 41...Qc4∓ -1.18/20 Threatens to win with ...Rd8. 42.Nf5 Qxg4 43.hxg4 Nc5]

42.Re3 -0.99/18

[42.Qe4+!∓ -0.49/21 Kh8 43.Nc6]

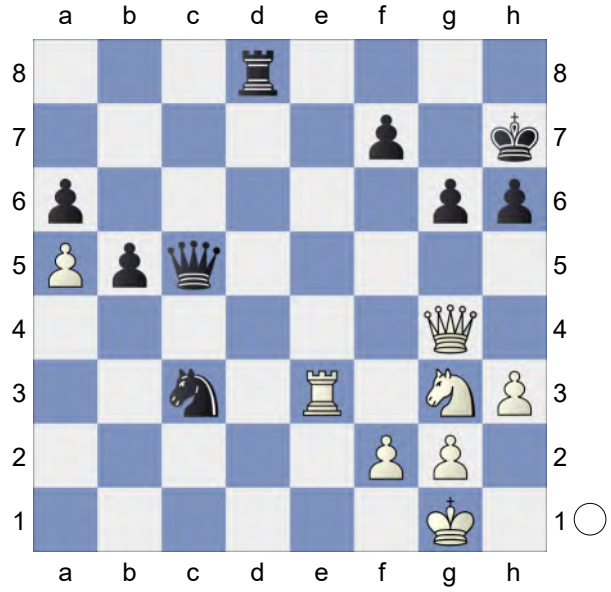
42...Rd8 43.Nf5 -2.43/24

[43.Qe4+∓ -1.29/19 g6 44.Nc6 Rd1+

45.Kh2 Qd6+ 46.g3]

43...g6-+ 44.Ng3 Nc3?? 3.15/19

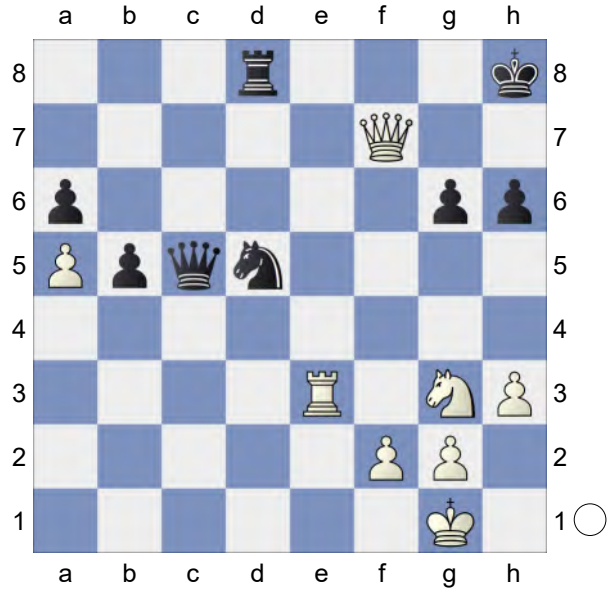
[44...Qd4-+ -2.47/20 and all is fine. And now ...Qxg4 would win. 45.Re7 Qa1+ 46.Kh2 Qf6]



45.Qf3!+- Nd5

[Of course not 45...Rd1+ 46.Kh2 Kg7 47.Rxc3+-]

46.Qxf7+ Kh8



47.Qxg6! Nxe3

[47...Qf8 48.Re6]

48.Qf6+ Kh7 49.Qxd8 Endgame. KQN-KQN **49...Nd5 50.Qd7+ Ne7 51.Qe6 b4 52.Qxa6 Nc6 53.Qb7+ Kg6 54.a6 Na7 55.Qd7 Qb6 56.Qf5+ Kg7 57.Nh5+ Kg8 58.Qg4+ Kf8 59.Qg7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.47

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D25

□ **Aradhya,Garg** **2365**

■ **Paravyan,David** **2620**

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[Kitty Kat]

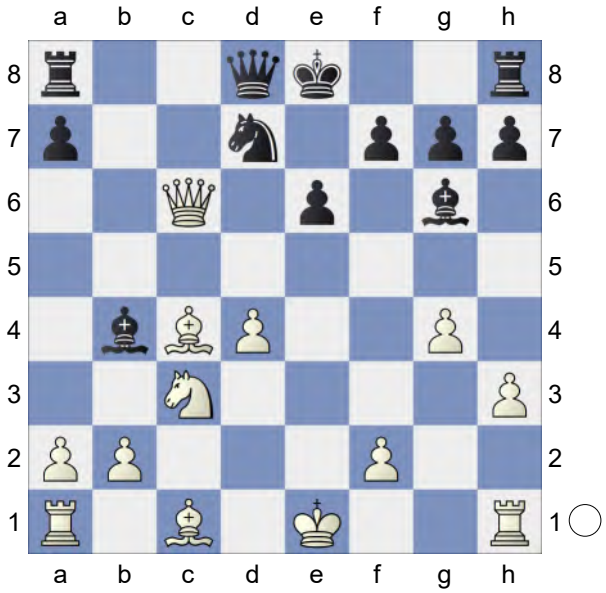
D25: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3: sidelines and 4...Bg4 ChessCalisthenics: 'D22: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 a6 4 e3' EINE LANZE FÜR DAS ANGENOMMENE DAMENGAMBIT **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.Nc3 c5N**

[7...a6 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nfd7 *(9...Nbd7 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Bf1 c6 12.Bg2 Qc7 13.Bd2 Rd8 14.Rc1 Qb8 15.g5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Bd6 19.Qf3 Rh4 20.0-0 Bf4 21.Be3 b6 22.Rc3 Ke7 23.Bc6 Qd6 24.Kg2* 1-0 Cebalo,M (2493)-Loncar,R (2419) Hrvatska 110/224 2010*; 9...Bd6 10.Qf3 Bxe5 11.dxe5 Nfd7 12.Qxb7 Nxe5 13.Qxa8 Nxc4 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qg2 f5 16.Rd1 Nd7 17.gxf5 Bh5 18.fxe6 Bxd1 19.Qd5 Bf3 20.e7+ Bxd5 21.exd8Q Rxd8 22.Nxd5 Ndb6 23.Nxb6 Rd1+ 24.Kg2* 1-0 Browne,W-Shamkovich,L (ch) 32/478 United States 1981*)* 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qf3 Nc6 12.Bd2 Nb6 13.Bb3 Na5 14.Bc2 Nbc4 15.Ne4 Nc6 16.Bc3 Nb4 17.Bb3 Na5 18.Bd1 Nc4

19.Kf1 Qd5 20.Kg2 Be7 21.b3 Na3 22.Nc5 1-0 Christmas Tree Part,I-Martin Clemente,F 7/148 Zagreb 1969 (2)]

[7...Nc6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Be2 0-0 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 e5 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.Bd2 a6 17.Bf3 Bd6 18.g5 Nd7 19.h4 Qe5 20.Ne4 Qh2+ 21.Kf1 Nce5 22.Bg2 0-1 Wagner,D (2564)-Edouard,R (2607) Bundesliga 1718 Germany 2017 (2.4)]

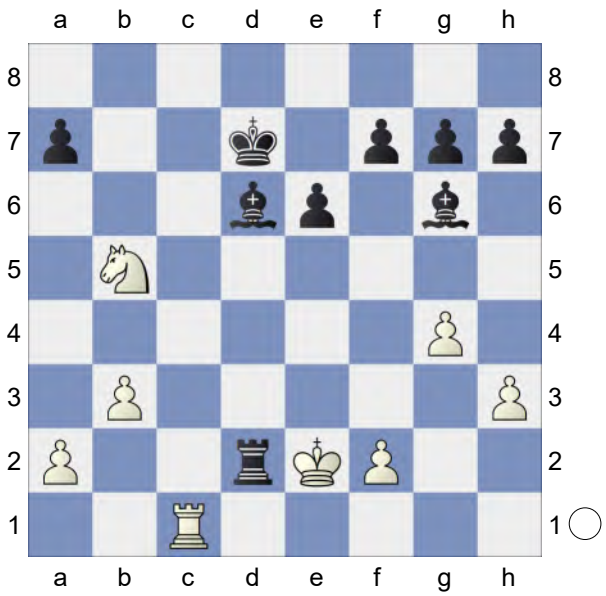
8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 cxd4 White is slightly better. **10.exd4 Nc6 11.Qa4 Nd7** Hoping for ...Ndxe5. **12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Qxc6 Bb4**



Strongly threatening ...Rc8. **14.Bb5** aiming for Bg5! **14...Rc8! 15.Qxd7+ Qxd7 16.Bxd7+ Kxd7 17.Bd2 Rc4 18.Ke2 Rb8** Threatens to win with ... Ba5! **19.Rac1 Rxd4 20.Rhd1 Bd6** Repels Bf4. A strong pair of Bishops. **21.b3** The position is equal. **21...Rc8 22.Nb5 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rxd2+**

(Diagram)

Remove Defender **24.Kxd2=**



Endgame. Nxd6! is the strong threat. KRN-KB **24...Bf4+ 25.Kd1 Bxc1 26.Kxc1** KB-KN **26...a6 27.Nc3 Kd6 28.Kd2 Kc5 29.a3 f6 30.Ke3 Bc2 31.Ne4+ Kc6 32.Nd2 Kd5 33.f4 h6 34.h4 Bd1 35.g5 fxg5 36.fxg5 hxg5 37.hxg5 Bc2 38.b4 e5 39.Nf3 Ke6 40.Nh4 Ba4 41.Kd3 Bd7 42.Kc4 Be8 43.Kc3 Kd5** White must now prevent ... Ke4. **44.Kd3 e4+ 45.Ke3 Ke5 46.Ng2 Kf5 47.Nf4 Bc6 48.g6 Bb7 49.a4 Bc6 50.b5 Bxb5 51.axb5 axb5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

D05

□ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**

■ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**

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D05: Colle System with ...e6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 e6**

[3...c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6

12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 18.Rad1 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Nc6N

[5...b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.f4 cxd4 11.exd4 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5 10) Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined-Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined Odds 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]

6.0-0 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.a3 e5 And now ...e4 would win. **10.dxc5 Bxc5** aiming for ...e4. **11.b4 Bd6** ...e4 would now be deadly. White is slightly better. **12.e4** 0.22/24

[12.c4!± 0.66/24]

12...Bg4 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nf4 16.Nc4 0.15/22

[White should try 16.b5± 0.65/20 Nd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Rfe1]

16...Nxd3= 17.cxd3 a6! 18.Rae1 Strongly threatening d4! **18...Qc7 19.Qg3 f6 20.Rc1 Rad8 21.Rfd1** -0.67/24

[21.a4= -0.08/26]

21...Qf7∓ 22.Ne3 -1.21/21

[22.Qg4∓ -0.57/21]

(Diagram)

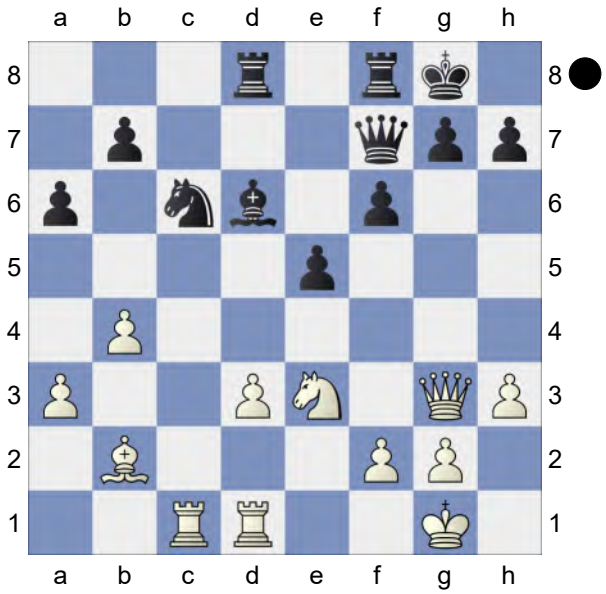
22...Nd4!∓ 23.Re1 -2.58/25

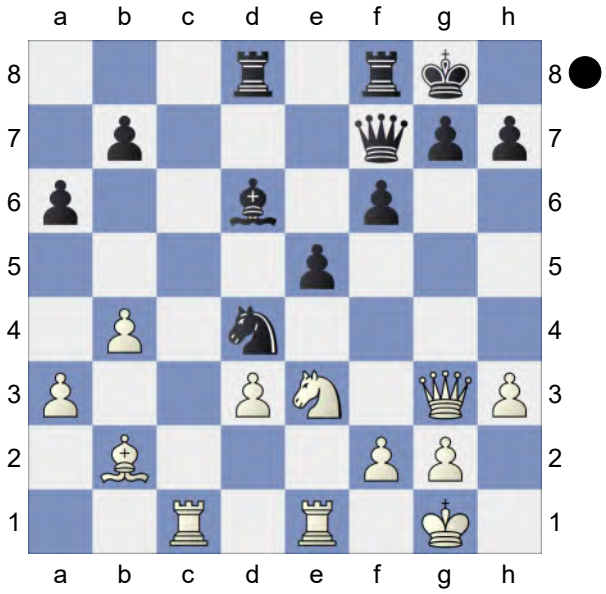
[23.Kf1∓ -1.08/24]

(Diagram)

Prevents Ne2+. **23...Bb8** -1.42/24

[23...e4!-+ -2.58/25 24.Qg4 exd3 *(24...f5? 25.Qd1-+)* 25.Bxd4 *(25.Qxd4?* perishes. *Bh2+*





Discovered Attack *26.Kxh2 Rxd4-+)*

25...d2]

24.Qg4 Ba7 -0.47/20

[24...h5-+ -1.77/24 25.Qd1 f5]

25.Bxd4∓ Rxd4 26.Qe2 Rfd8 27.Rc3 Qd7 0.00/30

[27...h6∓ -0.43/24]

28.Rec1= The position is equal. **28...Bb6** Prevents Rc7.

[Reject 28...Rxd3?! 29.Rxd3 Qxd3 30.Qa2+ Kf8 31.Rd1 Qxd1+ 32.Nxd1 Rxd1+ 33.Kh2±]

29.Nc4 Bc7 30.Ne3 Bb6 31.Nc4 Bc7

32.Ne3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

B33

□ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
■ **Pranesh,M.** **2582**
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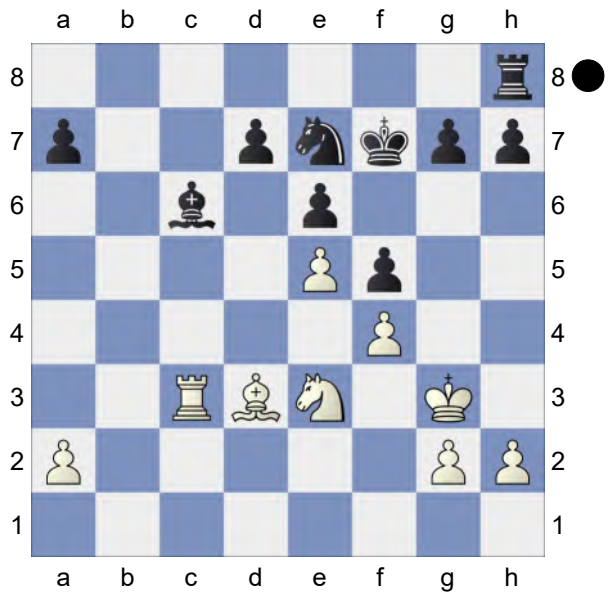
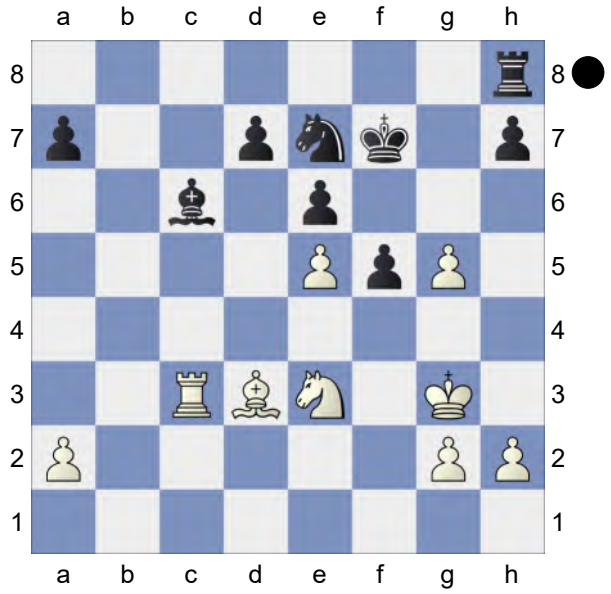
B45: Sicilian Four Knights **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6**
[4...Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Bd3 d6 7.0-0 g6 8.c4 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Qd8 11.Be2 b6 12.f3 Bb7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Rac1 Nd7 15.Rfd1 Nc5 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Qe8 19.b4 1-0 Dominguez,L (2596)-Gonzalez,J (2518) XIV Carlos Torre 2001 (11)]
[4...d6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rac1 Ng4 13.Bxg4 Bxg4 14.h3 Be6 15.Ne2 c5 16.Nf4 Rfb8 17.Rb1 a5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 1-0 Fuks,M (2095)-Dalkiran,S (1993) 4/385 United States 1967 (4)]
5.Nc3 e6N
[5...d6 6.Be2 g6 7.Nb3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 a5 10.a4 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 Nb4 12.Bf3 Be6 13.Ra3 Rac8 14.Re1 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.Qxg4 Bxc3 17.Re2 Bxb2 18.Bxb2 Nxc2 19.Qf3 Nxa3 20.Bxa3 0-1 Semrl,M-Kohn,H ch-semi-finals Leeuwarden NED 2001 (4) Rc4 21.Nd2 Rxa4 22.e5 Qd4 23.Nf1 b5 24.exd6 exd6 25.g3 Rc8 26.Bb2 Qc5 27.Ne3 Ra2 28.Rc2 Qxc2 29.Nxc2 Rxb2 30.Ne1 Rc1 31.Qe4 Rbb1 32.Kg2 Rxe1 33.Qa8+ Kg7 34.Qxa5 b4 35.f5 0-1 Roedl,L-Engels,L Bad Nauheim Olympia Trainingsturnier 1935 (4)]
6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.c4 Bb4+ 11.Ke2 f5 12.Nf2 Ba6 13.Kf3 Ne7 14.Be3 Bc5! 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qd6 Qb6 17.b4 -0.09/22
[White should try 17.Be2± 0.57/21]
17...c5= 18.Qxc5 -0.49/23
[18.Rd1= 0.05/21]
18...Qb7+ 19.Kg3 Rc8 Inhibits b5. Deflection **20.Qd6 Rc6** Deflection
21.Qd4 And now b5 would win.
21...Qxb4 22.Be2 -1.56/17
[⌓22.Rc1 -0.74/21]
22...Qa3+∓
[Stronger than 22...Bxc4 23.Rac1 Qa3+ 24.Rc3±]
23.Qd3 Qxd3+ Remove Defender
24.Bxd3 Bxc4 -1.11/20
[24...Rg8!-+ -1.64/21 Hoping for ...g5! 25.h4 Bxc4]
25.Rhc1 -1.70/22
[25.Rhb1∓ -1.11/20 Kf7 26.Rb7]
25...Bd5-+ 26.Rxc6 Nxc6 -1.37/18
[26...Bxc6-+ -1.92/23 27.Rb1 Kf7]
27.Nd1∓ Kf7 -1.05/21 Black is more active.
[⌓27...g5 -1.59/23 ...gxf4+ would now be deadly. 28.Ne3 gxf4+ 29.Kxf4 Nb4]
28.Ne3 Ne7 29.Rc1 -1.77/20
[29.Bb5∓ -1.11/21 keeps fighting.]
29...Bc6-+
[29...Bxa2 30.Rc7=]
30.Rc3 -2.40/23
[⌓30.h4 -1.64/19]

(Diagram)

30...g5! 31.fxg5
(Diagram)

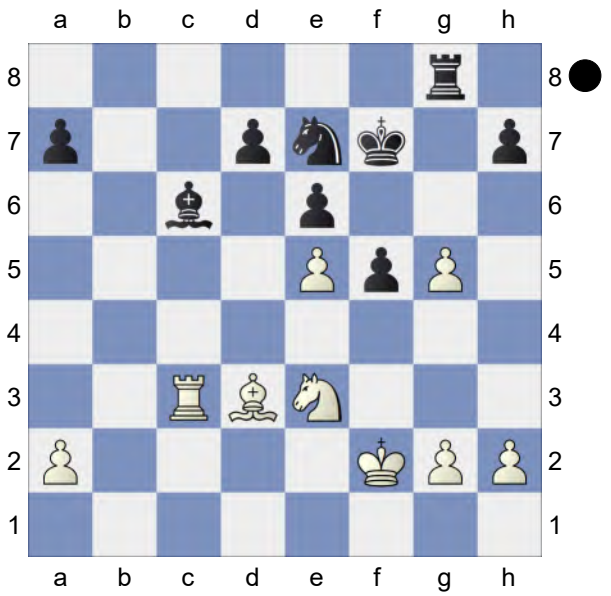




Rg8! 32.Kf2

(Diagram)

Rxg5 -1.21/21
[32...f4!-+ -1.87/23 33.Nc4 Rxg5]
33.g3∓ Rg8 34.Ra3 Ra8 35.g4 -1.98/22
[35.h4∓ -1.08/21 is a better defense.]
35...fxg4-+ 36.Nxg4 Ng6 37.h4 -2.13/22
[37.Be2∓ -1.52/19 was necessary.]
37...h5



[Don't play 37...Nxh4 38.Bxh7 Rh8 39.Bc2∓]
38.Bxg6+ Kxg6 Endgame. KRB-KRN
39.Nf6 Kf5 40.Re3 -3.52/23
[40.Nxh5 -2.02/18 was called for. Kxe5 41.Ra5+ Kd4 42.Ng3]
40...Rh8 41.Kg3 -4.76/20
[⌓41.Ke1 -3.28/21]
41...d5 Black is clearly winning. **42.Kf2 d4** Deflection **43.Rg3 Kxe5 44.Ng8 Be4 45.Rg5+ Bf5 46.Ne7** aiming for Ng6+. **46...Rh7 47.Nxf5 Rf7** Pin **48.Rxh5 Rxf5+**
[Weaker is 48...exf5 49.Rh8∓]
49.Rxf5+ Kxf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

E15

□ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto 2564**
■ **Zhu,Hengyi 2361**
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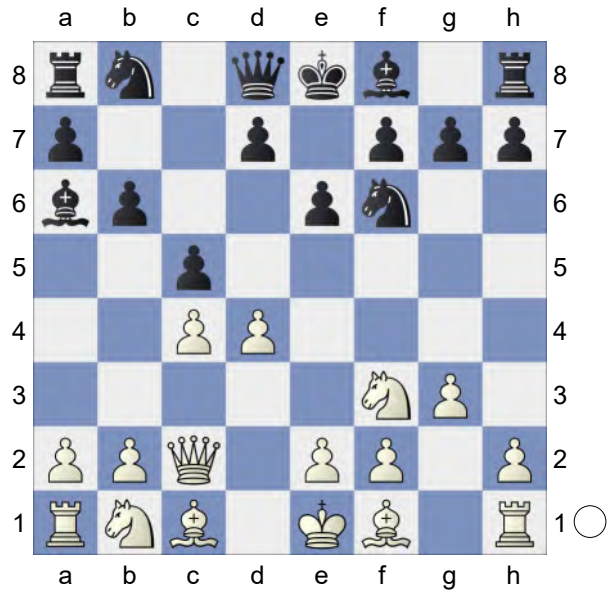
E15: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 sidelines, 4 g3 Ba6 and 4 g3 Bb7 early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6

5.Qc2 c5



6.d5! Prevents Nc6 **6...exd5 7.cxd5 Bb7! 8.Bg2!** White is slightly better. **8...Nxd5 9.0-0 Be7** Prevents Ng5. **10.Rd1** Black must now prevent Qe4. White has compensation. **10...Qc8 11.Bg5 f6**

[11...h6 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.e4 0-0 14.Nc3 Nbc6 15.Rd2 Ba6 16.Bh3 Ng6 17.Bxd7 Qb7 18.Bh3 Rad8 19.Rad1 Qb8 20.Bg2 ½-½ Aronian,L (2739)-Shirov,A (2755) Morelia/ Linares 25th 2008 (5)]

12.Bd2

[12.Bc1 Nb4 13.Qb3 d5 14.a3 c4 15.Qc3 N4a6 16.Qe3 Nc7 17.Nc3 Nba6 18.Nd4 Qd7 19.Qf3 g6 20.Bf4 0-0 21.Nc2 Bc5 22.g4 Qf7 23.Qg3 Rad8 24.h4 Rd7 25.Rd2 Rfd8 26.Rad1 Ba8 1-0 Alekseev,E (2714)-Onischuk,V (2576) Universiade Men Kazan RUS 2013 (7.2)]

12...Nc7N

[12...Nc6 13.Qa4 Nc7 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Bf4 Ne6 16.Bd6 Re8 17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qxd7 Qxd7 19.Rxd7 Bc6 20.Rd6 Nd8 Aronian,L (2739)-Leko,P (2753) Wijk aan Zee 102/(383) 2008]

13.Bf4 Ne6 14.Nc3 Against d5 **14...0-0 15.Nd5**

[15.Bd6 simplifies Bxd6 16.Rxd6 Nc6 17.Qd3]

15...Nc6 16.h4 Rf7 17.h5 Bf8 18.e3 Ne7 0.49/21

[18...Nb4= 0.09/19 19.Nxb4 Nxf4 *(19...cxb4 20.Rac1=)* 20.exf4 cxb4]

19.Nh4± Nxd5 20.Bxd5 0.07/20

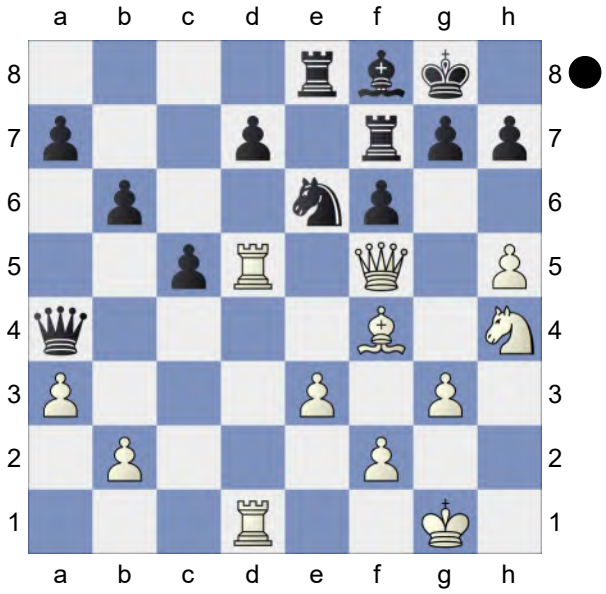
[20.Rxd5± 0.54/25 Nxf4 21.exf4]

20...Bxd5= 21.Rxd5 Qc6⇄ Black is not keeping still **22.Rad1**

[22.Qf5 simplifies Re8 23.b3 Nxf4 24.exf4 Rfe7 25.Ng2]

22...Re8 23.Qf5 Qa4 24.a3 -0.43/20

[24.Qb1= 0.00/20]



24...Nd4!∓ 25.Qd3 Qc6 26.Qc4 b5 27.Qa2 Ne6 0.31/22

[27...Ne2+∓ -0.52/24 28.Kh2 c4]

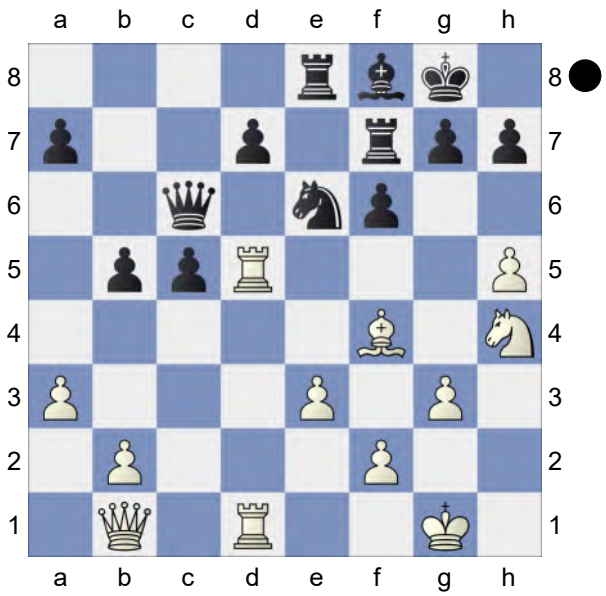
28.Qb1 -0.50/18

[28.Bd6± 0.31/22]

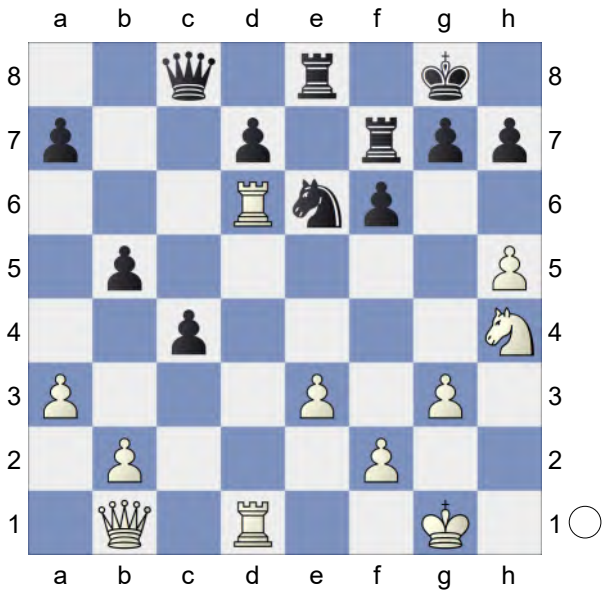
(Diagram)

28...Nd4! 29.Qa2 Ne6 0.44/20

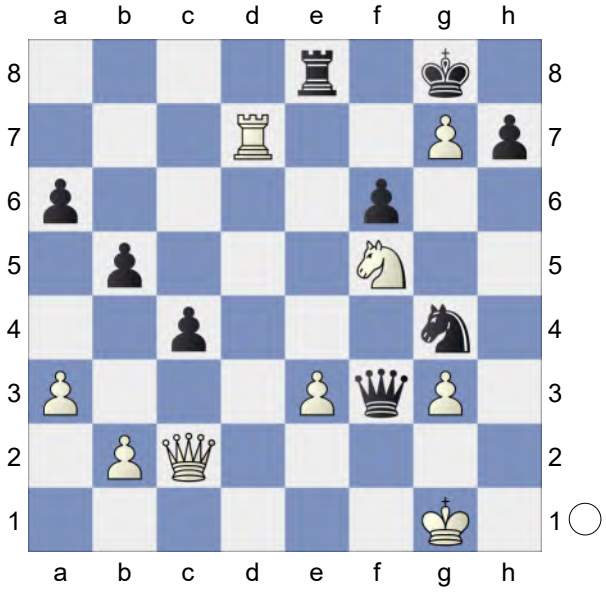
[29...Ne2+∓ -0.72/24 30.Kh2 c4]



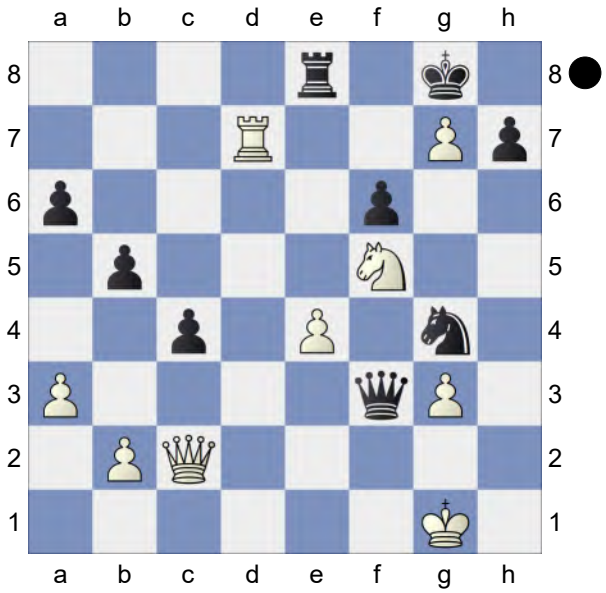
30.Bd6± c4 31.Qb1 Bxd6 32.Rxd6 Qc8 1.24/18
[⌓32...Qc7 0.81/20]



33.h6!± Ng5 34.hxg7 And now Nf5 would win. **34...Qa8 35.Rxd7** 0.62/30
[Better is 35.Qf5± 1.52/22 Re5 36.Rxd7 Kxg7 37.Qg4 Rxd7 38.Qxd7+ *(38.Rxd7+ Kf8+-)* 38...Nf7 39.f4]
35...Nh3+± 36.Kh2 Rxd7 37.Rxd7 Intending Nf5 and mate. **37...Nxf2** Strongly threatening ...Ng4+. **38.Nf5 Ng4+ 39.Kg1** Threatening mate with Qd1. **39...Qf3** 3.67/23
[39...Nxe3 40.Nh6#]
[39...Re5!± 0.58/21]
40.Qc2+- a6
[40...Nxe3 41.Nh6#]



41.e4?? -4.11/22



Qxf5!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.30
0-1

A13

□ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**
■ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**
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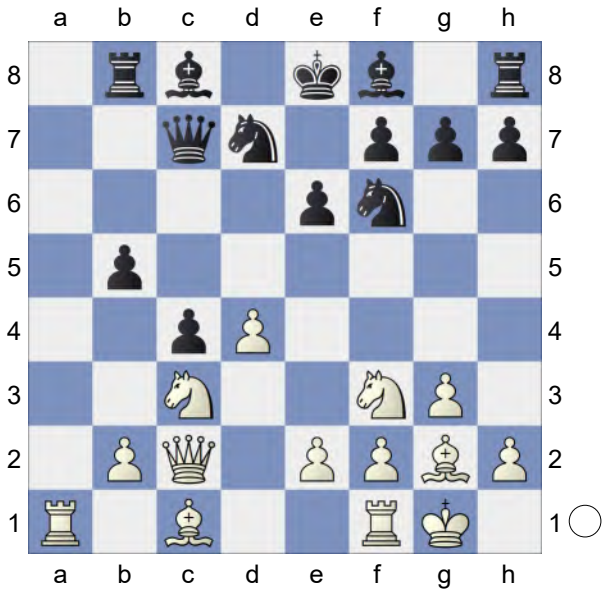
A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Qc2**
[7.Qb3 Rb8 8.a4 b5 9.axb5 axb5 10.d4 Bb7 11.Nc3 b4 12.Na4 Bd5 13.Qd1 c5 14.0-0 Rc8 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Be3 Ncd7 17.Nd4 Be7 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Nd4 Be7 20.f3 0-0 21.Bf2 Nc5 0-1 Valerga,D (2425)-Russo,F (2241) Budapest SixDays 08 GM-A 2023 (8)]
7...c5 8.Nc3N
[8.0-0 b5 *(8...Ra7 9.d4 b6 10.Nc3 Bb7 11.e4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bc5 13.Rd1 Qa8 14.Nb3 Bb4 15.a3 Be7 16.Be3 0-0 17.f3 Rc8 18.Qf2 Bc6 19.Rac1 Rac7 20.Bf1 h6 21.Be2 a5 22.Qf1 e5 23.Nd2* Braun,A (2558)-Zude,E (2397) Deutschland (ch) 106/(275) 2009*; 8...Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nb6 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Bd7 14.Rac1 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Ne4 Qxc2 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Rxc2 Rab8 19.Rc7 e5 20.Nb3 Bb5 21.Rxb7 Bxe2 22.Rd6 Nc4 23.Rxb8* 0-1 Sommerbauer,N (2395)-Lehner,O (2400) AUT-ch Maseru 1997 (2) *Rxb8 24.Rxf6 Rd8 25.h3 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Nxb2 27.Rxh6 Kg7 28.Rc6 Nd3 29.Rc2 Bh5 30.Be4 f5 31.Bxf5 Ne1 32.Rc1 Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Ne1+ 34.Kf1 Rxc1 35.Nxc1 Nf3 36.Nb3 Bf7 37.Bc2 Bc4+ 38.Kg2* 0-1 Heinemann,T (2395)-Walls,K (2400) (open) 53/(477) Brno 1991 (2)*)* 9.Ne5 Nd5 White'S Plan Of-Queenside Pressure 2010]
8...Qc7 9.0-0 b5 10.a4 Rb8 White is slightly better. **11.axb5 axb5 12.d4** White is more active. **12...c4?** 2.78/19
[12...Bd6± 0.74/19 might work better.]



13.e4!+- Rb6 14.e5 Ng4 3.31/18
[⌓14...Nd5 2.06/18 15.Nxd5 exd5]
15.h3 Nh6 16.d5 Bb4 17.d6 Qb8 18.Be3 Rb7 4.69/22 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓18...Nf5 3.32/17 19.Bxb6 Qxb6]
19.Ra2 Nf5 20.Rfa1 Nxe3 21.fxe3 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.66
1-0

E73

□ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
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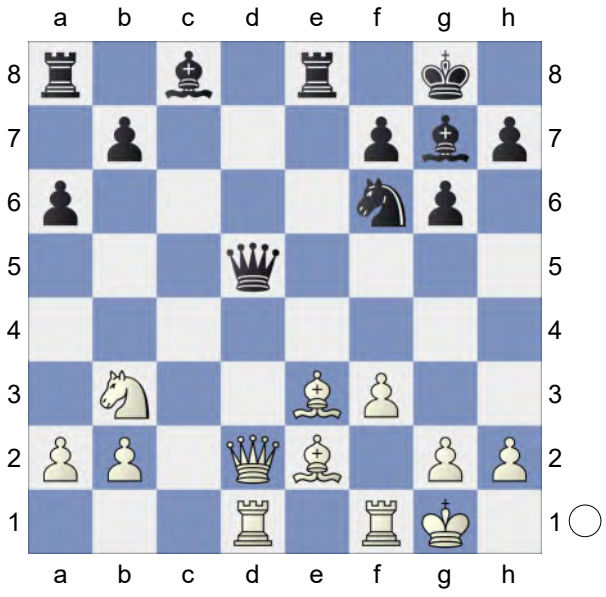
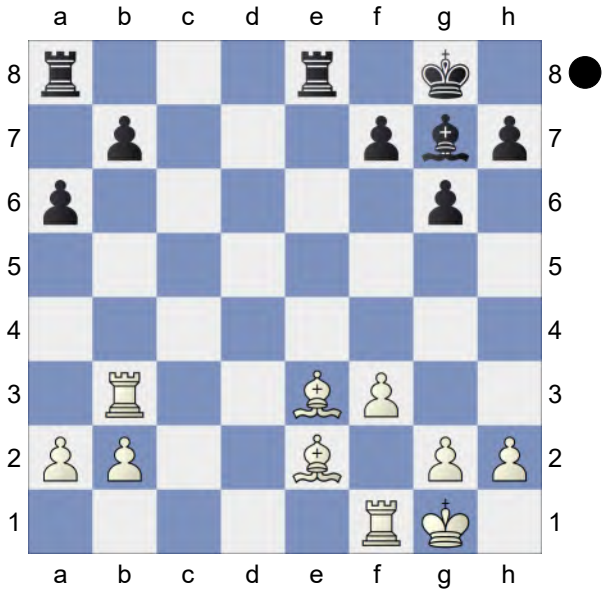
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves **1.c4**

Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Be2 d6 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Nf3
[7.h4 h5 8.Nh3 c5 9.d5 Ne5 10.f3 Bxh3 11.gxh3 a6 12.f4 Ned7 13.Qc2 Bh6 14.Qd2 b5 15.e5 b4 16.Nd1 Ne4 17.Qc2 Ng3 18.Rg1 Nxe2 19.Kxe2 dxe5 20.f5 Bg7 21.Bf2 b3 0-1 Liebert,H (2353)-Andy Samuelson (2444) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (3)]
7...e5N
[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nge5 12.Nd5 41) King's Indian: Be2-Be3 wi-NN Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]
8.0-0 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.f3 c6 11.Qd2 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Rad1 a6 14.cxd5 Threatens to win with Rfe1. White has an edge. **14...Nb6 15.Nb3** 0.02/20
[15.Bf2!± 0.57/21]
15...Nbxd5!= The position is equal. **16.Nxd5 Qxd5**



Remove Defender **17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Rxd5** aiming for Kf2. **18...Be6!**
[18...Rxe3 19.Rd8+ Bf8 20.Kf2±]
19.Rd3 Kf2 is the strong threat. **19...Bxb3! 20.Rxb3**
[But not 20.axb3 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Bd4∓]



Kf2! would now be deadly. **20...Rxe3! 21.Rxe3 Bd4!** Pin **22.Rd1 Bxe3+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **23.Kf1 Rc8 24.Bd3 Rc1 25.Rxc1 Bxc1** KB-KB **26.Be4 Bxb2 27.Bxb7 a5 28.a4 Kf8 29.Ke2 Ke7 30.Bc6 Bc3 31.Kd3 Bb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

E60
□ **Navrotescu,Andreea 2356**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin 2501**
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[Kitty Kat]

A31: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 h5N**
[7...0-0 8.Nc3 Ng4 *(8...Qa5 9.Nf3 d6 10.Nb5 Ng4 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.h3 a6 13.Nc3 Nge5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Na4 Qd8 16.Rc1 Be6 17.b3 d5*

18.Nc5 dxc4 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.bxc4 Nc6 21.Rb1 Qc7 22.Be3 Rad8 23.Qb3 1-0 Imocha,L (2054)-Nawin,M (1856) IND-ch 59th New Delhi 2022 (12)*; 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 11.Be3 Bf5 12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Bd4 Rab8 14.Rac1 Be6 15.b3 b5 16.cxb5 axb5 17.e4 Ng4 18.Rc2 Rfc8 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rfc1 Qa7 21.Qe2 b4 22.Nd5 Rxc2 23.Rxc2* ½-½ Abramovic,B (2480)-Cebalo,M (2515) EUCup f Ljubljana 1995 (2) *Bxd5 24.exd5 Ne5 25.h3 h5 26.Qe4 Rb5 27.Kh2 f5 28.Qf4 Ra5 29.Qd2 Nd7 30.Qe2 Ne5 31.f4 Nf7 32.Qd2 Qb6 33.Rc4 Qa7 34.Rc2 Kf8 35.Qe2 Rc5 36.Qe3 Qc7 37.Rxc5 Qxc5 38.Qe2* ½-½ Grigorenko,D (2480)-Simpson,J (2515) 6th Fano Summer Open A Fano ITA 2017 (2)*)* 9.e3 d6 10.b3 Nxd4 *(10...a6 11.Bb2 Nxd4 12.exd4 Rb8 13.a4 Nh6 14.Nd5 Nf5 15.a5 b5 16.axb6 e6 17.Nb4 Rxb6 18.Nc6 Qc7 19.Na5 d5 20.Ba3 Rd8 21.Bc5 Rb8 22.cxd5 exd5 23.b4 Bd7 24.Re1 Bb5 25.Qd2* ½-½ Hrbek,M (2590)-11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2645) Sparkassen Dortmund GER 2008 (6) *)* 11.exd4 Nh6 12.Qd3 Nf5 13.d5 b5 14.cxb5 a6 15.b6 a5 16.Re1 Ba6 17.Qd2 h5 18.Bb2 Bh6 19.Qd1 Qxb6 20.Bh3 Bc8 21.Bxf5 Bxf5 22.Rxe7 The Center Gambit Attack (2395)-Krapivin,V (2581) USSR 11/341 1971]

8.h3 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 0-0 White is slightly better. **10.Nc3 d6 11.Qd3 Be6 12.Bxb7** -0.16/24

[12.Bg5± 0.31/22]

12...Bxh3 13.Bg2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qd7 15.e4 -0.53/20

[15.f3= 0.11/19]

15...Rac8 -0.09/20

[15...h4∓ -0.53/20]

16.f3= Qe6 17.b3 h4 18.g4 Prevents Nh5 **18...Qe5 19.f4 Qe6** 0.82/21

[19...Qa5= 0.21/19 remains equal.]

20.f5± Qd7 21.Bd2 Nxg4 22.Qh3 Nf6 1.41/20

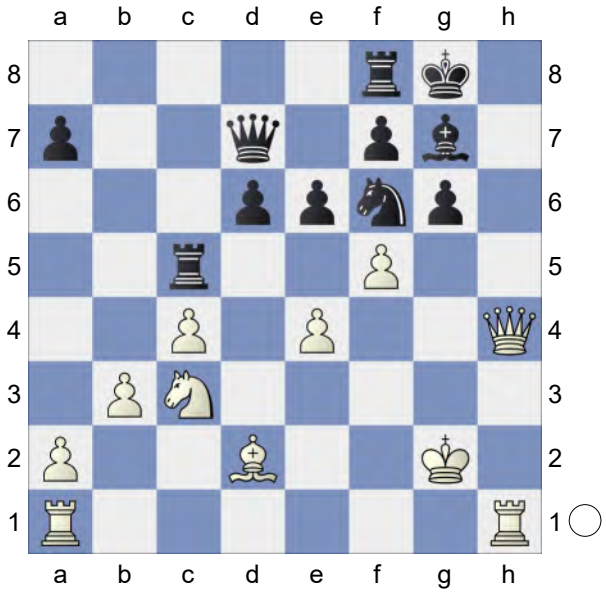
[22...Ne5!± 0.66/21]

23.Qxh4 e6 24.Rh1 0.63/21

[White should play 24.Bg5± 1.51/20 Nh5 25.f6]

24...Rc5

[24...exf5? 25.Nd5 Nh5 26.Ne7++-]



25.Raf1 0.00/19

[25.Bg5?! Nh5 26.f6 Rxg5+ 27.Qxg5 Bxf6∓]

[25.Be3!± 0.86/21]

25...Nh5? 2.10/21

[25...gxf5? too greedy. 26.Bh6+-]

[25...exf5= 0.00/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 26.Nd5 Rxd5 27.exd5 *(27.cxd5 Re8∓)* 27...Re8]

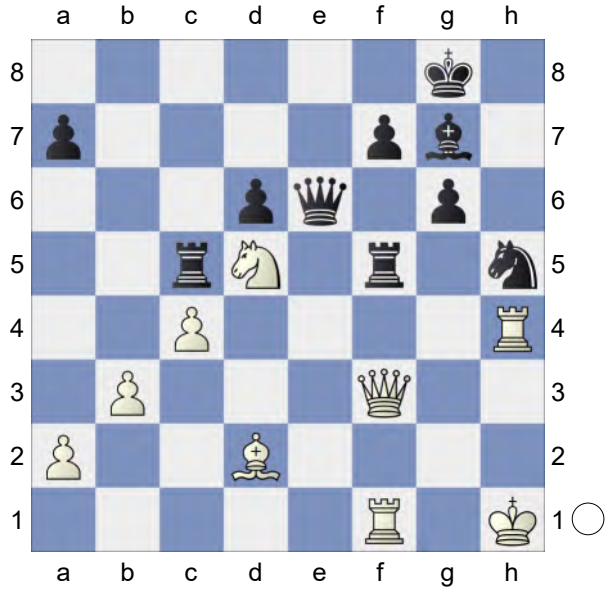
26.Qg4? -0.63/22

[26.f6+- 2.10/21]

26...Nf6 0.22/22

[26...exf5∓ -0.63/22 27.exf5 Re8]

27.Qh3
[27.fxe6 simplifies Qxe6 28.Qxe6 fxe6 29.Rh3]
27...Nh5 1.60/21
[27...exf5= 0.18/17 28.exf5 Qb7+ 29.Kg1 Re8]
28.Qf3? -0.87/20
[28.f6± 1.60/21 Nxf6 *(28...Bxf6? 29.Rxf6 Ra5 30.Rh2+-)* 29.Rxf6]
28...exf5∓ 29.Nd5 -2.04/20
[29.Rxh5∓ -0.97/17 might work better. gxh5 30.exf5 Bxc3 31.Bxc3]
29...fxe4-+ 30.Qxe4 Re8↑ Black is in control. **31.Qf3 Re5** -1.31/21
[Black should try 31...Nf6-+ -1.93/23 aiming for ...Nxd5. 32.Bb4 *(32.Nxf6+? loses. Bxf6 33.Re1 Rf5-+)* 32...Re5 33.Nxf6+ Bxf6 Remove Defender]
32.Rh4 Qe6 33.Kh1? -4.28/17
[33.Kg1∓ -1.23/19 is more resistant.]
33...Rf5



Skewer **34.Nf4 Qf6 35.Qa8+ Kh7 36.Rh3 Bh6 37.Rff3** -7.81/18
[⌓37.Qe4 -4.65/17]
37...Bxf4 38.Bc3 Be5 ...Bxc3 is the strong threat. **39.Rxh5+ Rxh5+ 40.Kg2 Qg5+** Quite a comeback for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.34
0-1

A04
□ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
■ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
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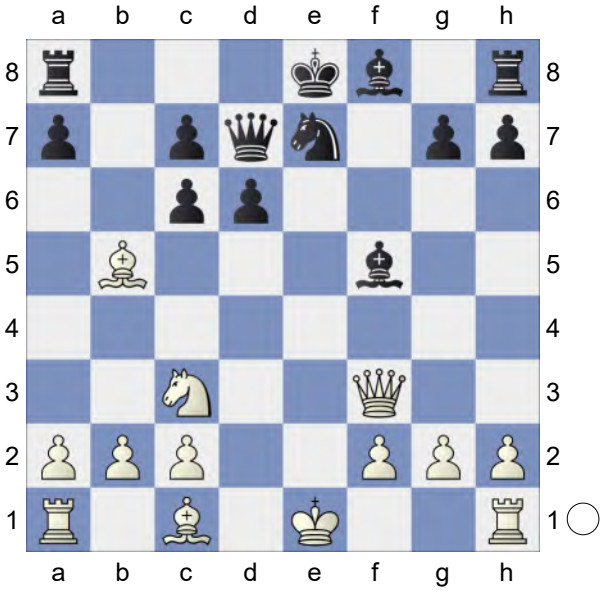
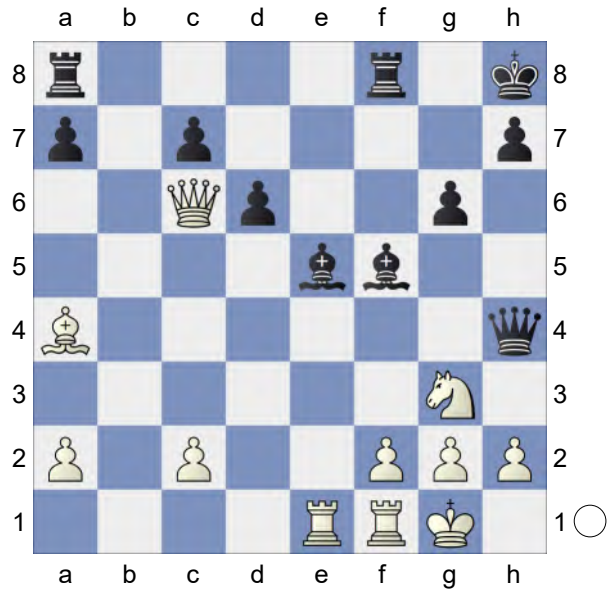
[Kitty Kat]

C40: Latvian and Elephant Gambits
1.Nf3 f5 2.d3 Nc6 3.e4 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.exf5 Bxf5 0.67/20
[5...Nge7= 0.23/23]
6.d4± e4 1.06/22
[6...exd4± 0.51/22 7.Nb5 *(7.Nxd4 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bxc2=)* 7...Qd7]
7.d5!± exf3 8.dxc6 White is better.
8...bxc6 9.Qxf3 Qd7 1.92/19
[9...Bd7± 0.79/16]
10.Bb5!+- Ne7



11.Ba4! g6N 2.53/19
[⌓11...0-0-0 1.84/19 12.0-0 Kb7]
12.0-0 Hoping for Bg5. **12...Bg7 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Bxe7?** 0.81/18
[14.Rae1+- 2.35/21 is more deadly. Bxc2 15.Rxe7 Qxe7 16.Bxe7 Rxf3

17.gxf3 Bxa4 18.Nxa4]
14...Qxe7± 15.Qxc6
[Much worse is 15.Bxc6 Rab8=]
15...Kh8 16.Rae1 Qh4 17.Ne4 Bxb2 18.Ng3 Threatens to win with Nxf5!
18...Be5 1.10/22
[18...Rad8± 0.43/21]



19.Bb5 0.00/22
[19.f4!± 1.10/22 aiming for Nxf5! Bd4+ *(19...Bxf4 20.Rxf4 Qxf4 21.Qc3+ Kg8 22.Bc6±)* 20.Kh1]
19...Rab8 0.71/23
[19...Rae8= 0.00/22 remains equal.]
20.a4 0.00/25
[Better is 20.f4!± 0.71/23 Bb2 *(20...Bxf4? too greedy. 21.Rxf4 Qxf4 22.Qc3+ Kg8 23.Re7+-)* 21.Nxf5 Rxf5 22.g3]
20...Rf7= The position is equal. **21.Qc4 Qxc4 22.Bxc4 Rff8 23.Nxf5 Rxf5 24.f3 Rf4 25.Bb5 Rbf8 26.Re4 g5 27.Rfe1 Rb8 28.Rxf4 gxf4 29.Re4 Rb6 30.Kf2 c6** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

E20
□ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
■ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
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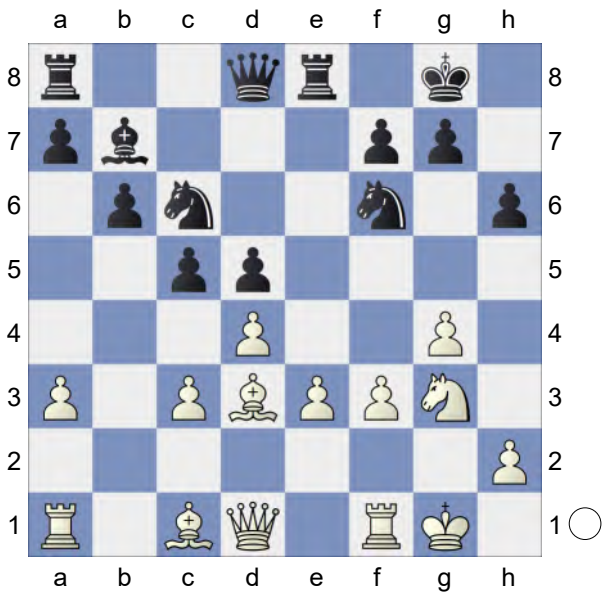
[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 c5 9.Bd3N**
[9.Ne2 h5 10.Nf4 c4 11.g3 Re8 12.Bg2 Bf5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.h3 g5 15.Ne2 Qd6 16.Ra2 Bd3 17.Rf2 Ne7 18.Qd2 Ng6 19.e4 dxe4 20.Qxg5 Rad8 21.a4 e3 22.Bxe3 Nd5 23.Bc1 Bxe2 ½-½ Urquhart,J (2358)-Eszik,L (2352) Mayrhofen 154/53 2022 24.Raxe2 Nxc3 25.Rc2 Qxd4 26.Kh2 Rd5 27.Rfd2 Qxd2 28.Bxd2 Rxg5 29.Bxg5 Nxa4 30.Rxc4 b5 31.Rc7 b4 1-0 Bellmann,H (2206)-Bekemann,U (1929) GER BFM-138 corr GER corr 2000]
[9.Ra2 Qa5 10.Kf2 Nc6 11.Ne2 h5 12.h3 h4 13.Kg1 Re8 14.Bd2 Ne7 15.g4 hxg3 16.Nxg3 Qc7 17.Qe1 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Rh2 Re6 20.Qh4 Nh7 21.Rg2 Qb6 22.dxc5 Qb1 23.Be1 g5 0-1 Volkov,S (2634)-Balogh,C (2531) EU-ch 6th Warsaw 2005 (11)]
9...b6 10.Ne2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nc6 12.g4 h6 13.Ng3 Re8 1.44/18
[Black should try 13...Ne7 1.02/21]

(Diagram)

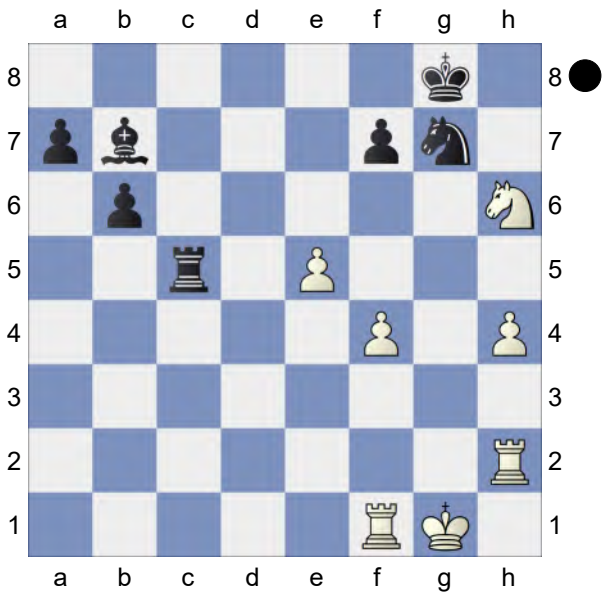
14.Ra2!± White is clearly better.
14...Na5 15.h4 Nd7 2.65/20
[⌓15...c4 1.75/19]
16.Rh2 Nf8 2.52/21



[⌓16...Nc4 1.97/19 17.e4 Nd6]
17.f4 Nc4 18.e4 Nd6 3.26/19
[⌓18...b5 2.17/20]
19.e5+- Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.g5
[Don't take 21.f5?! cxd4 22.cxd4 Rc8+-]
21...cxd4 22.cxd4 Rc8 23.gxh6 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Qxd4+ 25.Rff2 0.24/19
[White has to play 25.Rhf2± 1.60/23 Strongly threatening Nf5. e3 26.Re2]
25...Rc8? 1.95/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[25...e3= 0.24/19 26.Re2 Rc8 27.Qxe3 Ne6]
26.Qd2 Qa1+ 3.27/22
[26...Ne6± 1.60/18]
27.Rf1 Qxa3 28.hxg7 Ne6 3.85/22
[⌓28...Qxg3+ 2.68/18 29.Rg2 Qd3]
29.Nf5 Qc5+ 30.Qf2 e3 31.Qxe3
[Resist 31.Nxe3 Nd4+-]
31...Nxg7 4.74/19
[⌓31...Qxe3+ 3.35/18 32.Nxe3 Rc3]
32.Qxc5 Rxc5 33.Nh6+

(Diagram)

Deflection **33...Kh7 34.Nxf7** White is clearly winning. **34...Nf5 35.Nd6 Nxd6**



36.exd6 Endgame. KRR-KRB **36...Rd5 37.Re1 Bc8 38.Rc2 Bf5 39.Rc7+ Kg6 40.Rxa7 Rxd6 41.Kf2 Rd4 42.Kf3 Rd3+ 43.Re3 Rd6 44.Rb7 Bd7** Hoping for ...Bc6+. **45.Kg3 Kf5 46.Re5+ Kf6 47.Kf2 b5 48.Ke3 Rd1 49.Rb6+ Kf7 50.Rc5 Ke7 51.Rc7 Kd8 52.Ra7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.50
1-0

B90
□ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
■ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
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[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N**
[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4*

23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7 ½-½ 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 ICCF (2.6)) 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

7...Be6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.f4 Rc8 0.49/23

[9...b5= 0.09/22]

10.f5± Bc4 11.Bxc4 Rxc4 White is slightly better. **12.Qd3 Rc8 13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Kb1 Be7 15.Rhg1 b5 16.g4 b4! 17.Nd5** 0.22/20

[17.Ne2± 0.62/22]

17...Nxd5= 18.exd5 h6 19.Nd2 -0.18/19

[19.Rc1 0.21/22 was preferrable.]

19...Bg5! 20.Ne4 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 Nf6

[21...Qxc2+ 22.Ka1 Ke7 23.Rc1=]

22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.Qd3 Qc4

[23...Kd7 looks sharper. 24.Rg3 Qc4 25.a3 a5]

24.b3 Qxd3

[24...Qc5 is more complex. 25.h4 Kd7 26.g5 hxg5 27.hxg5 fxg5 28.Rxg5 Rh3]

25.Rxd3∓ Endgame. KRR-KRR **25...Ke7 26.Re1** -1.06/24

[26.a3∓ -0.35/21]

26...h5∓ 27.Re4 -1.54/25

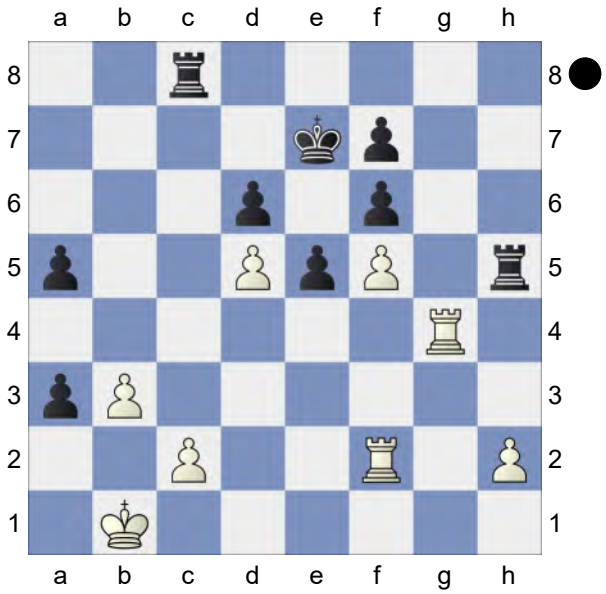
[Better is 27.Rg1 -1.00/24]

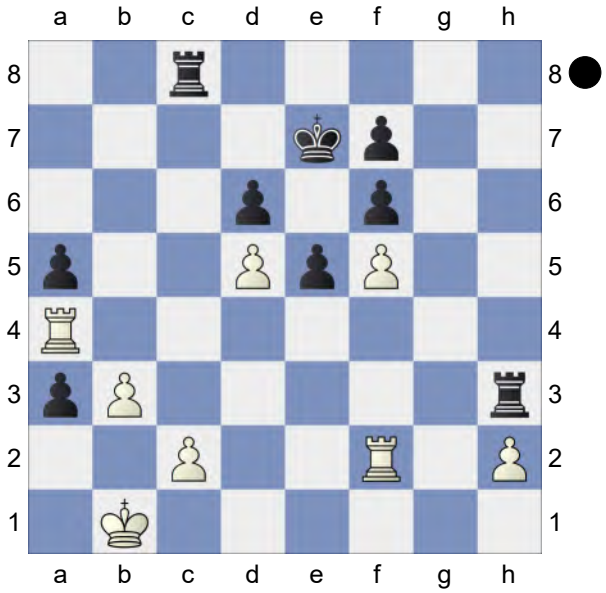
27...a5 ...hxg4 is the strong threat. **28.a3?** -2.72/24 **bxa3-+** And now ...a2+! would win. **29.Rd2 hxg4 30.Rxg4 Rh5 31.Rf2**

(Diagram)

Rh3! White must now prevent ...Rc5. **32.Ra4**

(Diagram)





Rc5! Black is more active. **33.Rd2** -3.56/21

[33.b4∓ -1.32/20 Rh4 *(33...Rxd5 34.bxa5 Rb5+ 35.Ka1∓; 33...axb4 34.Ra7+ Kd8 35.Rg2=)* 34.bxc5 Rxa4 35.c6]

33...Rf3 34.b4 Rb5 35.Rxa5 Rxb4+ 36.Ka1 Rb7 Inhibits Ra7.

[Don't do 36...Rxf5 37.Ra7+ Kf8 38.Ra8+ Kg7 39.Rxa3-+]

37.h4 Black is clearly winning. **37...Rxf5 38.Rxa3 Rf1+ 39.Ka2 Rh1** Wards off Rh2 **40.Ra4 f5 41.Re2 Kd7 42.Re3**

f4 43.Rc3 Rc7 44.Rxc7+ Kxc7 45.Ra7+ Kb6 46.Rxf7 Rxh4 47.c4 Kc5 48.Rc7+ Kd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

A06
□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid 2466**
■ **Jin,Yueheng 2309**
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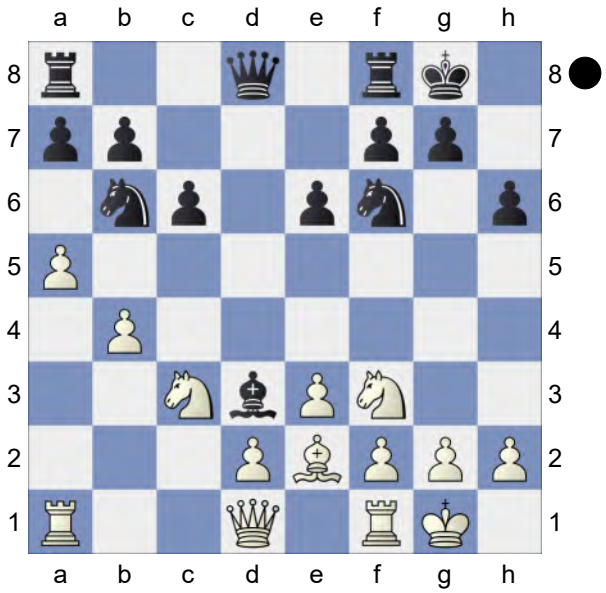
[Kitty Kat]

A06: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 **1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 Bf5 4.Be2N**
[4.Bb2 Nbd7 *(4...e6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.Nh4 Bg4 8.Qc1 e5 9.h3 Be6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Qe7 12.d3 h6 13.Nbd2 c5 14.Ne1 Rad8 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 Bxh3 17.Bxh3 Qxe3+ 18.Kg2 Nh5 19.Rf3* 0-1 Henriksen,J-Hoad,P olm2 qual GP2 B5 corr ICCF corr 1948*)* 5.d3 c6 6.Nbd2 Qc7 7.Nh4 Bg4 8.Be2 Bxe2 9.Qxe2 e6 10.f4 Bd6 11.g3 0-0 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bb4 14.0-0-0 a5 15.Nc4 a4 16.a3 Be7 17.b4 b5 18.Ne3 Rfc8 0-1 Chapter Ii (2490)-9.♗e3 ♘d4 10. ♕d2 (2645) BCCA v Sunday Referee corr 1929 (7)]
[4.Ba3 Nbd7 5.c4 e6 6.Bxf8 Nxf8 7.Nc3 N8d7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.b4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Be2 Bd3 13.Rc1 c6 14.Qb3 Rc8 15.Rfd1 Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Qd5 17.Qa3 a6 18.Nf4 Qd6 1-0 Artemiev,V (2701)-Drygalov,A (2501) RUS-ch Blitz Sochi 2022 (4)]
[4.h3 e6 5.Bb2 h6 6.g4 Bh7 7.d3 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Bd6 9.Bg2 Qe7 10.Qe2 Ba3 11.Bxa3 Qxa3 12.0-0 g5 13.Rfd1 0-0-0 14.c4 Rdg8 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Nf1 h5 17.Rac1 hxg4 18.hxg4 a6 1-0 6.♘c3 ♕d8 (2455)-Dutch Defense: Leningrad Vari, 7 (2370) 148/144 Belgrad 2021 (4)]
4...h6 5.Ba3 Nbd7 6.0-0 e6 7.Bxf8 Nxf8 8.c4 White has an edge. **8...c6 9.Nc3 N8d7 10.b4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Be2 Bd3 13.a4 0-0 14.a5**



Bxd3! is the strong threat. **14...Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nbd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.Rfc1 a6 18.b5 axb5 19.Qxb5 Ne4 20.d3 Nd6 21.Qb4 Ra6 22.Nd4 Qb8 23.Rc3 Rc8** The position is equal. **24.h3 Rxc3 25.Qxc3 Qc8 26.Qb2**
[26.Qxc8+ simplifies Nxc8 27.Rc1 Na7 28.Nb3]
26...Qc5 27.Nb3 Qb4 28.Qa3 Qxa3 29.Rxa3= Endgame. KRN-KRN **29...b6 30.Ra1! bxa5 31.Rxa5 Rxa5 32.Nxa5** KN-KN **32...f6 33.Nc6 Kf7 34.f4 g5 35.Kf2 Ke8 36.Kf3 Kd7 37.Nb4 Nf5 38.g3 Kd6 39.Nc2 Ng7 40.e4 dxe4+** An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) / Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

B51

□ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** 2308
■ **Garifullina,Leya** 2451
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.40) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.Ba4 Ngf6 5.0-0 e6 6.d3 Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Qc7 9.Qe2 a6 10.Nd2 e5 11.Re1 Nb8 12.Nf1 Nc6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Nd7 16.Ng3 Bf6 17.Rf1 Re8 18.Kh1 Ne5** 0.18/19
[⌓18...Nf8 -0.25/22]
19.Qd2 -0.31/18
[19.Nh5= 0.18/19 Bh4 20.Ng3]
19...g6 0.39/22
[Better is 19...Ng6∓ -0.31/18]
20.h3 Rb8 21.Rad1 Be6 22.b3 Bh8 23.Bg5 a5 24.Bf6 Bxf6 25.Rxf6 Qe7 26.Rdf1 White is slightly better. **26...Nd7 27.R6f2 Ne5 28.Rf6 Nd7 29.R6f2** White is more active. **29...Ne5 30.Rf6** 0.00/41 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
[White should play 30.Nge2± 0.61/23]
½-½

C79

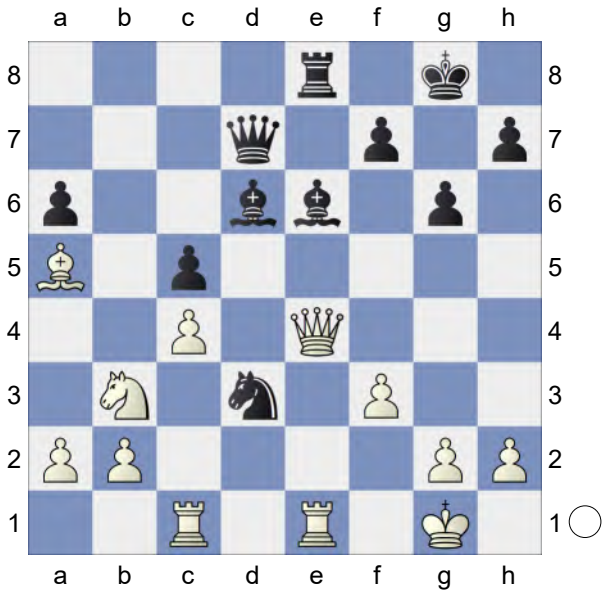
□ **Zou,Chen** 2449
■ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F** 2296
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.41) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d4 exd4 8.Nxd4**
[8.Qxd4 Be7 9.e5 c5 10.Qd3 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Bxd8 12.Nxe5 Be7 13.Re1 0-0 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 Rad8 18.Ndf3 g5 19.Bg3 Bd5 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO C5 Survey 2006]
8...c5 9.Nc6N
[9.Ne2 Be7 10.Nbc3 0-0 11.Ng3 Re8 12.b3 Bf8 13.Bb2 C 79/08 2000]
9...Qd7 10.Na5 Qa4! 11.Qe1 The position is equal. **11...Be7!**

[11...Nxe4? 12.Nc3 Qd4 13.Nxe4+- *(13.Qxe4+ Qxe4 14.Nxe4 f6+-)*]
[11...Qxe4? 12.Qxe4+ Nxe4 13.Re1+-]
12.c4 0-0 13.Bd2 Re8 14.f3 Qd7 15.Nc3 c6 16.Na4 Qc7 Dodges Nb6
17.Qg3 Nh5 18.Qf2 Be6 19.Rac1 Rab8 0.52/20
[Better is 19...h6= 0.01/19]
20.Nb3 Qc8 21.Rfe1 g6 1.18/17
[Black should play 21...Nf6± 0.60/17]
22.e5± dxe5 1.85/17
[22...d5± 1.21/18 was necessary.]
23.Rxe5+-
[23.Naxc5 f6±]
23...Bd6 24.Ree1 Nf4 2.58/18
[⌓24...Qc7 1.74/17]
25.Naxc5
[25.Nbxc5 Qd8+-]
25...Rxb3 26.Nxb3
[26.axb3 Bxc5 27.Qxc5 Nd3±]
26...Nd3 27.Qd4! Against Bxh2+
27...Qd8 White must now prevent ...Bc5!
28.Ba5? 0.85/17
[28.Qxd3 Bxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Qxd3=]
[28.Bc3!+- 2.71/23 is the precise move to win. f6 29.c5 *(29.Qxd3 Bxh2+ Discovered Attack 30.Kxh2 Qxd3∓)* 29...Nxc1 30.cxd6 Nxb3 31.axb3]
28...c5± 29.Qe4
[29.Qxd3 Bxh2+ 30.Kxh2 Qxd3∓]
29...Qd7

(Diagram)

30.Bc3! f5 31.Qh4
[31.Qxd3 Bxh2+ 32.Kxh2 Qxd3∓]
31...Be7 Dodges Qf6. This pair of bishops is nice. **32.Qh6 Bf8** Dodges Qg7+ **33.Qd2** And now Rcd1 would win. **33...Nxe1** Black is now going downhill. **34.Rxe1 Qc7** 1.46/22

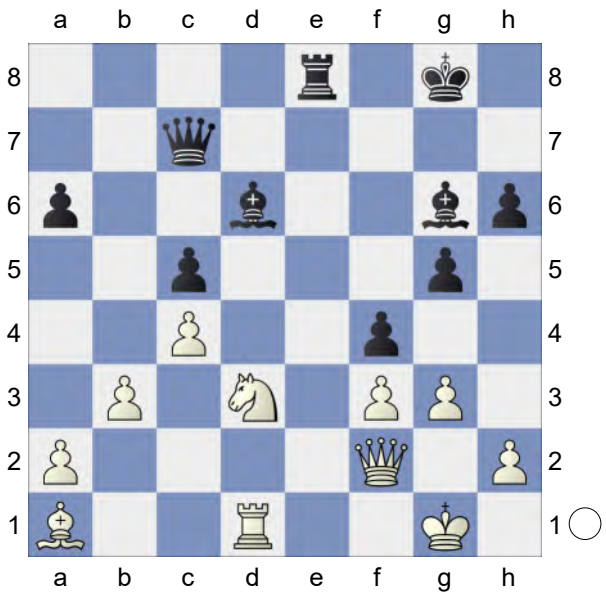


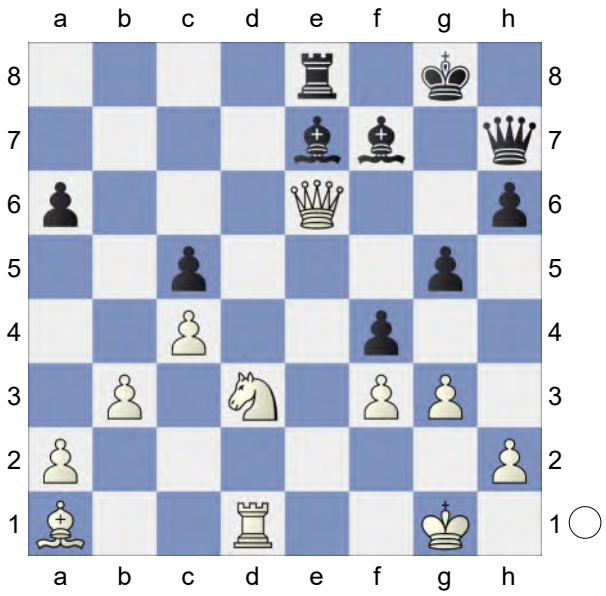
[⌓34...Qxd2 0.77/22 35.Nxd2 *(35.Bxd2 Bg7∓)* 35...Bd7]
35.Nc1 White is more active. **35...Rd8**
36.Qe2 Bf7 37.b3 Bd6 1.77/20
[37...Qd6± 1.41/18 38.Qf2 Bh6]
38.g3+- g5 39.Rd1 h6 1.89/20
[39...f4± 1.30/18 is a better defense.]
40.Nd3 Re8 41.Qf2 1.56/17
[41.Qd2+- 1.98/19]
41...f4 2.14/19
[41...Bh5± 1.56/17 was called for. 42.Re1 Qd8 43.Rxe8+ *(43.Nxc5 Rxe1+ 44.Bxe1 Be5±)* 43...Qxe8 44.Nxc5 Qc6]
42.Ba1! Qb2 is the strong threat.
42...Bg6
[42...fxg3? 43.Qb2 *(43.hxg3 Kh7±)* 43...gxh2+ 44.Kh1+-]

(Diagram)

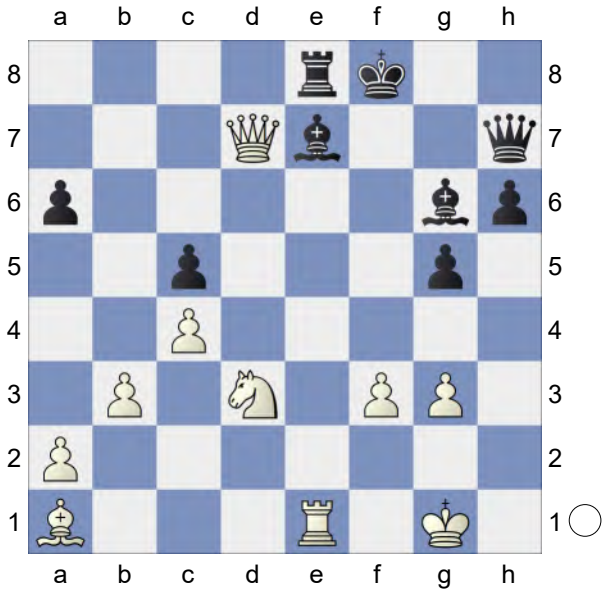
aiming for ...Bxd3. **43.Qb2! Qh7** Prevents Qh8+. **44.Qf6 Be7 45.Qe6+**
[45.Qxa6? Bxd3 46.Qe6+ Kf8-+]
45...Bf7

(Diagram)





46.Qd7
[46.Qxa6 Rd8 47.Re1 fxg3 *(47...Rxd3 48.Rxe7 Rd1+ 49.Kf2±; 47...Qxd3 48.Qxh6 Rd4 49.Rxe7±)* 48.hxg3 Qxd3 *(48...Rxd3? 49.Rxe7 Rd1+ 50.Kf2±)* 49.Qxh6 *(49.Rxe7 Qd1+)* 49...Rd4=]
46...fxg3 47.hxg3 Kf8 3.62/17
[47...Qg6 2.17/20 might work better. 48.Ne5 Qe6]
48.Re1 Bg6? 5.80/19
[48...Qg6 3.53/18 49.Ne5 Qe6 50.Qxe6 Deflection Bxe6 51.Ng6+ Discovered Attack Kf7 52.Nh8+ Rxh8]

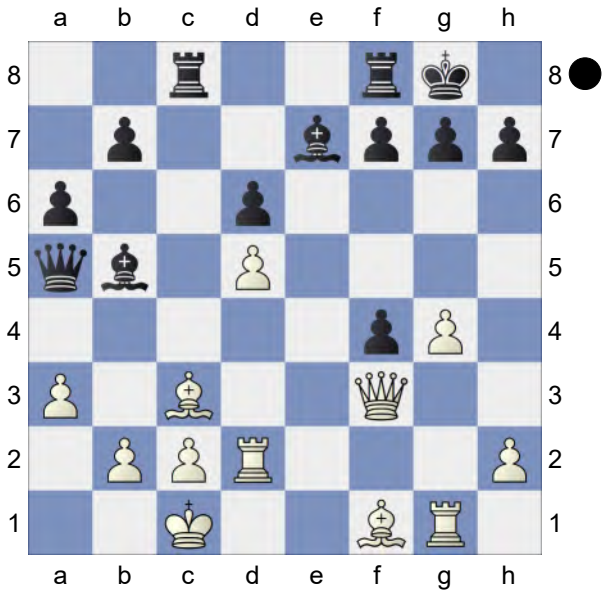


49.Bf6! White is clearly winning. **49...Qf7 50.Bxe7+ Rxe7 51.Qd8+ Qe8 52.Qd6 Bxd3 53.Qf6+**
[53.Qxh6+? loses. Kf7 54.Rxe7+ Qxe7-+]
[53.Rxe7 Qxe7 54.Qxd3 Qe5±]
53...Qf7 54.Qh8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.26 (precise)
[54.Qxa6 leads to mate. Rxe1+ 55.Kg2 Bf1+ *(55...Kg7* gets mated. *56.Qd6 Bf1+ 57.Kg1 Bh3+ 58.Kf2 Rf1+ 59.Ke3 Qxf3+ 60.Kd2 Rd1+* Skewer *61.Kc2 Qe2+* Skewer *62.Kc3 Rc1#)* 56.Kg1 Bxc4+ 57.Kg2 Re2+ *(57...Bxa6 58.g4 Re2+* Deflection, Double Attack *59.Kg1 Qxf3 60.a4 Qg2#)* 58.Kg1 Bxa6 59.g4 Qxf3 60.a4 Qg2#]
1-0

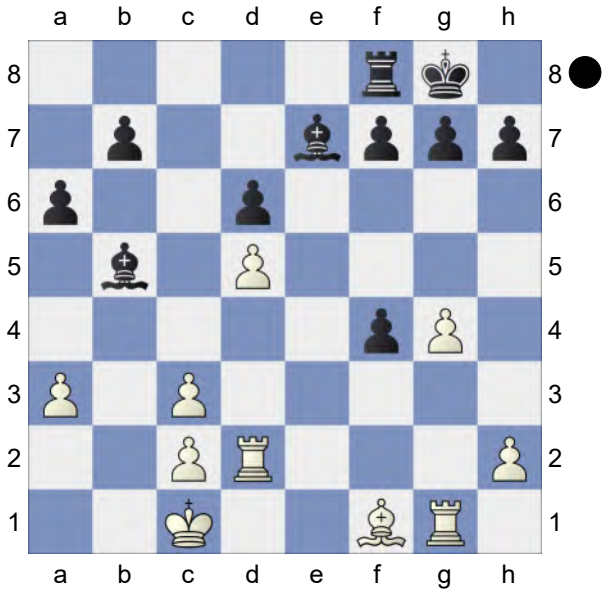
B47
□ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh** **2301**
■ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.42) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B82: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 f4 **1.e4**
[1.b4]
1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.a3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.f4 d6 9.Qf3 Be7 10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Rg1 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 White is better. **12...Rc8 13.Rd2** -0.06/17
[White should try 13.g4!± 0.93/19]
13...e5= 14.Bf2 Qa5 15.Nd5 -0.37/20
[15.Rd3!= 0.10/21]
15...Nxd5∓ 16.exd5 0-0 Black is more active. **17.g4 exf4 18.Bd4 Bb5 19.Bc3** -1.14/21
[19.g5!= -0.18/21]

(Diagram)

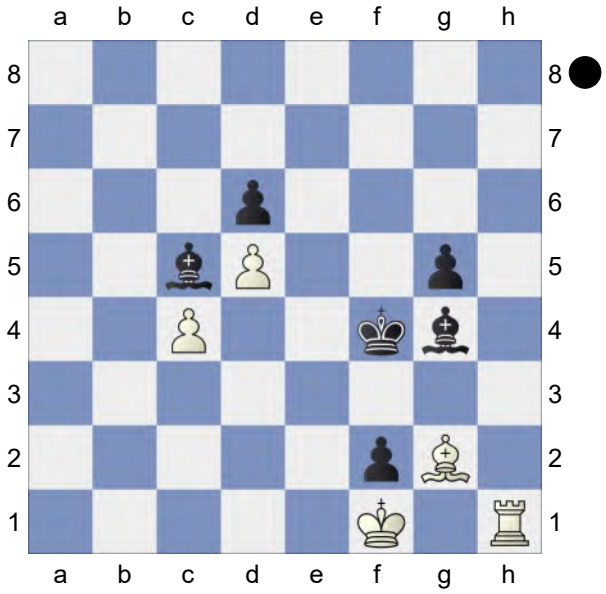


19...Rxc3!∓ 20.Qxc3 Qxc3 21.bxc3



Bd7 22.Kd1 -1.81/19
[22.Rd4∓ -0.97/18]
22...Bd8-+ Black has strong compensation. **23.h3 Bb6 24.Rh1 Be3 25.Rdh2 Rc8 26.c4 Rc5**
[26...f3 27.Bd3=]
27.Bd3 b5 28.Ke2 bxc4 29.Be4 Ra5 30.Ra1 g6 31.Rhh1 Bd4 32.Ra2 Rb5 Inhibits Rb1. **33.Kd2 Rb8** Hoping for ... Re8. **34.a4** -4.73/18
[⌓34.Re1 -3.26/18]
34...Re8 35.Bf3 Re3 36.Be2 c3+

37.Kd1 a5 38.Bb5 Bc8 39.Re1 Rxe1+ [39...Rxh3 40.Re8+ Kg7 41.Rxc8-+] **40.Kxe1** Endgame. KRB-KB **40...Bc5?** -0.09/21 [40...f3-+ -4.02/21 41.Bf1 f2+ 42.Kd1 Bb7] **41.Ke2!= Kg7** ...h5 would now be deadly. **42.Kf3! g5 43.Bd3 h5 44.Ra1 hxg4+ 45.hxg4 Bd7 46.Bb5 Bc8** aiming for ...f5. **47.Bd3 Bd7 48.Re1 Bxa4 49.Ra1 Bd7 50.Rxa5 Kf6 51.Ra8 Ke5 52.Rd8 Ba4 53.Ra8 Bd7 54.Rg8** [54.Rd8!? Ba4□ 55.Rf8=] **54...Kf6 55.Rd8 Ke7 56.Rb8 Ba4 57.Ke4 Kf6 58.Rb7 Be3 59.Rb4 Bd7 60.Kf3 Bc5⇄** Black is not holding back **61.Rb7 Ba4 62.Ke2 Be3 63.Bf5 Bc5 64.Kd3 f3 65.Kxc3** [65.Be4!? f2□ 66.Bg2=] **65...f2 66.Bd3 Be3 67.Be2 Bc5 68.Kd2 Be8 69.Bd3 Ba4 70.Ke2 Kg7 71.Kf1 Kf6 72.Kg2 Kg7 73.Rc7 Kf6 74.Kf1 Be8 75.Bc4 Ba4 76.Bd3 Be8 77.Ke2 Ba4 78.Rb7 Kg7 79.Kd2 Kf6 80.Be2 Kg7 81.Bf1 Kf6 82.Bd3 Kg7 83.c3 Kf6 84.Ke2 Kg7 85.Kd2 Kf6 86.Bc4 Kg7 87.Bf1 Kf6 88.Bd3 Kg7 89.Ke2 Kf6 90.Rc7 Bb3 91.c4 Ba4 92.Rb7 Kg7 93.Kd2 Kf6 94.Bf1 Kg7 95.Bd3 Kf6 96.Ke2 Kg7 97.Rc7 Kf6 98.Rb7 Kg7 99.Kd2 Kf6 100.Be2 Kg6 101.Bd3+ Kf6 102.Be2 Kg6 103.Rb8 Bd7** And now ...Bxg4! would win. **104.Rb1! Kf6** ...Bc8 is the strong threat. **105.Bf3 Ke5** White must now prevent ... Kf4. **106.Ke2 f5 107.gxf5?** -3.69/25 [107.Rb7= -0.15/25 Bc8 *(107...fxg4 108.Rxd7 gxf3+ 109.Kf1=)* 108.Rb8] **107...Bxf5-+** [107...Kxf5 108.Rb7 Bc8 109.Rb8∓] **108.Rh1 Kf4 109.Bg2 Bg4+?** -1.18/19 A strong pair of Bishops. [109...g4-+ -4.94/32 has better winning chances. 110.Bf1 Bd4] **110.Kf1∓**



Bf5! 111.Ke2 Wards off Bd3+ **111...Kg3 112.Bf1 Bg4+ 113.Kd3 Bf3 114.Rh6 g4 115.Rf6** -9.81/20 [⌓115.Rh5 -4.12/25 Ba7 116.Rh6] **115...Kh2-+** Strongly threatening ...Kg1. Black is clearly winning. **116.Rxf3 gxf3 117.Ke4 Kg1 118.Bh3 f1Q 119.Bxf1 Kxf1 120.Kxf3 Ke1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise) **0-1**

B66
□ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2447**
■ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.43) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B66: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 h6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0-0** aiming for e5! **9...Be7** [9...d5 10.e5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3

Nd7 13.h4 g4 14.Qe2 Rg8 15.Qd3 Rb8 16.Qh7 Rg7 17.Qh8 Qa5 18.Rd3 d4 19.Rxd4 Rxb2 20.Kd2 Nb6 21.Bd3 Nd5 22.Rc4 Bb7 23.Re1 Rb4 24.Ree4 0-1 Sethuraman,S (2730)-5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6.a3 f6 (2633) 14th Agzamov Mem 2021 Toshkent UZB]

10.Bxf6 White is slightly better.

[10.h4 Qa5 11.Kb1 Rb8 12.Bc4 h6 13.Bf4 Qb4 14.Bb3 e5 15.Bg3 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Qxe4 17.f4 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.fxe5 d5 20.Rhf1 Rf8 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.b3 Bb4 23.Qf2 Rb7 24.Bf4 Rf7 1-0 Paravyan,D (2600)-Tabatabaei,M (2712) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (5)]

10...gxf6 11.Bc4 Bb7N Black is weak on the light squares

[11...Qa5

A) 12.Rhe1 Rb8 13.f4 Bd7 *(13...h5 14.Bb3 Qc5 15.f5 e5 16.Kb1 Rb4 17.Qe2 Rd4 18.Na4 Qb5 19.c4 Qb4 20.Rc1 Bf8 21.Red1 h4 22.Rc3 Bh6 23.Rcd3 c5 24.Nc3 Bb7* Debashis,D (2489)-Gupta,A (2619) 126/(62) Abu Dhabi 2015 *)* 14.Qd3 Qb6 15.Bb3 Qf2 16.Rf1 Qxg2 17.Rd2 Qg4 18.Qxa6 f5 19.Qa7 Rd8 20.Kb1 9 Chapter B51-Games Chapter B51 Game;

B) 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Rhe1 0-0 14.Re3 Kh8 15.f4 Rab8 16.Rh3 Rg8 17.Qe2 Rg7 18.Rh5 Qb4 19.a3 Qb6 20.Rd3 c5 21.Rdh3 c4 22.Rh6 Kg8 23.Qh5 Kf8 24.Rxh7 Rxh7 25.Qxh7 Ke8 26.Qg8+ 1-0 Paap,M (1922)-Torell,T (2115) PCC-NCCC 1980-1 corr 1991 (8)]

12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Qh6 0-0-0 14.Qh5 Bf8 15.Ne2 -0.96/20

[15.g3± 0.39/21 stays ahead.]

15...c5!∓ ...c4! is the strong threat.

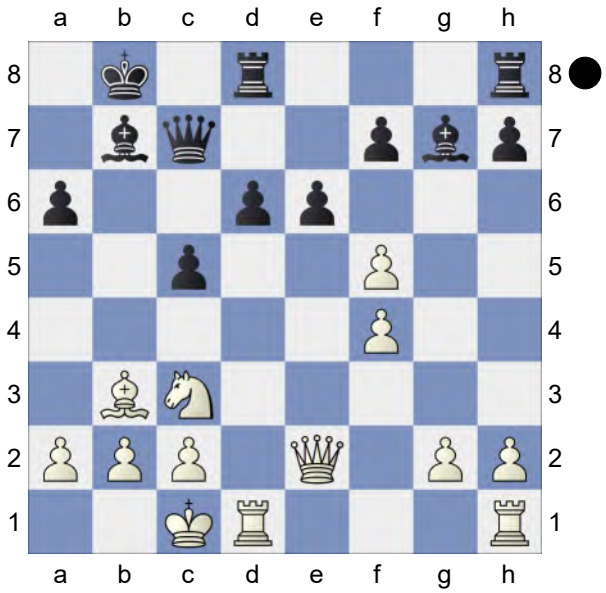
16.Nc3 Kb8 17.Qe2 Bg7 -0.37/19

[17...f5∓ -0.83/20 ...fxe4 would now be deadly. 18.f3 Bg7]

18.f4? -2.37/20

[Better is 18.Rhe1∓ -0.37/19]

18...f5-+ 19.exf5



d5! 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6 Rd6

[Not 21...Qxf4+ 22.Kb1 c4 23.Ba4= *(23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 cxb3∓)*]

22.Qf5 c4 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 -0.39/19

[23...Qc5-+ -2.62/19 24.Qg5 cxb3 *(24...Rxd5 25.Qxg7 Rhd8 26.Qg4∓)* 25.axb3 Bh6 *(25...Rxd5 26.Rxd5 Bxb2+ 27.Kxb2∓; 25...Bxd5 26.Qxg7 Rc8 27.Qc3∓)*]

24.Rxd5∓ Black must now prevent Bxc4!

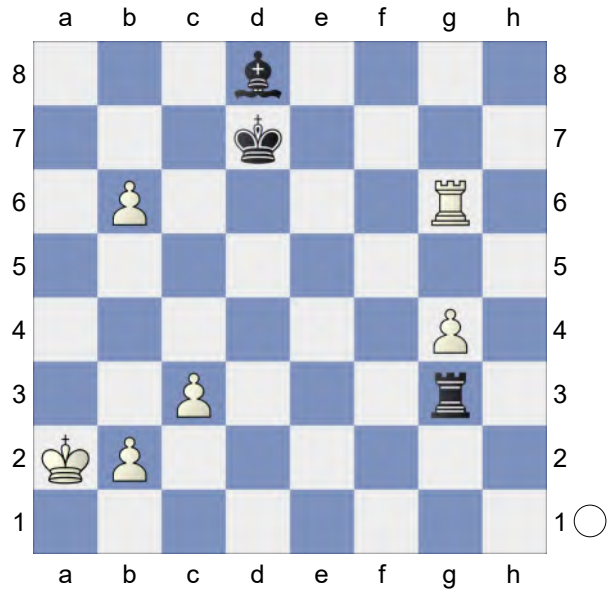
24...cxb3

[24...Rf8 feels hotter. 25.Qe4 Rxd5 26.Qxd5 Qxf4+ 27.Kb1 Qf1+]

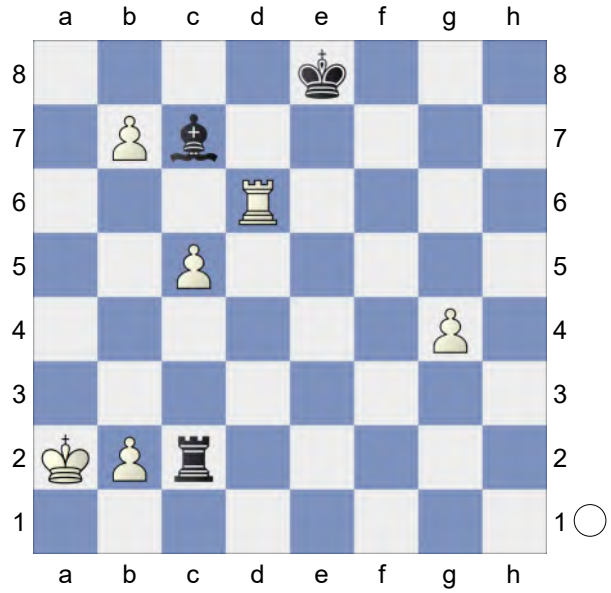
25.Rxd6 Qxd6 26.axb3 Rf8 27.Qxh7 Qxf4+ 28.Kb1 Qe5⇄ Black has counterplay **29.c3 Rf2** (→ ...Rxb2+!) **30.Qd3 Qe2**

[30...Rxg2 keeps more tension. 31.Rf1 Bf6 32.h4 Bxh4 33.Rf8+ Ka7]

31.Qxe2 Rxe2= Endgame. KRB-KR **32.g4 Rg2 33.h3 Rg3 34.Re1 Bf6 35.Re6 Bg5 36.Rg6 Bd8 37.Rxa6 Rxh3 38.Rg6 Rg3 39.b4 Kc7 40.Ka2 Kd7 41.b5 Ke7?** 5.43/22
[41...Re3= 0.20/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
42.b6+- White is clearly winning.
42...Kd7



43.c4! Strongly threatening c5. **43...Rg2** 6.81/22
[⌓43...Be7 4.85/20 44.Rg7 Re3]
44.c5 Rc2 45.Rd6+ Ke8 46.b7 Bc7

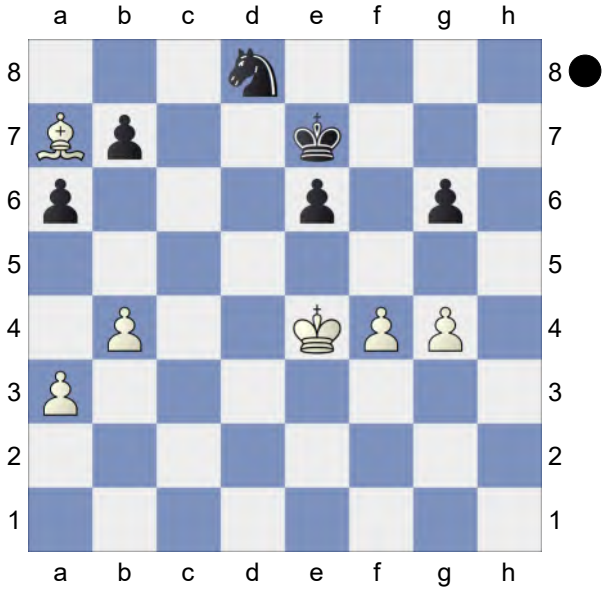


47.Rb6! Promotion **47...Bb8**
[47...Rxc5 48.b8R+]
48.Rc6 Kd7 49.Rc8 Be5 50.b8Q Bxb8 51.Rxb8 Rxc5 KR-KR **52.Rb3 Ra5+ 53.Ra3 Rg5 54.Rg3 Kd6 55.b4 Kd5 56.Kb3 Kd4 57.Rg1 Kd5 58.Kc3 Kd6 59.Kd4 Rb5 60.Kc4 Rg5 61.Rd1+ Kc6 62.Rd4 Rg6 63.Kd3 Re6 64.g5 Rg6 65.Rg4 Kd5 66.b5 Ke5 67.Kc4 Kd6 68.Kd4 Kd7 69.Kd5 Rd6+ 70.Kc5 Rg6 71.Rd4+ Kc7 72.Rd5 Re6 73.Rf5 Rg6 74.Re5 Kd7 75.Kd5 Rg8 76.Ke4 Kd6 77.b6 Rb8 78.Rb5** Hoping for b7. **78...Rb7 79.Kf5 Ke7 80.Ke5 Kd7 81.g6 Ke8 82.Ke6** Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.35
1-0

E00
□ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy 2299**
■ **Shyaam Nikhil P 2445**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.44) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E00: Catalan Bogo-Indian (3 g3 Bb4+)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Nd2 c5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 cxd4 7.Nf3 d5 8.cxd5 Qxd5 0.30/22
[⌓8...e5! -0.10/22 9.Nxe5 Qxd5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Bg2 Bf5 12.Nh4 Be4 13.f3 Bg6 14.e4 Qc4 15.Kf2 0-0 16.Rd1 Rfd8 17.Kg1 Qb3 18.Qd3 Qxd3 19.Rxd3 Nd7 20.Rd1 Nc5 21.Bf1 Nb3 22.Rb1 Nca5 23.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Fedoseev,V (2701)-Svane,F (2636) Munich op-A 2nd 2024 (5)]
9.Qxd4= Nc6 10.Qxd5
[10.Qh4 keeps more tension. h6 11.Bg2 e5 12.Bg5]
10...Nxd5 11.Bg2N White is slightly

better.
[11.b4 0-0 *(11...f6 12.Bg2 Ke7 13.Bd2 a6 14.0-0 Rd8 15.Rfc1 e5* E 01/03 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008*)* 12.Bb2 b6 13.e4 Nf6 14.Rc1 Bb7 15.Bd3 Rac8 16.Ke2 E 01/03 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
11...Bd7 12.0-0 Na5 13.Nd2 Prevents Nb3 **13...Rc8 14.b4 Nc4 15.Nxc4 Rxc4 16.Bb2 0-0 17.Rac1 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8±** Endgame. KBB-KBN **20.Bd4 a6 21.f4 f6 22.Kf2 Kf7 23.e4 Ne7 24.Ke3 Bd7 25.Bc3 Bc6 26.Bf1 Bb5 27.Bg2 Bc6 28.Bh3 f5 29.exf5 Nxf5+ 30.Kd3 h5 31.Be5 g6 32.Kd2 Ne7 33.Bf1 Bb5 34.Bg2 Bc6 35.Bf1 Bb5 36.Bd3 Bxd3** The position is equal. **37.Kxd3=** KB-KN **37...Nf5 38.Ke4 Ke7 39.Bb8 Nh6 40.h3 Nf7 41.g4 hxg4 42.hxg4 Nd8 43.Ba7**

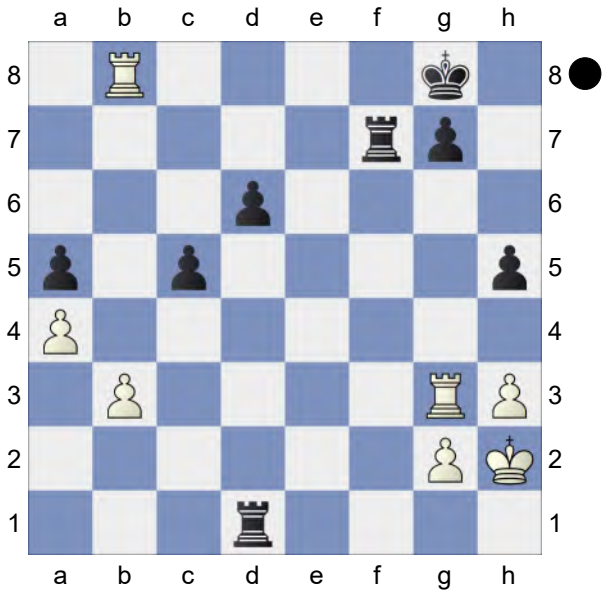


Black must now prevent Bc5+. **43...Nc6 44.Bc5+ Ke8 45.Bb6 Kd7 46.Bc5 b5 47.Bb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C70
□ **Mammadzada,Gunay 2421**
■ **Khoder,Akram 2232**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.45) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

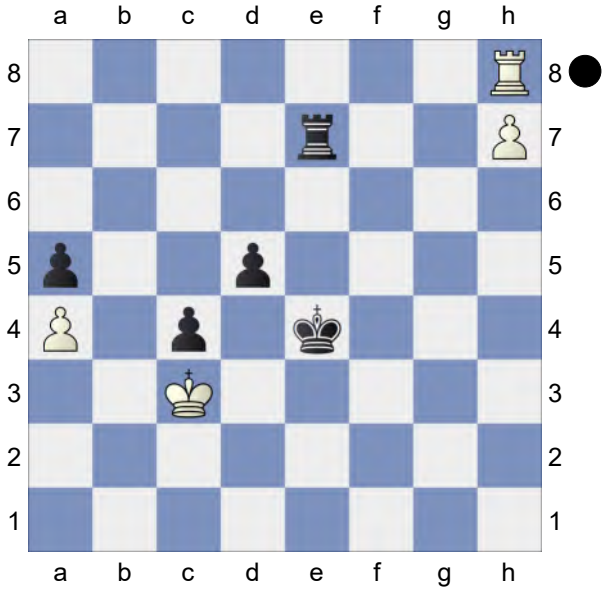
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nge7 5.c3 Ng6 6.d4
[6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Bd7 8.Be3 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Re1 b5 11.Bc2 exd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Bb1 c5 14.d5 Bf6 15.Qc1 c4 16.a3 Nd3 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qb1 Rc8 19.Qxd3 Bxb2 20.Rab1 Bf6 1-0 Caruana,F (2781)-Demchenko,A (2654) Chess.com Rapid Wk4 Swiss chess.com INT 2022 (6)]
6...exd4 7.Nxd4N
[7.cxd4
A) 7...Bb4+ 8.Nc3 d5 *(8...0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Bc2 d6 11.h3* #3 3...a6 4...Nge7 | Deferred Co-3...a6 5...Ng6 *)* 9.exd5 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxd5 11.Qe2+ Qe6 12.Ba3 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Be6 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Kf1 Na5 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.f3 b5 18.Bc2 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Bxc4+ 20.Kf2 Rhe8 21.g3 Kd7 22.Bb4 1-0 Kamsky,G (2609)-Brzezina,P (2341) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (3);
B) 7...d5 8.exd5 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Kf1 Qc4+ 13.Kg1 0-0 14.h4 h5 15.Bb3 Qb4 16.Qg5 Bg4 17.Ne4 Nce7 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Nf6+ Kh8 20.Nxh5 Nf3+ 21.gxf3 Bxh5 1-0 Assaad,J (1964)-Kosten,A (2368) 11th Beirut Open 2022 (3)]
7...Bc5 8.Be3 Threatens to win with

Nxc6. White is slightly better. **8...Nce5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nd2 d6 11.h3** Wards off Ng4 **11...Nd3** 1.02/18
[11...Qh4± 0.55/20 is more appropriate.]
12.Bc2!± Ndf4 ...Bxh3! is the strong threat. **13.Qf3 Ne6 14.Qg3 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Ba7 16.Rfe1 c6 17.Nf3 f5** ...f4 would now be deadly. **18.exf5** 0.23/20
[White should play 18.Bb3+± 0.88/19 d5 19.exf5 *(19.exd5 f4=)* 19...Bxf5 20.Ne5]
18...Bxf5= 19.Bg5 Qd7 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Nh4 Rd5 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Re7 Qf5 24.Be3 Rb8 25.Re1 Bb6 0.76/20
[25...Bxd4± 0.31/23 26.Bxd4 Rxd4]
26.Qh4 0.31/23
[White should try 26.Kh2± 0.76/20]
26...Qh5 27.Qxh5 0.09/21
[27.Qf4± 0.48/21 Qf5 28.Qh4]
27...gxh5 28.Rd7 a5
[28...Bxd4 29.Bxd4 Rxd4 30.Ree7±]
29.a4 Re8
[29...Bxd4 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.Ree7±]
30.Rc1 Bxd4 31.Bxd4 Rxd4 32.Rxb7 Endgame. KRR-KRR **32...c5 33.b3 Re2 34.Rc3** -0.73/23
[34.Ra7= 0.00/21]
34...Rd1+∓ Deflection **35.Kh2 Rxf2 36.Rg3** -0.51/23
[Only move: 36.Re3∓ -1.03/20]
36...Rf7∓ 37.Rb5 Rff1? -3.00/21
[37...Kh7!∓ -0.76/21 38.Rxa5 Re7]
38.Rb8+ -4.41/23
[⌓38.Rf3 -3.00/21 Rxf3 39.gxf3]
38...Rf8? -0.21/23
[38...Kh7-+ -4.41/23 39.Rf3 Rxf3 40.gxf3 Kg6]
39.Rb7 -1.20/20
[39.Rb5= -0.21/23 remains equal.]
39...Rf7∓ 40.Rb8+ -3.16/33
[⌓40.Rb6 -2.23/23]



40...Kh7!-+ 41.Rg5? -4.15/20
[41.Rb5 -2.43/21]
41...g6 42.Rb5 Kh6 43.Rg3 Rff1 44.Rf3 Rxf3 45.gxf3 KR-KR **45...Rd3 46.Kg3?** -5.27/23
[46.f4 -3.09/24 g5 47.h4]
46...Kg5 Strongly threatening ...h4+.
47.h4+ Kf5 48.Rb8 Rd4 49.Rf8+ Ke6 50.Rg8 Kf7 -2.78/21
[⌓50...Kf6 -5.79/21 51.Rf8+ Ke5 52.Re8+ Kd5]
51.Rd8? -5.48/20
[51.Ra8 -2.78/21 Rb4 52.Rxa5]
51...Ke7 52.Rg8 -5.13/24
[52.Ra8 -2.74/21 Rb4 53.Ra7+ Ke6 54.Rxa5]
52...Rb4 53.Rxg6 Rxb3 54.Rg5 c4 55.Kf2? -4.15/22
[55.Kf4 -1.71/18 was forced.]
55...Rd3 56.Ke2 Prevents c3. **56...d5 57.Rxh5 Kd6 58.Rh8 Ke5 59.h5 Ra3 60.f4+ Kxf4?** -0.01/18
[60...Kd4-+ -5.83/22 61.h6 Re3+ *(61...Rxa4 62.f5=)* 62.Kd2 Rh3]
61.h6= Re3+
[61...Rxa4? perishes. 62.h7 *(62.Rf8+ Kg5+-)* 62...Ra2+

63.Kd1+-]
62.Kd2 Hoping for Rf8+. **62...Re7 63.h7?** -7.06/26
[63.Rf8+= 0.00/32 Ke5 64.Kc3]
63...Ke4-+ aiming for ...d4. Black is clearly winning. **64.Kc3**



Ke5! 65.Ra8 Rxh7 White must now prevent ...Rh3+. **66.Rxa5 Rh3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.46
0-1

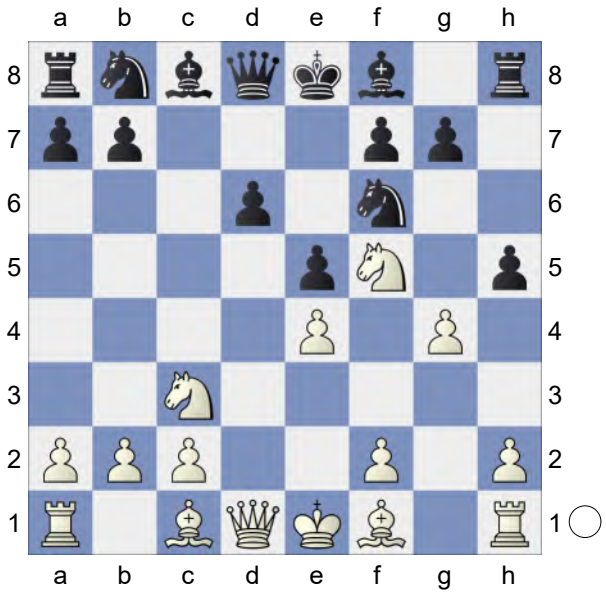
B81
□ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
■ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun** **2416**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.46) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

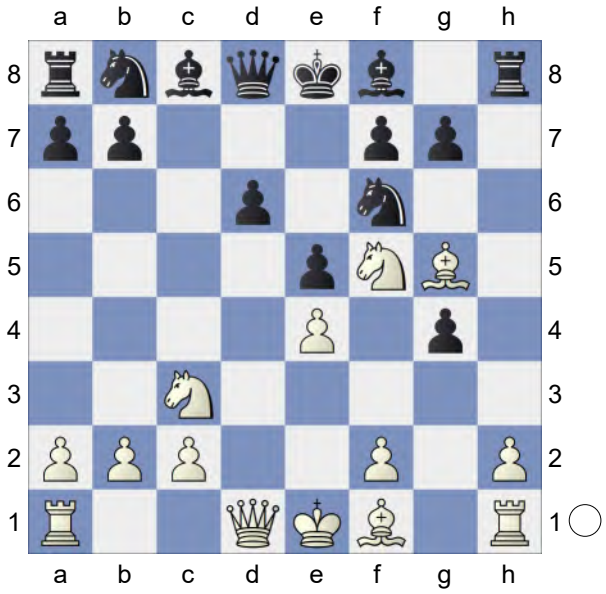
B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack Inf 55/(243) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 e5 7.Nf5 h5**

(Diagram)

8.Bg5! hxg4

(Diagram)





9.Nd5! And now Bxf6 would win. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **9...Bxf5 10.Bxf6** White is better. **10...gxf6 11.exf5 Bh6 12.c3N** 0.12/21
[Worse is 12.Qxg4 Qa5+ 13.Nc3 Nc6∓]
[12.h4± 1.00/20 gxh3 *(12...Nd7 13.Rg1 Nb6 14.Rxg4 Rc8 15.Bg2* Chapter Sicilian Scheveninen-6...e5 #7 Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1. e *)* 13.Rxh3 Kf8 14.Bg2 *(14.a4 Nc6 15.Raa3* Scheveningen-6...e5 7.

Nf5 h5 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023 *Ne7 16.Nxe7 Qxe7 17.Rag3 Qd7 18.Rg4 Ke7 19.Rgh4 Rac8 20.Rxh6 Rxh6 21.Rxh6 Qxa4 22.Bd3* Verot,M-Bojkov,D URS-ch Soviet Union 1983*)* 14...Nd7 15.Ke2 Rc8 16.c3 Qa5 17.a4 #6 Lesson 34: 2.Nf3 e6 Main line-2...e6 Main lines: 4...Nf6]

12...Bg5!= The position is equal. **13.h4**
[Much worse is 13.Qxg4 Rh4 14.Qf3 Nc6∓]

13...gxh3 14.Rxh3 Rxh3 15.Bxh3 next Qh5 is good for White. **15...Kf8! 16.Qh5 Kg7** Prevents Qh8+ **17.Ke2 Qa5 18.Rg1!** White threatens Rxg5+ and mate. Dancing on a razor blade. **18...Qxd5 19.Rxg5+! fxg5 20.Qxg5+ Kf8 21.Qd8+ Kg7 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qd8+ Kg7 24.Qg5+** Black took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

B90
□ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**
■ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.47) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.h3N**
[8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7* ½-½ 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 ICCF (2.6)*)* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

8...h6 9.Bc4 Nbd7 10.a4! White is slightly better. **10...b6** 0.98/21
[10...Nb6± 0.43/22 11.Bb3 Be6]

11.g4 0.13/20 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[11.0-0± 0.98/21]

11...Bb7= 12.Nd2 Qc7 0.88/20
[12...0-0= 0.15/19]

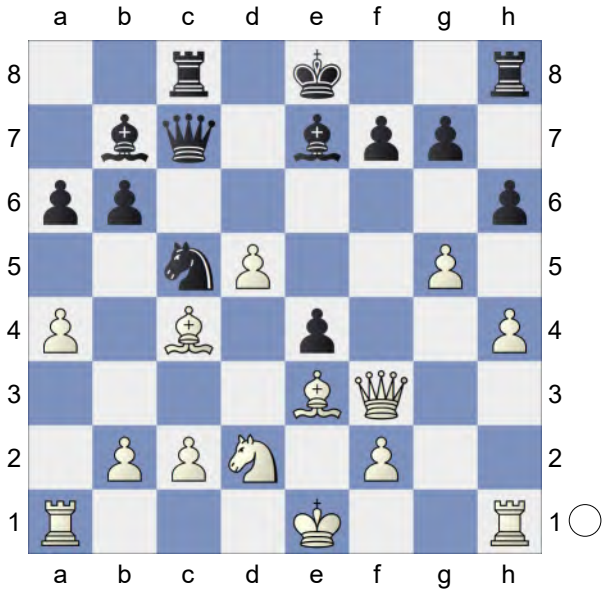
13.Qf3 0.36/18
[13.Rg1± 0.88/20]

13...Rc8 1.35/22
[13...0-0± 0.36/18]

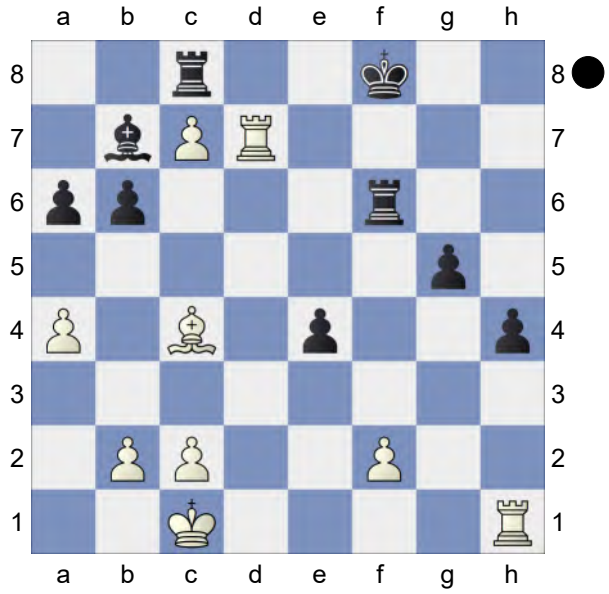
14.h4 d5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 aiming for Bb3. **16...Nc5** 1.64/21
[16...e4± 0.96/21 was worth a try. 17.Qf5 *(17.Qxe4 Nf6±)* 17...Nf6]

17.g5 1.14/18
[White should play 17.Bxc5+- 1.64/21 Qxc5 18.0-0-0]

17...e4±



18.Qxf7+ 0.67/16 **Kxf7±** **19.d6+** Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack **19...Kf8** **20.dxc7** Hoping for gxh6. **20...hxg5** **21.0-0-0** -0.13/21
[21.b4± 0.90/18 Nd7 22.b5 *(22.Bxg5? Bxg5* Pin *23.0-0-0 Bf4-+)*]
21...gxh4= **22.Bf4** **g5** 0.36/21
[22...b5= -0.13/23 23.axb5 axb5]
23.Be5± **Rh6** **24.Nb3** **Ne6** **25.Nd4**
[25.Rd7 Bc6 26.Rdd1 *(26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Rxe7 Kxe7-+)* 26...Nxc7-+]
25...Nxd4 **26.Rxd4** **Bf6** Inhibits Rhd1. **27.Bxf6** 0.06/20
[White should try 27.Bd6+!± 0.58/23 Be7 28.Bh2]
27...Rxf6= **28.Rd7**



Threatens to win with Rhd1. **28...b5**
[28...Rxf2 29.Rhd1 *(29.Be6 Re8±)* 29...e3 *(29...h3? 30.Rh7+-)* 30.Rh7+-]
[28...Ke8? 29.Rh7 Rc6 30.Bd5 R6xc7 31.Bxb7+-]
29.axb5 **axb5** **30.Bd5**
[30.Bxb5 e3 31.f3 *(31.Rd8+ Kf7=)* 31...Rf7 *(31...Bxf3?* is the wrong capture. *32.Rd8+ Ke7 33.Rxc8+-)* 32.Rd8+ Kg7∓]
30...Ke8 1.12/21
[Better is 30...Rxc7!± 0.57/25 31.Rxc7 Bxd5]
31.Rd8+± **Ke7** **32.Bxb7** **Rxc7** **33.Rg8** 0.03/18
[33.Rb8± 1.26/24 Rb6 34.Rg8 Rbxb7 35.Rxg5]
33...Rxb7= Endgame. KRR-KRR. The position is equal. **34.Rg7+** **Rf7⇄** Black is not keeping still **35.Rxg5** **Rxf2** White must now prevent ...Kf6. **36.Rxh4** **Kf6** Against Rg7 **37.Rg3** **Rc7** **38.c3** **Ra7** **39.Kb1** Repels Ra1+ **39...Re7** Strongly threatening ...e3. **40.Re3** **Kf5** **41.Kc1** **Rg2** **42.Kb1** **Rg4** **43.Rxg4** **Kxg4** KR-KR **44.Kc2** **Kf4** **45.Kd2** **Rh7** **46.Re1** **Rh3** **47.Rf1+** **Rf3** **48.Rxf3+** **exf3** KPP-KPP
[48...Kxf3!? 49.Ke1□ e3=]
49.Ke1 **Ke3** ...Kd3 would now be deadly. **50.b3!** **Kd3** **51.c4** **bxc4** **52.bxc4** **Kxc4** **53.Kf2** **Kd4** **54.Kxf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

E06
□ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
■ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula** **2276**
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[Kitty Kat]

E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.Nf3** **Nf6** **2.c4** **e6** **3.d4** **d5** **4.g3** **Be7** **5.Bg2** **0-0** **6.0-0** **c6** **7.Qc2**
[7.b3 Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ne8 ½-½ Klitscher (2615)-Miles,E (2690) lichess.org 148/102 Internet 2021]

[7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 dxc4 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 0-1 Dudin,G (2498)-Prohaszka,P (2585) HUN-ch Rapid Ajka 2023 (11)]

7...b6N

[7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 c5 11.dxc5 Na6 12.Nb3 Be4 13.Qc3 Rc8 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Qd2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3 Qa5 20.Rfd1 Rc7 21.Rd3 Rfc8 22.Rad1 ½-½ Kudr,R (1985)-Khan,V (2145) corr SA-2015-0-00475 Lechenicher SchachServer Be7 23.Kg2 g6 24.Rd7 ½-½ Bertola,T (1985)-Kobrin,M (2145) Memorial CAPA Pereira Memorial CAPA 2000]

[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 Nd7 11.Qb2 Qe7 12.Nc2 b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Nce1 4... Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6-Sideline Ne4 Variation]

8.b3 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ba6 10.Nbd2 c5 11.e4 dxc4 12.e5 Nd5

[12...cxb3? 13.axb3 Nd5 14.Rxa6+-]

13.bxc4 Nb4 14.Qe4 cxd4 15.Nxd4

[15.a3!? Nc5 16.Qxa8 Qxa8 17.axb4±]

15...Qc7 1.45/19

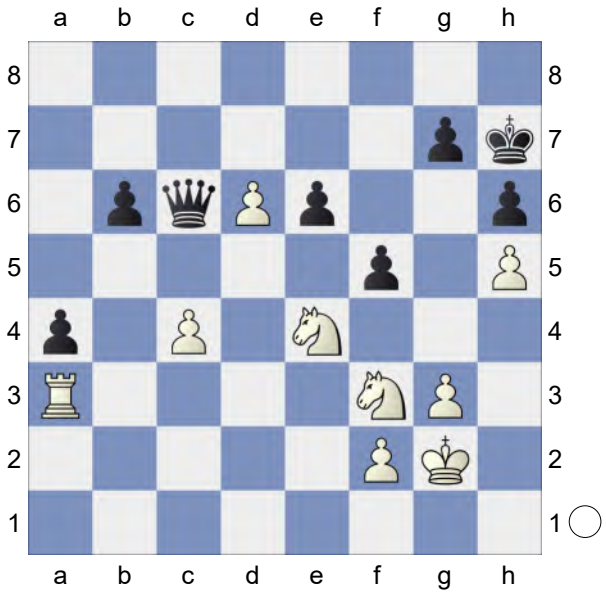
[15...Nc5!= 0.05/19 keeps the balance. 16.Qe3 *(16.Qxa8 Qxd4 17.Qxa7 Nbd3=)* 16...Bb7]

16.a3↑ White is on the roll. **16...Nc5 17.Qxa8 Rxa8**

[17...Qxe5? 18.N2f3 *(18.Qxa7 Qxd4+-)* 18...Qc7 19.Qxf8+ *(19.Bf4 Rxa8 20.Bxc7 Nbd3+-)* 19...Bxf8 20.axb4+-]

18.axb4 Bb7 White must now prevent ... Bxg2. **19.bxc5** aiming for c6. **19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Bxc5 21.N4f3 Qc6 22.Nb3** Prevents Bd4. **22...Bf8 23.Rd4 a5 24.Ba3 Bxa3 25.Rxa3 h6 26.Nbd2 a4 27.Ne4 Kh7 28.h4 Ra7 29.h5 Rd7** And now ...Rxd4 would win. **30.Rd6 Rxd6 31.exd6 f5**

[31...Qxe4? 32.d7 b5 *(32...Qxc4? 33.d8Q+-; 32...Qa8? 33.Rd3+-)* 33.d8Q+- *(33.d8R Qxc4 34.Rad3 Qc5+-)*]



32.Ned2 Qxd6 33.Rxa4 e5 Strongly threatening ...e4. **34.Ra8** 0.19/22

[34.Ra2± 1.39/24]

34...Qc6? 3.54/25

[34...e4= 0.19/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 35.Nh4 e3 *(35...Qxd2 36.Ng6)*]

35.Rd8 f4 36.Rd5 fxg3 37.Nxe5 Qe8 38.Ng6 1.79/20

[38.fxg3 Qxh5 39.Ndf3 Qe8+-]

[⌓38.f4 3.98/25]

38...b5? 4.98/23

[38...gxf2 1.79/20 39.Kxf2 Qa8]

39.Kxg3+-

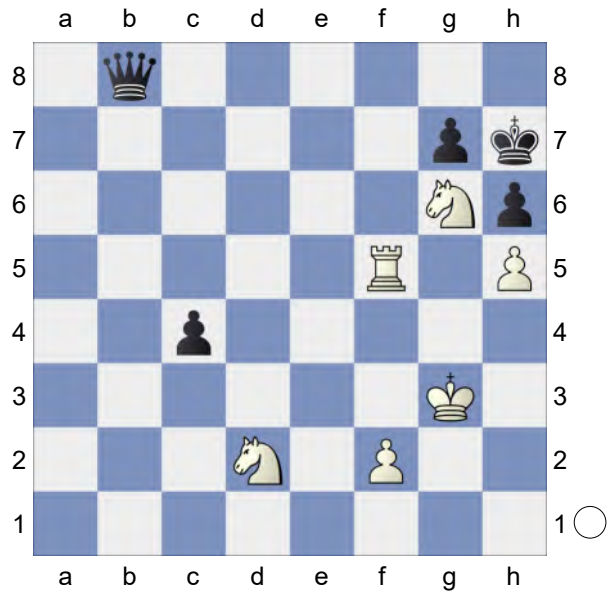
[39.fxg3 Qe2+ 40.Kg1 bxc4 41.Nf8+

Kg8=]

39...bxc4 **40.Rf5** Rf8! is the strong threat.

[40.Nxc4 Qe1 41.Ne3 Qb4+-]

40...Qb8+



41.Kf3? 0.00/46

[White must play 41.f4!+- 6.91/34 Hoping for Rf8! Qe8 42.Kf2 *(42.Nxc4 Qe1+ 43.Kf3 Qd1+ 44.Kg3 Qd3+ 45.Kg4 Qd1+ 46.Kg3 Qg1+ 47.Kf3 Qf1+ 48.Ke3 Qxc4=)*]

41...c3= The position is equal. **42.Ne4 c2 43.Rc5 Qb1**

[43...Qd8!? 44.Kg3□ Qa8= *(44...Qd1 45.Rc8=)*]

44.Rc8! Qh1+ Deflection

[Not 44...c1R 45.Rh8#]

45.Kg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.37

½-½

B19

□ **Al Hosani,Omran** **2239**

■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**

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[Kitty Kat]

B19: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 main line Dorfman,J: 'Inf 46/188' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.Bd2 Ngf6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.Rhe1 0-0-0 13.Ne4**

[13.Qb3 c5 *(13...Bd6 14.Qa4 Kb8 15.Ba5 Nb6 16.Bxb6 axb6 17.Ne4 b5* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO B4 Survey 2001*)* 14.Qa4 Kb8 15.Ba5 Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6 17.Ne5 Qc7 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Rxe4 Bd6 20.Nf3 Be7 21.Rd3 Rd5 22.Rc3 Bf6 23.Qb5 Qb6 24.Qxb6 axb6 25.Rc4 cxd4 26.Nxd4 Rhd8 27.c3 e5 0-1 Zapata,A (2500)-Dorfman,J (2520) La Habana 46/188 1988]

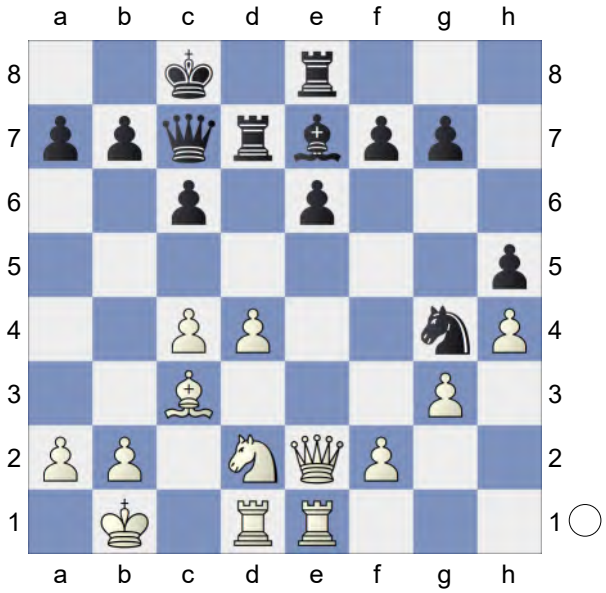
13...Nxe4 14.Qxe4

[14.Rxe4? Nc5 15.Qe2 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 c5∓]

14...Nf6 15.Qe2 h5N White is slightly better.

[15...Bd6 16.Kb1 Rhe8 *(16...Rd7 17.Ne5 Re7 18.Nc4 Rd8 19.Qf3 Ne8 20.Qb3 b6 21.Qf3 Red7 22.Re3 Nf6 23.Rd3 Ne8 24.b4 Qb7 25.a3 Bc7 26.Bf4 Bxf4 27.Qxf4 f6 28.Qe4 Nc7 29.Ne3 Nd5 30.Nxd5 exd5 31.Qe6* 1-0 Semrl,M-Schafer,H ch-semi-finals Leeuwarden NED 2001 (1) *)* 17.c4 Rd7 18.g3 c5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.Be3 Qf5+ 21.Ka1 Bb8 22.Rxd7 Nxd7 23.c5 Ne5 24.Nxe5 Qxe5 25.c6 bxc6 26.Qa6+ Kd7 27.Rd1+ 1-0 11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♗d3 ♘b4-Nishimura,H Chengdu 133/34 2017

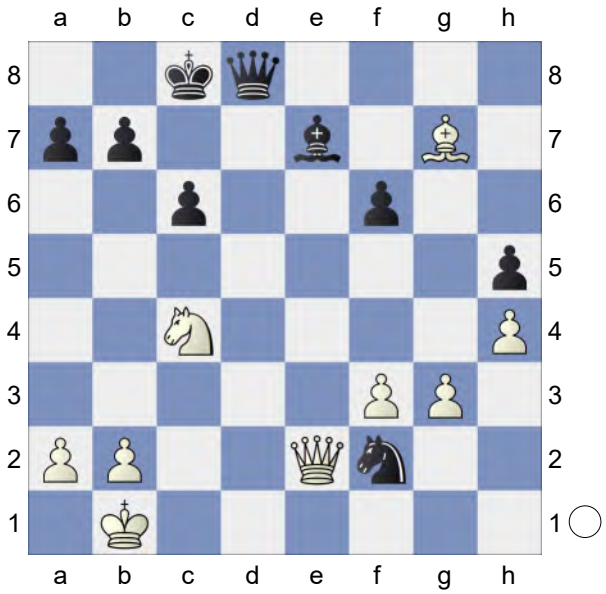
(5)]
16.Kb1 Ng4 17.c4 Bd6 0.81/22
[17...Be7± 0.45/20 was preferrable.]
18.Bc3 Rhe8 19.Nd2 Be7 20.g3! Rd7



21.d5 0.04/21 **exd5=**
[Inferior is 21...cxd5 22.cxd5 exd5 *(22...Rxd5? loses. 23.f3+-)* 23.f3 Qxg3 *(23...d4? 24.Bxd4 Kd8 25.Bxg7+-)* 24.fxg4 Qxg4 25.Nf3+-]
22.cxd5 Rxd5 23.Bxg7 f3 is the strong threat. **23...f6 24.Nc4** Wards off Re5. Black must now prevent Qe6+. **24...Rxd1+! 25.Rxd1 Rd8** Wards off Nd6+ **26.Rxd8+ Qxd8 27.f3 Nf2**

(Diagram)

Deflection, Back Rank **28.Ne3**
[28.Qxf2? Qd1#]
28...Bc5! And now ...Bxe3 would win.
29.Qxf2 0.09/21
[29.Nf5!± 0.53/23]
29...Qd3+ The position is equal. **30.Qc2 Qxe3** Endgame. KQB-KQB **31.Qf5+ Kc7** aiming for ...Bd4. **32.Bxf6** Threatens to win with Qe5+. **32...Qe1+ 33.Kc2 Qe2+ 34.Kc3 Qe1+ 35.Kc2 Qe2+ 36.Kc3 Qe1+ 37.Kc2 Qe2+**



38.Kc3 Qe1+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

A43
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
■ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**
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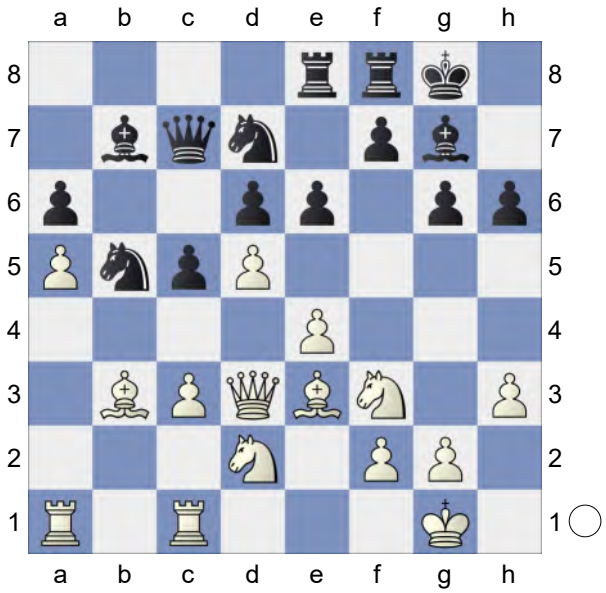
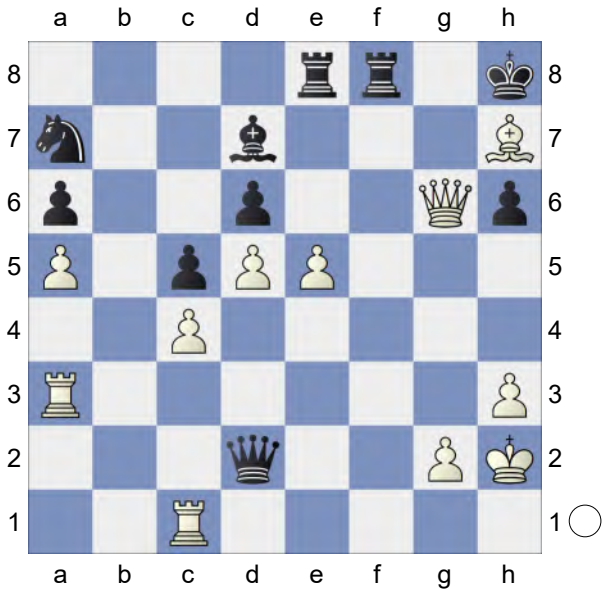
[Kitty Kat]

A43: Schmid Benoni **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Bg5 Qb6 5.a4 b4 6.e3**
[6.a5 Qd6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Ra2 d6 9.Nbd2 g6 10.e4 Bg7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.h3 Nd7 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qe2 Bd7 16.Rd1 f5 17.Re1 fxe4 18.Qxe4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 Rf4 20.g3 Rf3 1-0 Posizione (2441)-Campos (2663) 83/160 Leon 2001 (6)]
6...g6N
[6...h6 7.a5 Qd6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.c3 g5 10.Bd3 Ba6 11.0-0 Bg7 12.Ra4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa6 #19 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5-1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 c5]
7.a5 Qb7 8.Bc4 0.34/26

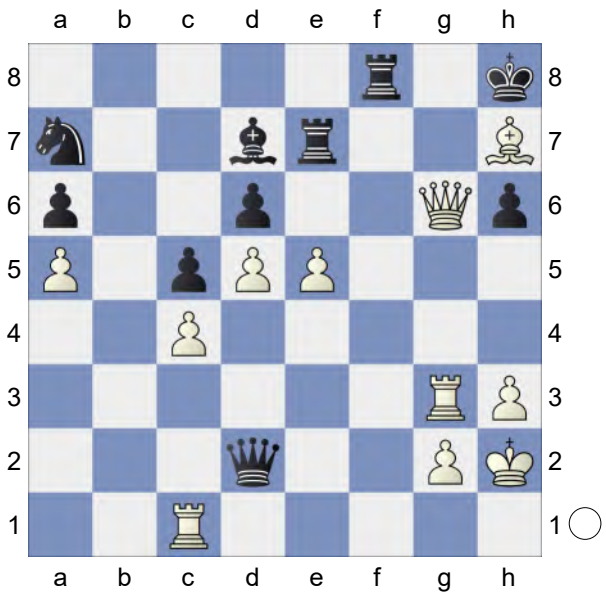
[8.d6± 0.79/23]
8...d6± 9.Qd3 Bg7 10.e4 0-0 11.0-0 h6 12.Bc1 Nbd7 0.48/22
[12...Re8= 0.12/21 is superior.]
13.h3 a6 14.Nbd2 Ne8 1.15/23
[14...Rd8± 0.66/23]
15.Bb3 Nc7 16.Nc4 Nb5 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Rfc1 Bb7 19.c3 bxc3 20.bxc3 Rae8 21.Ncd2 e6



Against c4 **22.c4! Na7 23.Ra2** 0.87/19
[⌓23.Ba4 1.32/21]
23...f5± 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Nf1 e5 And now ...e4 would win. **26.Nh4** 0.44/18
[White should try 26.Qc2± 1.02/22]
26...Qd8!± 27.Nxf5 e4 28.Qb1 0.24/18 White is more active.
[28.Qd2± 0.65/25 feels stronger. Rxf5 29.Ng3]
28...Rxf5= 29.Ng3↑ White has good play. **29...Rff8 30.Bc2** Discovered Attack **30...Bc8 31.Bxe4 Ne5 32.Ra3** White has compensation. **32...Bd7** 1.50/21
[32...Qh4= 0.28/22]
33.f4 0.42/20
[33.Nh5± 1.50/21]
33...Nf7? 4.09/19 Loses the game.
[Better is 33...Qh4!± 0.42/20 34.fxe5 Qxg3 35.Bxc5 Discovered Attack Qxe5]
34.Nh5+- Qh4 35.Bh7+ Kh8 36.Nxg7 Kxg7 37.Bd2 Ne5 Inhibits Qg6+. **38.fxe5 Qf2+ 39.Kh2** Qg6+ would now be deadly. **39...Qxd2 40.Qg6+** White mates.
[40.exd6 Qf4+ 41.Rg3+ Kh8=]
40...Kh8



41.Rg3! Re7
[41...Bg4 42.Rxg4]



42.Rf1!! Deflection, Back Rank **42...Rfe8**

43.Rf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

B84
□ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**
■ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**
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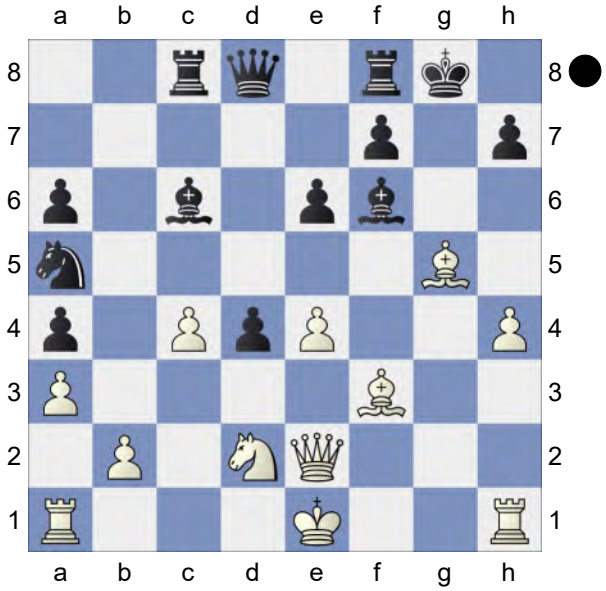
[Kitty Kat]

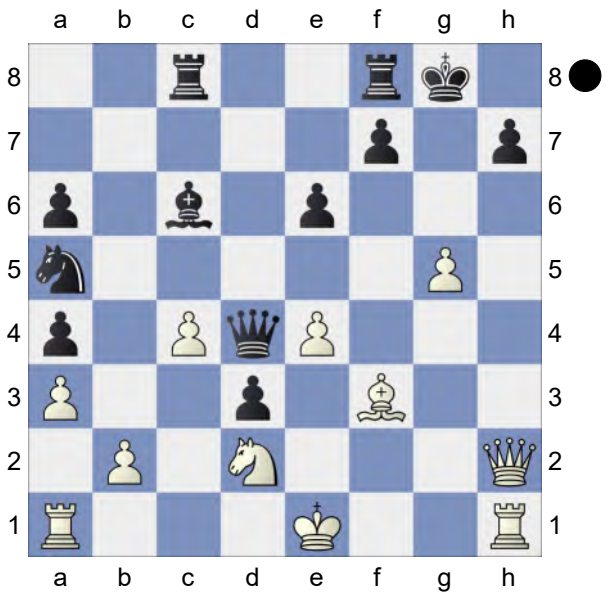
B84: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 Be2 a6, lines without early Be3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.g4 b5** 0.66/23
[7...h6= 0.26/21]
8.g5± Nfd7 9.a3! Bb7 White is slightly better. **10.Nb3** -0.22/25
[10.Be3± 0.61/19]
10...Nc6= 11.Be3 Rc8 12.f4 Nc5N
[12...Na5 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Bf3 Be7 15.0-0 0-0 16.Qd2 Kh8 17.Qf2 Rc4 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.h4 f5 20.Be2 Rxc3 21.bxc3 Bxe4 22.Bf3 Qxc3 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Qd2 Qc8 25.a4 d5 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rf1 ½-½ Clarke,J (2118)-Hesse,R (2409) Cutro 05th 1999 (5) Bc5 28.c3 Qc7 29.Bd4 Kg8 30.Kg2 Nb6 31.Qf2 Nd7 32.Qd2 Nb6 33.Qf2 Nd7 34.Qd2 Nb6 35.Qf2 ½-½ Isaev,A (2118)-Pingin,A (2409) Cheliabinsk Kurnosov Memorial Rapid 2023 (5)]
13.Bf3 Na4 14.Nxa4 bxa4 15.Nd2 Na5 16.c3 Bc6 17.h4 Be7 18.f5 0-0 19.Qe2 -0.63/20
[19.fxe6= 0.13/20 fxe6 20.Bg4]
19...d5 0.33/20
[19...exf5∓ -0.63/20 20.exf5 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 d5]
20.f6!± gxf6 21.gxf6 -0.09/21
[21.Qf2± 0.37/19 is more appropriate. Nc4 *(21...fxg5? 22.hxg5 f6 23.gxf6+-)* 22.Nxc4 dxc4 23.gxf6 Bxf6 24.e5 Bxe5 *(24...Bxf3? 25.exf6 Bg4 26.Qf4+-)* 25.Bxc6 *(25.Qg2+ Kh8=)*]
21...Bxf6= 22.Bg5 d4↑ Black has some pressure. **23.c4** -1.71/18
[23.Qh2!= -0.28/19 and White stays safe.]



23...d3!-+ Discovered Attack **24.Qg2** -2.42/23
[⌓24.Rg1 -1.83/19 Kh8 *(24...dxe2 25.Bxf6#; 24...Bxg5? 25.Qe3∓* Pin *)* 25.Qe3]
24...Bxg5 25.hxg5 And now Qh2 would win. **25...Qd4! 26.Qh2**

(Diagram)

Qg7
[26...Qxb2 27.Qxh7#]
27.Rc1 Rfd8 -1.25/16
[27...Qxg5 28.Qxh7#]
[Black should try 27...Rb8-+ -1.84/20 28.Rb1 Rfc8 *(28...Rxb2? 29.Rxb2 Nb3 30.Qh6+-)*]
28.Rc3∓ Nb7 -0.90/20 Chess con chili. Black has more active pieces.



[28...Qxg5? 29.Rg1 *(29.Qxh7+ Kf8∓)* 29...h6 30.Rxg5+ hxg5 31.Qh5+-]
[Better is 28...Nb3 -1.44/22 ...Nxd2 would now be deadly. 29.Qf4 Nc5]

29.e5? -4.00/21
[29.c5∓ -0.90/20 is tougher.]

29...Nc5
[29...Qxg5? 30.Rg1+- *(30.Qxh7+ Kf8∓; 30.Qxh7+ Kf8∓)*]

30.Bxc6 Rxc6 31.Qf4 Rb8 32.Qd4 Rxb2 Strongly threatening ...Rc8!
[32...Qxg5? 33.Rg1+-]

33.g6 fxg6 Hoping for ...Rc8. Black is clearly winning.
[33...hxg6? perishes. 34.Qd8+ Qf8 35.Rh8+ Kxh8 36.Qxf8+ Kh7 37.Qxf7+ Kh6 38.Qf8+ Kh7 39.Nf3+-]
[And not 33...Qxg6 34.Rg1±]

34.0-0 -6.31/21
[⌓34.Rc1 -4.39/17 Rc2 35.Rd1]

34...Rc8-+
[Weaker is 34...Rxd2 35.Qd8+]

35.Nf3 Re2 36.Rxd3 Nxd3 37.Qxd3 Qa7+ 38.Kh1 Rf2 39.Rg1 Rf8 40.Ng5 Qb7+ 41.Ne4 R2f5 ...Rh5+ is the strong threat. **42.Qd4 Rh5+ 43.Kg2 Rh4 44.Re1 Rff4 45.Kg3 Rxe4 46.Qd8+ Kg7** (→ ...Reg4+) **47.Qf6+ Kh6 48.Rxe4 Rxe4 49.Qf8+ Qg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.36

0-1

C02

□ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** **2445**
■ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.52) 4.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
Breutigam,Martin: 'So the 17th world champion in chess history could well be called Ding Liren - that's something to get used to. On the one hand, it is of course a great pity that Magnus Carlsen no longer wants to defend his title. Of course, his decision also damages the general reputation of the title. It may be that from his point of view it would have been really annoying to motivate himself once again for an agonisingly long World Championship preparation. What remains incomprehensible is why it was not an option for him to go into a world championship fight relaxed and without much preparation. Even at the risk of losing his title in the sporting competition. On the other hand, hardly anyone deserves a world championship fight as much as Ding Liren. In his first candidate tournament, in Berlin 2018, the Chinese had remained undefeated (13 draws, one win). Two years later in Yekaterinburg he was already considered a favourite, but seemed to cope less well with the pandemic circumstances than others. World

Champion Carlsen considers Ding slightly favoured for the World Championship match against Nepomniachtchi: In a podcast with Lex Fridman, the Norwegian also spoke very highly of Ding in other respects; for example, the Chinese player has an enormously deep understanding of dynamic possibilities in imbalanced positions. A good example of Ding's depth of vision, in my opinion, is his strategically brilliant victory over Anish Giri in the 2019 Sinquefield Cup in St. Louis. It's a lesson and by no means an everyday occurrence how he provoked a weakening in the phase around move 20 with small, inconspicuous manoeuvres, only to transform the structure of the position immediately afterwards: With 22.dxc5! he exchanged his supposedly greatest trump, a covered passed pawn, for another advantage. And in the end Ding also won the tournament - by beating Magnus Carlsen 3:1 in a play-off.' Breutigam, Martin: 'Der 17. Weltmeister der Schachgeschichte könnte also durchaus Ding Liren heißen - mit diesem Gedanken darf man sich schon mal anfreunden. Einerseits ist es natürlich sehr schade, dass Magnus Carlsen seinen Titel nicht mehr verteidigen möchte. Klar, seine Entscheidung schadet auch dem allgemeinen Ansehen des Titels. Mag sein, dass es aus seiner Sicht wirklich nervig gewesen wäre, sich noch einmal für eine quälend lange WM-Vorbereitung zu motivieren. Unverständlich bleibt bloß, weshalb es für ihn dann keine Option war, mal locker und ohne große Vorbereitung in einen WM-Kampf zu gehen. Auch auf die Gefahr hin, seinen Titel im sportlichen Wettkampf zu verlieren. Andererseits hat derzeit wohl kaum jemand einen WM-Kampf so verdient wie Ding Liren. Bei seinem ersten Kandidatenturnier, in Berlin 2018, war der Chinese ungeschlagen geblieben (13 Remis, ein Sieg). Zwei Jahre später in Jekaterinburg galt er bereits als Favorit, schien aber mit den Umständen der Pandemie weniger gut zurecht zu kommen als andere. Weltmeister Carlsen hält Ding im Hinblick auf den WM-Kampf gegen Nepomniachtchi für leicht favorisiert: In einem Podcast mit Lex Fridman äußerste sich der Norweger auch sonst sehr lobend über Ding; beispielsweise habe der Chinese ein enorm tiefes Verständnis für dynamische Möglichkeiten in unausgewogenen Stellungen ("imbalanced positions"). Ein gutes Beispiel für Dings Tiefblick ist meines Erachtens sein strategisch brillanter Sieg gegen Anish Giri beim Sinquefield-Cup 2019 in St. Louis. Lehhreich und keinesfalls alltäglich, wie er in der Phase um den 20. Zug mit kleinen, unscheinbaren Manövern eine Schwächung provozierte, um gleich danach die Struktur der Stellung zu transformieren: Mit 22.dxc5! tauschte er seinen vermeintlich größten Trumpf, einen gedeckten Freibauern, gegen einen anderen Vorteil ein. Und am Ende gewann Ding auch das Turnier - indem er Magnus Carlsen im Stechen mit 3:1 bezwang. '**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 fxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qc7 10.Re1 0-0-0 11.Bf1 Nh6N**

[11...Ne7 12.a4 *(12.Nd2 Nf5 13.Nf3 Be7 14.b4 Kb8 15.Rb1 Rhf8 16.bxc5 Bxc5 17.Re2 Bb6 18.Ba3*

Qxc3 19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Rc2 Qa3 21.Bb5 Bxb5 22.Rxb5 Qa4 23.Rb1 Qf4 24.Qd2 Ne3 25.Rb4 Nc4 26.Qxf4 Rxf4 1-0 Ding,L (2805)-Giri,A (2779) Sinquefield Cup 7th Saint Louis 2019 (5)*)* 12...Nf5 *(12...Kb8 13.Na3 c4 14.b4 cxb3 15.Qxb3 Nf5 16.c4 Bc5 17.cxd5 Rhf8 18.Ra2 exd5 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.Qxb5 Nd4 21.Qd3 Ne6 22.a5 g6 23.a6 b6 24.g3 Qf7 25.Be3 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 d4 27.Ree2* ½-½ 4.♘c3 ♘d4_39213 (2591)-6. ♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2702) 2000 (1)*; 12...Nc6 13.Na3 a6 14.b4 cxb4 15.Nb5 axb5 16.axb5 Nb8 17.Be3* Quickstarter Guide French De-French Advance 6.Be2 f6*)* 13.Na3 a6 *(13...c4 14.b3 cxb3 15.Qxb3 Bc5 16.Nb5 Bxb5 17.axb5 Rhf8 18.Ra2 Rf7 19.Ba3 Rdf8 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.b6 axb6 22.Rb1 Kc7 23.Rab2 Ne3 24.Qxb6+ Qxb6 25.Rxb6 Rxf2 26.Rxb7+ Kc6 27.R1b6+ Kc5 28.Rb5+* ½-½ Viani,A (2378)-Sengupta,D (2516) 61st National Chess Championship 2024, RPS International School, Sec (8)*)* 14.Bd3 g6 15.b4 c4 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.a5 Rg8 18.g3 h5 19.Qd4 Rg4 20.Qa7 Qb8 21.Qb6 Qc7 22.Qa7 Qb8 23.Qb6 Qc7 24.Be3 Qxb6 25.Bxb6 Re8 26.Nc2 0-1 Rozycki,B (2181)-Sernecki,F (2281) POL-chT 1st League Leba 2023 (9.3)]

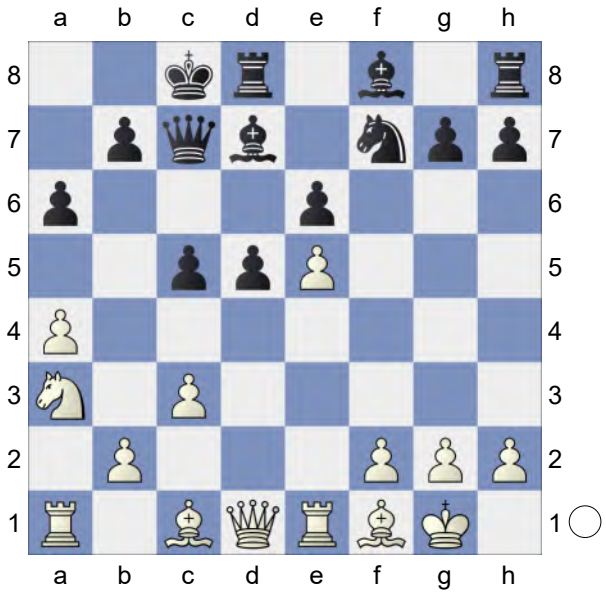
12.a4 White is more active. **12...Nf7** 0.97/22

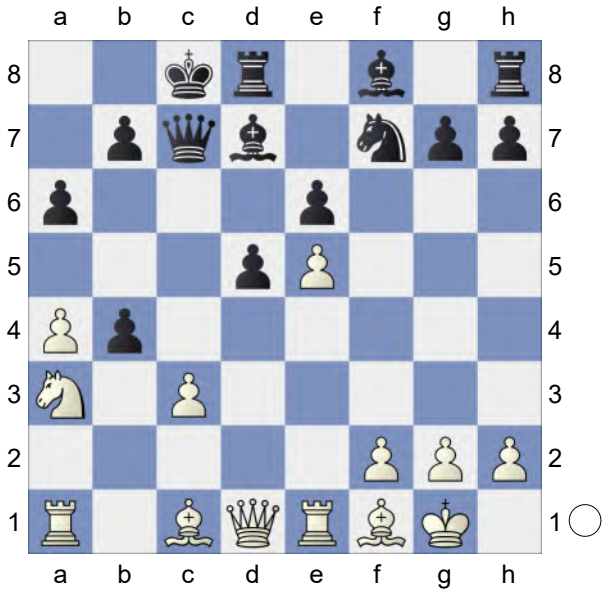
[12...Kb8± 0.48/21 is superior.]

13.Na3± a6

(Diagram)

Repels Nb5. White is better. **14.b4** 0.68/22 **cxb4**





15.Nb5 -0.24/20 **axb5=** **16.axb5** Ra8+ would now be deadly. **16...Qb6?** 4.48/20 This move loses the game for Black.

[16...Qxc3? 17.Be3 *(17.Bd2 Qd4+-)* 17...d4 *(17...Qxe5? 18.Bb6+-)* 18.Bxd4 Bxb5 19.Ra8+ Kc7 20.Rxd8+- *(20.Bxb5? Rxd4 21.Qb1 Bc5-+)*]

[16...Be8!= -0.23/20 17.b6 Qxb6 18.cxb4 Kb8 *(18...Qxb4? 19.Bd2+-; 18...Bxb4 19.Rb1∓)*]

17.Be3+- Bc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.cxb4

Qxb4 20.Ra4 Qb2 21.Re2 Qxb5
[21...Qc3? 22.Rc2]
22.Rc2+ Qc6 23.Bb5 Intending Qa1! and mate. Pin
[23.Rxc6+ Bxc6 24.Ra8+ Kd7 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8+-]
[23.f4 Kb8 24.Rxc6 Bxc6+-]
23...Qxc2 24.Ra8+ Kc7 25.Qxc2+ Bc6 26.Ra7
[And not 26.Bxc6 Rxa8 27.Bb5+ *(27.Bxd5+? too greedy. Kb8-+)* 27...Kb8=]
26...Nxe5 27.Qb2 2.19/22
[⌓27.Qc3 4.10/25 Nc4 28.Qxg7+ *(28.Bxc4 dxc4 29.Qxg7+ Kb6±)* 28...Kd6 29.Bxc6 bxc6 30.Qe7+ Ke5 31.Qc7+ Kd4 32.Qxc6]
27...Kb6? 7.45/22
[27...Bxb5 2.19/22 28.Qxb5 *(28.Qxe5+ Kc6±)* 28...Rb8]
28.Bxc6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.57
1-0

E12
□ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
■ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
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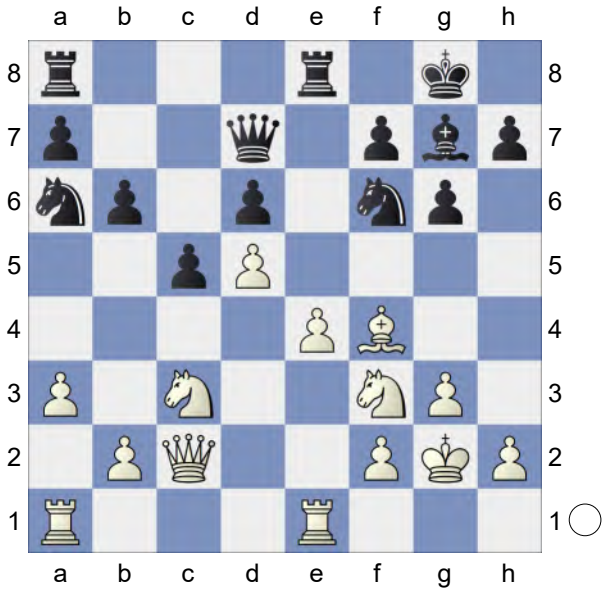
[Kitty Kat]

E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 Rashkovsky,N: 'Inf 44/(629)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Ba6 5.Qc2 c5 6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 g6 8.e4 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 d6 10.g3** White is slightly better. **10...Bg7 11.Kg2 0-0 12.Nc3 Re8N**
[12...Nbd7 13.Bf4 *(13.Re1 Ng4 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bf4 Nde5 16.Bxe5 fxe5 17.h3 Qf6 18.Qe2 Nh6 19.Nd2 a6 20.a4 Nf7 21.Nc4 Rab8 22.Ne3 Ng5 23.Rf1 Nf3 24.Qxa6 Nd2 25.Qe2 Nxf1 26.Rxf1 h5 27.h4 Bh6* 1-0 St Bon (2304)-5. ♘g5 ♘b6 (2039) GER CupT sf Berlin 2003 (8)) 13...Qe7 Rashkovsky,N (2495)-Enders,P (2405) 44/(629) Eger 1987]
13.Re1 Qd7 0.87/22
[13...a6± 0.39/22 is more appropriate.]
14.Bf4 Na6



15.Bxd6 0.29/21 White is more active. **15...Qxd6= 16.e5** Deflection, Double Attack **16...Qd7 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Ne4 Bg7 19.d6 Nb8 20.Rad1 Nc6 21.Re2 Rad8 22.Rde1 h6 23.Qc4 Ne5 24.Qd5 Nxf3 25.Kxf3 Kh8 26.Kg2** -0.81/21
[26.Nc3= -0.18/25 remains equal. Rxe2 27.Rxe2]
26...Re5!∓
[26...f5? 27.Nc3 Rxe2 28.Rxe2±]
27.Qd3 Qc6 28.Kg1 f5 29.Nc3 -1.42/21
[Better is 29.Ng5!∓ -0.52/24 hxg5 *(29...Qxd6? 30.Nf7+ Kh7 31.Nxd6+-)* 30.Rxe5 Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Rxd6 *(31...Qxd6? 32.Re8+* Deflection *Rxe8 33.Qxd6+-)* 32.Re8+

Kg7 33.Qe2 Rd1+ 34.Qxd1 Qxe8 35.a4]

29...Rxd6

[29...Qxd6? 30.Qxd6 Rxd6 31.Rxe5+-]

30.Qc4 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Qd7

Prevents Qf7. **32.Qf4** -2.18/19

[32.a4 -1.62/19 was called for.]

32...Kh7-+ 33.h4 b5 34.Re3 h5 35.Qf3 b4 36.axb4 cxb4 37.Ne2 Bxb2 38.Rb3 Ba3 -1.87/20

[⌓38...Rd1+ -3.40/21 39.Kh2 Qd2]

39.Nf4? -3.41/19

[39.Kh2 -1.87/20]

39...a5! 40.Rb1 Kg7? -1.05/19

[40...Rc6-+ -3.44/23 has better winning chances. White must now prevent ...a4. 41.Nd5 Rd6]

41.Qa8? -2.91/20

[41.Qe2∓ -1.05/19]

41...a4 42.Re1 b3 43.Re8 -3.79/21

[43.Qb8 -2.59/18 might work better.]

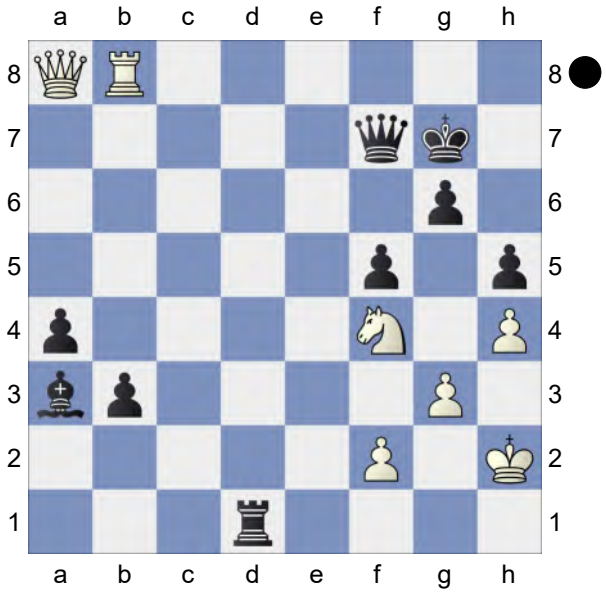
43...Qf7? -1.35/19

[43...Rd1+-+ -3.79/21 is more deadly. 44.Kh2 b2 45.Rg8+ Kf7]

44.Rb8 -2.57/21

[44.Qxa4∓ -1.35/19 b2 45.Rb8]

44...Rd1+ 45.Kh2



b2!

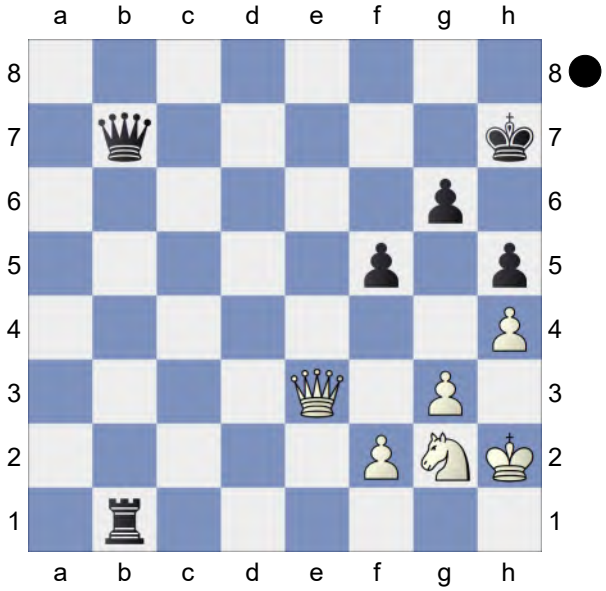
[45...Bd6 46.Rb7 Be7 47.Qxa4±]

46.Qxa4 b1Q 47.Rxb1 Rxb1 48.Qxa3

Endgame. KQR-KQN **48...Qb7 49.Ng2**

[49.Ne6+ Kf6 50.Qf8+ Kxe6-+]

49...Kh7 50.Qe3



Ra1! 51.Qe6 Rf1 52.Qe2 Rb1 -0.67/24

[52...Ra1-+ -1.93/27 53.Qe3 Qa7]

53.Qe3∓ Prevents Qa7. **53...Rb3?** -0.04/21

[53...Ra1-+ -1.74/26 Threatens to win with ...Qa7. 54.Qd4 Qa7 55.Qxa7+ Rxa7]

54.Qd4 -1.74/27 Repels Qa7

[54.Qe6= -0.04/21 and White is okay.]

54...Rb4 55.Qc5 Ra4 56.Qe3? -3.51/27

[56.Qd6 -1.61/23]

56...Qa7 57.Qxa7+ -3.96/18

[57.Qe6 -2.53/24 was worth a try.]

57...Rxa7-+ KR-KN **58.Nf4 Kh6 59.Nh3 Kg7 60.Kg2 Ra3 61.Nf4 Ra5 62.Nh3 Kf6 63.Kf3 Ra3+ 64.Kg2 Rb3 65.Kh2 Ke5 66.Kg2 Rb4 67.Kf3 Ra4 68.Kg2 Ke4 69.Nf4 Ra6 70.Nh3 Kd3 71.Nf4+ Kd2 72.Kf3 Ke1 73.Kg2 Rd6 74.Nh3 Rd2** Hoping for ...f4! **75.Kg1 Ra2 76.Nf4 Rd2**

[And not 76...Rxf2 77.Nd3+ *(77.Nxg6? Ke2-+)* 77...Ke2 78.Nxf2=]
77.Nh3 Rd4 78.Kg2 Ra4 79.Kg1 Ke2 80.Kg2 Rb4? 0.00/27
[80...Ra6-+ -3.17/38 81.Nf4+ Ke1]
81.Ng1+? -3.31/36
[81.Nf4+= 0.00/27 and White has nothing to worry. Rxf4 82.gxf4]
81...Kd2 Strongly threatening ...f4.
82.Nh3 Ke1 83.Kg1 Rb2 84.Nf4 Rd2 Dodges Nd3+
[Stronger than 84...Rxf2 85.Nd3+ *(85.Nxg6? Ke2-+)* is the wrong capture. 85...Ke2 86.Nxf2=]
85.Nh3! Rd4 86.Kg2 Rc4 87.Kg1 Kd2 88.Kg2 Rb4 89.Kf3 Ra4 90.Kg2 Kd3? 0.00/32
[Black should try 90...Ke2-+ -3.00/30 aiming for ...Ra6. 91.Nf4+ Rxf4 92.gxf4 Kd3]
91.Kf3? -1.93/28
[91.Nf4+= 0.00/32 Ke4 92.Nxg6]
91...Rb4? 0.00/46
[91...Ra3-+ -1.93/28 ...Kd2+ is the strong threat. 92.Ng5 Kd4+ 93.Kf4 Ra6]
92.Nf4+= The position is equal. **92...Kd2 93.Nxg6 Ke1 94.Nf4 Kf1** And now ... Rb3+ would win. **95.Nxh5 Rb2 96.Kf4 Rxf2+ 97.Kg5 Rf3 98.Nf4 Kf2 99.h5 Kxg3 100.Ng6 f4 101.Nxf4 Rxf4 102.h6 Rh4 103.Kg6 Kf4 104.h7 Ke5 105.Kg7 Rxh7+ 106.Kxh7** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

C88
□ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
■ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**
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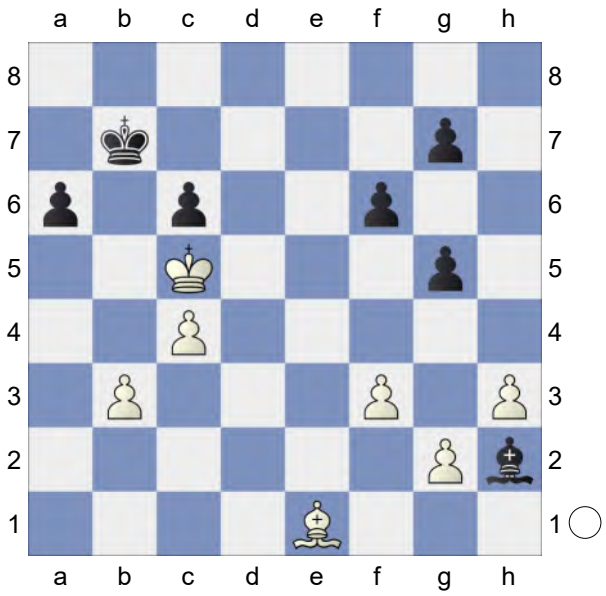
[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1**
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)*)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.a4 d5 0.73/21
[8...b4= 0.27/22]
9.axb5± dxe4 10.bxc6 exf3 White is slightly better. **11.Qxf3**
[11.Rxe5 Bd6 12.Re1 fxg2∓]
11...e4 12.Qe2 Bf5 13.Ra5

Dodges Bc5
[13.Rxa6 Rxa6 14.Qxa6 Bc5]
13...Bg6 14.Nc3
[14.Rxa6 Bc5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8±]
14...Bd6 Prevents d4. **15.h3** White has more active pieces.
[15.Rxa6?! Bxh2+ 16.Kxh2 Rxa6 17.Qxa6 Ng4+ 18.Kg3 *(18.Kg1? Qh4-+)* 18...Qd6+ 19.f4 *(19.Kxg4 h5+ 20.Kh3 Bf5+ 21.g4 Bxg4+ 22.Kg2 Bf3+ 23.Kh3 Qg6 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Qc8+ Rf8)* 19...exf3+ 20.Kxg4 Bh5+ 21.Kh3 *(21.Kxh5 Qf4 22.Bxf7+ Qxf7+ 23.Kh4 g5+ 24.Kg3 Qf4+ 25.Kf2 fxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Qf2+ 27.Kh1 Qxe1+ 28.Kg2 Rf2+ 29.Kh3 Qh1+ 30.Kg4 Qh4#)* 21...Qf4∓]
15...Qe8 1.43/20
[⌓15...Re8 0.94/22 16.Rxa6 Re5]
16.Qc4 And now d3! would win.
[16.Rxa6 Rxa6 17.Qxa6 Qe5=]
16...Qc8 17.Qd4 Rb8 1.85/22
[17...Kh8± 1.18/21 was necessary. 18.Qa4 Rb8]
18.Bc4+- Rb6 19.b3 Rxc6 20.Bb2 Rd8 21.Nd5!
[21.Nxe4 Bxe4 *(21...Bh2+ 22.Kxh2 Rxd4 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Bxd4±)* 22.Rxe4 Bf8=]
21...Bf8 22.Nxf6+ 1.33/22
[22.Bc3+- 1.94/20]
22...Rxf6 23.Qe3 Rf5 24.Rea1 0.58/19
[24.Rxa6 Bc5 25.Qc3 Bxf2+ *(25...Bd4? 26.Qxd4 Rxd4 27.Bxd4+-)* 26.Kh1 Bd4 *(26...Bxe1 27.Qxg7#)* 27.Qxd4 Rxd4 28.Bxd4 Kf8±]
[24.Bxa6± 1.45/24 Qd7 25.Rxf5 Qxf5 26.Bc3]
24...Rxa5± 25.Rxa5 Bb4! 26.Rd5 0.64/19
[26.Rxa6± 1.02/20 Bd4 is the strong threat. Rxd2 27.Ba3 Rxc2 *(27...Rd1+ 28.Kh2=)* 28.Rxg6 *(28.Bxb4 Rxc4 29.Rxg6 Rxb4=)* 28...Bxa3 29.Rc6]
26...Rxd5 27.Bxd5 Qd7 28.Bxe4→ White is up to no good.
[28.Qd4 seems wilder. Bf8 29.Qc4 Qf5 30.Qc6]
28...Qxd2 29.Bxg6 hxg6 30.Qxd2 Bxd2 Endgame. KB-KB **31.Kf1 Bb4** 1.40/27
[Black should play 31...Ba5± 0.40/29]
32.Ke2± f6 2.68/22
[32...c6 1.77/34 might work better. 33.Kd3 f6]
33.Kd3!+- c6 34.Kc4 Be7 35.Bc3 Kf7 3.05/31
[35...g5 2.02/27 was worth a try. 36.Bb4 Bd8]
36.Bb4 Bd8 37.Bd6 Bb6 38.f3 1.35/25
[38.Bc5+- 2.57/27 Bc7 39.h4]
38...Ke6 2.52/31
[38...g5± 1.35/25]
39.Bf8 Kf7 40.Bc5 Bc7 41.Ba3 1.15/29
[41.h4+- 2.67/29 is more deadly.]
41...Bd8? 2.77/28
[41...Ke6± 1.15/29]
42.Bd6 Bb6 43.c3? 0.19/28
[White should try 43.h4+- 2.63/28]
43...Ke6? 1.72/27
[43...g5= 0.19/28]
44.Bf8 Kf7 2.32/33
[44...Be3± 1.50/26 was called for. 45.Kb4 *(45.Bxg7 Kf7=)* 45...Bd2]
45.Bc5! Bd8 2.18/28
[⌓45...Bc7 1.81/26 46.Kb4 Ke6]
46.Kb4 Ke6 47.Ka4? 0.19/21
[47.Bf8+- 2.36/28]
47...g5!= 48.c4 Bc7 49.Be3 Kd7 50.Bc5 Ke6 51.Bf2 Black must now prevent Kb4. **51...Kd7 52.Kb4** Strongly threatening Kc5. **52...Kc8 53.Kc5 Kb7 54.Be1 Bh2?** 3.42/28

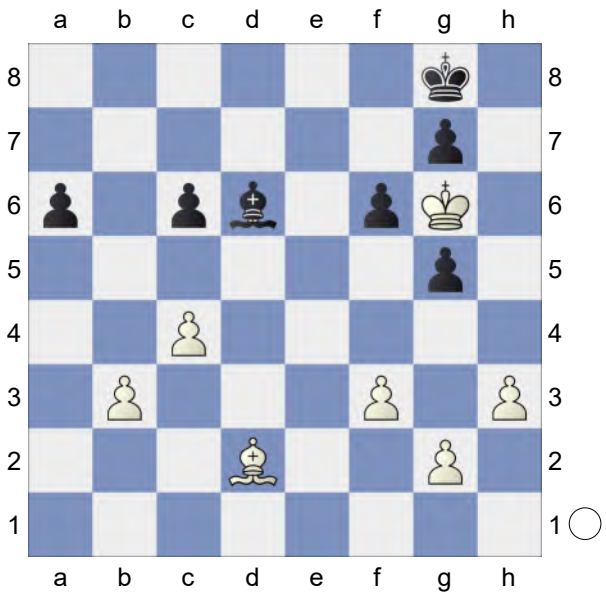
[54...Be5= 0.09/40]



55.Ba5? 0.09/40
[55.g3!+- 3.42/28]
55...Bg3 56.Bd8 Kc8 57.Ba5 Kb7
[Don't blunder 57...Kd7? 58.Kb6+-]
58.Bc3 Kc7 59.Ba5+ Kb7
[Don't go for 59...Kd7? 60.Kb6+-]
60.Kd4 Kc8 61.Ke4 Kd7? 3.92/32 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[61...g6= 0.09/31 and Black has nothing to worry.]
62.Kf5+- Ke7 63.Kg6 Kf8 64.Bb4+ Kg8 65.Bc5 Be1 66.Be3 Prevents Bd2. **66...Bg3 67.Bd2?** 1.78/31
[67.Bc5 4.93/28 Bb4 would now be deadly. Be1 68.Bd6]
67...Bd6? 4.23/29
[67...Kf8 1.78/31 68.Be3 Kg8]

(Diagram)

68.Be1! Be5 69.Bf2 Bc7 70.h4 gxh4 71.Bxh4 Hoping for Bf2. **71...Be5?** 6.21/29
[71...Bb6 3.87/20 72.Bg3 Bc5]
72.Bf2 Bc3 73.f4 Bb2 6.84/29



[⌓73...Bd2 4.30/24 74.Bc5 Bc1 *(74...Bxf4? loses. 75.Kf5+-)*]
74.Be3 Bc3 75.g4 Bb2 76.Bc5 Bc3 77.g5 Bb2 78.Be7 fxg5 79.fxg5 Bc3 80.Bc5 Bd2 81.Kf5 Threatens to win with g6. **81...Kh7 82.b4 a5 83.b5 cxb5 84.cxb5** b6 would kill now. **84...g6+ 85.Kf6** White threatens b6 and mate. **85...Bf4 86.b6** White mates. **86...a4 87.b7 Bb8 88.Ke6 Kg8 89.Bd6 Ba7 90.b8Q+ Bxb8 91.Bxb8 a3 92.Be5 a2 93.Ba1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.31
1-0

B15
□ **Sriansh Das** **2315**
■ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
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[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Qe7+N**
[6...Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8+ 9.Ne2

A) 9...h5 10.Be3 *(10.0-0 h4 11.h3 Nd7 12.Bd2 Nf8 13.Rae1 Bc7 14.c4 Qd6 15.f4 Ne6 16.Be3 Bd7 17.c5 Qf8 18.Nc3 Ba5 19.a3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Nc7 21.c4 Re7 22.Qf2 Rae8 23.Qxh4 f5 24.Rf3 Ne6* 1-0 7.♗h4 b6 (2553)-9...Nb8 (2270) Garmisch Partenkirchen rapid 1994 (6)*)* 10...Nd7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.d5 c5 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.c4 a6 15.Ba4 Re7 16.Ng3 Ne5 17.Ne4 Reb7 18.b3 Rb4 19.Bd2 Rxa4 20.bxa4 Bf5 21.Rde1 h4 22.h3 Ng6 23.Re3 Nf4 24.g4 1-0 Gardon,E (2757)-Molina,R (2863) 22/332 Biel 1976 (9.1);

B) 9...h6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Bf4 *(11.Be3 Nf8 12.c4 Qc7 13.h3 Be6 14.c5 Be7 15.Nf4 Bd7 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Qc8 18.Rad1 Ne6 19.b4 Nc7 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Nxc7 Qxc7 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Bxh6 a5 24.Rd3 Bf8 25.Rfd1 Rad8* ½-½ Piorun,K (2592)-Svane,R (2632) Chessable Masters Div 3 Win Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.3) *)* 11...Nf8 12.Qd2 Bxf4 13.Nxf4 Qa5 14.h4 Bd7 15.a3 Ne6 16.Rfe1 Rad8 17.Re4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Rxe4 19.Qxe4 f5 20.Qe7 b5 21.Bc2 1-0 Esipenko,A (2677)-Aronyak,G (2529) Kazan BRICS Games Rapid Team 2024 (6.2)]

7.Be3 g6 8.Be2 White is slightly better. **8...Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Re1 Nb6 12.c4 Rd8 13.Qb3 Bf8 14.a3 Be6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Qc3 Bg7 17.Qc1 Bf5 18.Nh4** Nxf5 would now be deadly. **18...Be6 19.g3** 0.59/24

[19.Nf3± 1.06/24]

19...g5

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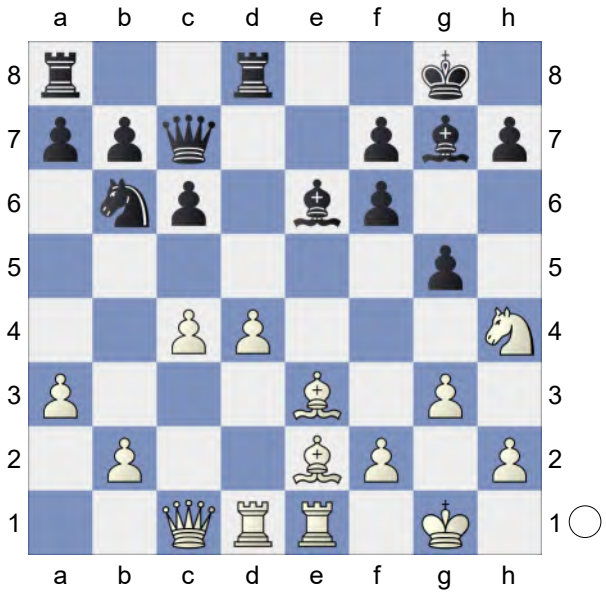
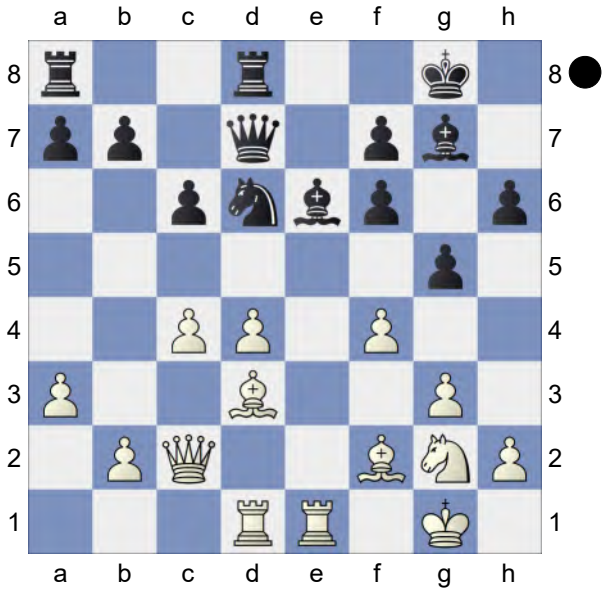


20.Ng2 h6 21.Qc2 Nc8 22.f4 Qd7 23.Bd3 Strongly threatening f5. **23...Nd6 24.Bf2**



And now d5! would win. **24...Bh3** 0.49/25

[24...Bg4= 0.12/21 was preferrable.]

25.Qc1 -0.45/23

[25.Ne3± 0.49/25]

25...Rac8 0.19/20

[Better is 25...Bg4∓ -0.45/23 26.Be2 Bxe2 27.Rxe2 Re8]

26.b3 -0.36/24

[26.c5!= 0.19/20 Nf5 27.Qc4]

26...a6 27.Qc2 Kh8 0.36/20

[27...Re8= -0.15/23]
28.Qd2 0.00/25
[28.Ne3± 0.36/20 feels stronger.]
28...Bg4 The position is equal. **29.Be2 Bh3 30.Bd3** Inhibits Ne4. **30...Bg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

D38
□ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
■ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl** **2308**
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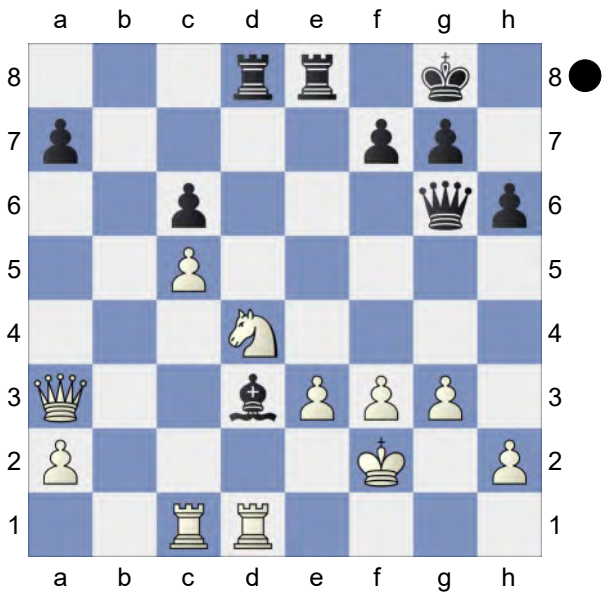
[Kitty Kat]

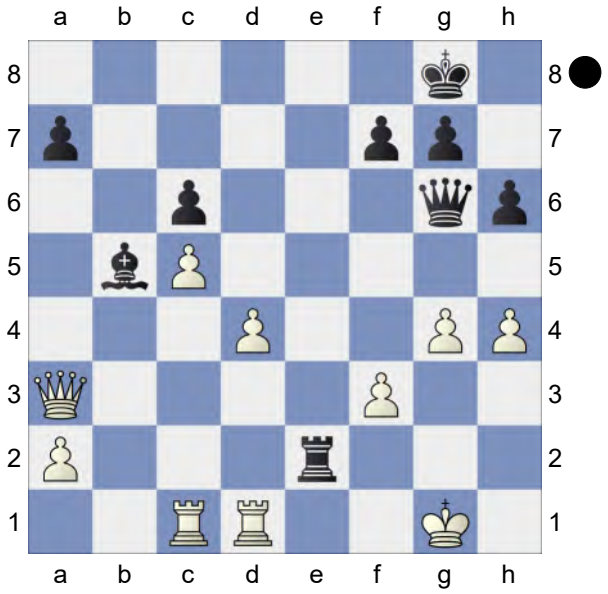
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nc6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e3 0-0 11.Bb5** 0.09/20
[11.0-0-0!± 0.54/23 might be stronger.]
11...d4!= Pin **12.Bxc6 dxc3** The position is equal. **13.Qxb4 cxb2 14.Rb1 bxc6**
[14...a5 is interesting. 15.Qd4 Qxc6 16.0-0 Be6]
15.Qxb2
[15.0-0!?]
15...Qf5 Threatens to win with ...Ba6!
[15...Qg6 16.0-0 Bh3 17.Nh4 Qg5 18.Qd4 Rfd8 19.Qa4 Bg4 20.g3 Bh3 21.Rfc1 Qf6 22.Qf4 Qe6 23.Nf3 Qxa2 24.g4 Qe6 25.Nd4 Rxd4 26.exd4 Rd8 27.f3 h5 28.Re1 Qg6 29.Rb8 Rxb8 30.Qxb8+ 1-0 Hosmer,H (2660)-Jechov,J (2590) ARG ol2 corr Argentina 1973 (8)]
16.Rc1 -0.25/22
[16.0-0± 0.34/23 Qxc5 17.Rfc1 Qd5 18.Nd4 c5 19.Qb5 Bh3 20.gxh3 Qg5+ 21.Kf1 cxd4 22.Qxg5 hxg5 23.exd4 Rad8 24.Rb4 Queen'S Gambit-6. ♗f6 ♕f6 7. ♕b3 Survey 2022]
16...Ba6 White must now prevent ... Rab8. Black has compensation. **17.Qa3! Bb5N** 0.43/21
[17...Bd3∓ -0.49/26 18.Nd4 Qg6 19.Rg1 Rfd8 20.Qb2 *(20.Qc3 Rd5 21.f3 Rh5 22.Kf2 Rxh2 23.e4 Ba6 24.Nf5* D 38/32 2003*)* 20...Rd5 21.f3 Rh5 22.Kf2 Rxh2 23.e4 Ba6 24.Nf5 Re8 25.Rcd1 Kh7 26.Rd6 Re6 27.Qd2 Qf6 28.Rd1 Rh5 29.Qd4 Rxf5 30.exf5 Re2+ 31.Kg1 Qxf5 32.a4 Qg5 1-0 Kaidanov,G (2611)-Serper,G (2540) USA-ch Gr-B Salt Lake City 1999 (3) 33.Qg4 Qxc5+ 34.Kh2 Re5 35.Qd4 Qa5 36.Rd7 Be2 37.Rd2 a6 38.Rxe2 Rxe2 39.Qd3+ f5 40.Qxe2 Qxa4 41.Qe5 Qh4+ 42.Kg1 Qg5 43.Kf2 1-0 Zienkiewicz,J (2611)-4.Da4 --- (2540) (ol) 97/378 Torino 2006 (3)]
18.Nd4± Qg6 19.g3
[Of course not 19.Nxb5 Qxg2 20.Rf1 cxb5=]
19...Bd3 1.09/20
[⌓19...Rfd8 0.73/21 20.Nxb5 cxb5]
20.f3!± Rad8 aiming for ...Rxd4! **21.Kf2 Rfe8** Strongly threatening ...Rxd4!
22.Rhd1? -4.07/24
[22.Qxa7 Rxd4 23.Rhd1 Qh5-+]
[22.Qc3± 1.11/22]

(Diagram)

This costs White the game. **22...Rxd4!-+**
23.exd4 -9.72/36
[⌓23.Qc3 -4.11/18 Rc4 24.Qd2]
[23.h4 Qf5]
23...Re2+ Black is clearly winning.



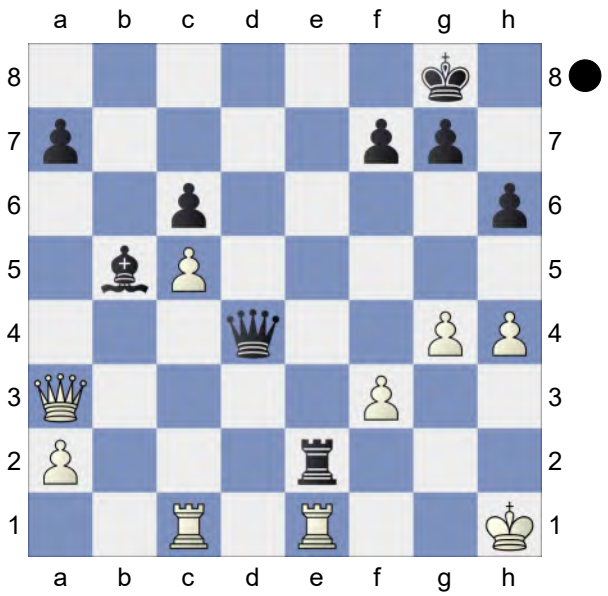
24.Kf1 Bb5! 25.Kg1 Qh5 26.h4 Qg6! 27.g4



Qf6! 28.Re1 Qxd4+ 29.Kh1

(Diagram)

Qf2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1



E49
□ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
■ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
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[Kitty Kat]

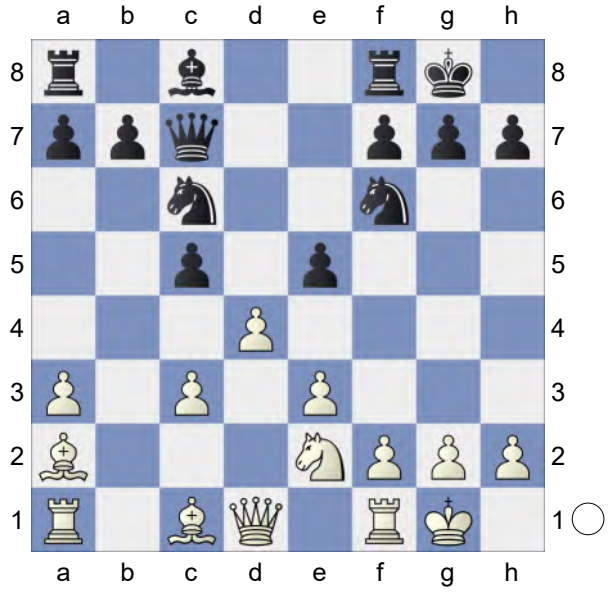
E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Ba2 e5** 0.57/22
[10...b6= 0.16/21 should be considered. 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Re1 *(12.Bb2 Nc6 13.c4 cxd4 14.exd4 Na5 15.d5 Bxc4 16.Rc1 Rac8 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nd4 Qf4 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.Rxc4 Nxc4 21.dxe6 Nd2 22.exf7+ Rxf7 23.Ne6 Qf5 24.Re1 Rd7 25.Qc1 Kf7 26.Qc8 Qxe6* 1-0 Veronesi,P (2384)-Herrero Crespo, M (2502) 52/(258) Niksic 1991 (5)*)* 12...Nc6 13.Ng3 Rad8 14.Bb2 e5 15.Qc2 Rd7 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.h3 c4 18.a4 Re8 19.Ba3 e4 20.Bb1 Rd5 21.Ne2 Rg5 22.Nf4 Bc8 23.Qe2 Qd7 24.Qxc4 Na5 25.Qb4 Nd5

0-1 Sokolov,I (2670)-Polgar,J (2710) 98/411 Hoogeveen 2006]

11.0-0± Nc6N 1.02/20

[11...Rd8± 0.52/18]

[11...b6 12.Ng3 Ba6 13.Re1 Nbd7 14.e4 Rad8 15.Nf5 g6 16.Ne7+ Kg7 17.Bg5 Rde8 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 h6 20.Be3 Nf6 21.dxe5 Qxe5 22.Qd2 Qh5 23.c4 E 49/05 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008 Kh7 24.Bf4 Nxd5 25.cxd5 g5 26.Bd6 Rg8 27.e5 Qg6 28.Re3 Rd8 29.Be7 Rd7 30.d6 Re8 31.Rae1 Bc4 32.Qc3 Bd5 33.h3 Qf5 34.Qd2 Qe6 35.h4 g4 36.Qd3+ Kg8 37.Bf6 Bc6 38.Qc2 1-0 Strick,E (2673)-Nespor,I (2651) FRA-ch Veterans Aix les Bains 2003 (6.4) c4 39.Rd1 b5 40.Rg3 1-0 Sokolov,I (2673)-Miroshnichenko,E (2651) EU-Cup 23rd Kemeri 2007 (6.4)]



12.d5!± Na5 White is better. **13.c4 b6 14.Bb2 Ba6** 1.44/23

[⌓14...Ne8 0.94/22]

15.Rc1 Ne8 16.e4 0.78/21

[⌓16.Ng3 1.38/19]

16...Qe7 1.64/25

[16...f6± 0.78/21 might work better.]

17.f4 Nd6 18.Ng3

[18.fxe5?! Ndxc4 19.Bc3 Ne3= *(19...Nxe5? 20.Rf5±)*]

18...f6 1.49/19

[⌓18...exf4 1.11/21 19.Rxf4 f6 *(19...Naxc4? 20.Bxc4 Bxc4 21.e5+-)*]

19.fxe5 fxe5 20.Nf5 Nxf5 21.exf5

[21.Rxf5 Rxf5 22.exf5 Qg5±]

21...Qf6 2.26/22

[21...Rae8 1.63/19 was called for. 22.Rc3 *(22.d6 Qd7∓)* 22...Qd7]

22.Qg4 1.11/20

[22.Rc3+- 2.26/22]

22...Rae8 23.Rce1↑ Keeping Black busy. **23...Rf7** 1.79/20

[23...Bc8± 1.20/19]

24.Re4 0.40/20

[24.Rf3+- 1.79/20]

24...Rfe7? 3.55/22

[Black should try 24...Bc8± 0.40/20]

25.Bc1 h6 26.Qh5 Qf7? 4.53/21

[26...Rf8 1.93/20 keeps fighting. 27.Rg4 e4]

27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Rg4 Rf7 29.g3? 1.48/20

[29.Rg6+- 4.58/20 and White stays clearly on top.]

29...Ref8 2.62/20

[29...Qd6± 1.48/20 30.Rg6 Rf6]

30.Bb2+-

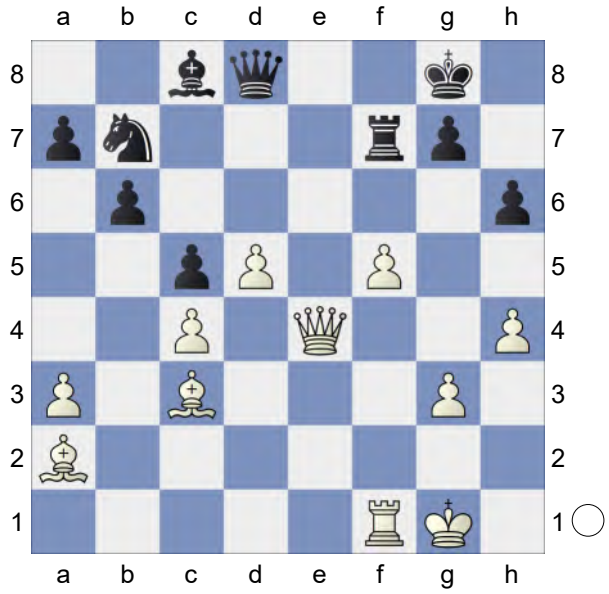
[30.Rg6 Qxg6 31.fxg6 Rxf1+ 32.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1 Bxc4+ 34.Bxc4 Nxc4∓]

30...Bc8 3.51/21

[⌓30...Nb7 2.46/20 31.Qe1 *(31.Bxe5 Re8+-; 31.Qxe5 Qxe5 32.Bxe5 Re8±; 31.Rg6 Qxg6 32.fxg6 Rxf1+ 33.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Nd6±)* 31...h5]

31.Bxe5 Re8 32.Re4 Qg5 33.h4 Qd8 34.Bc3 1.99/18 A strong pair of Bishops.

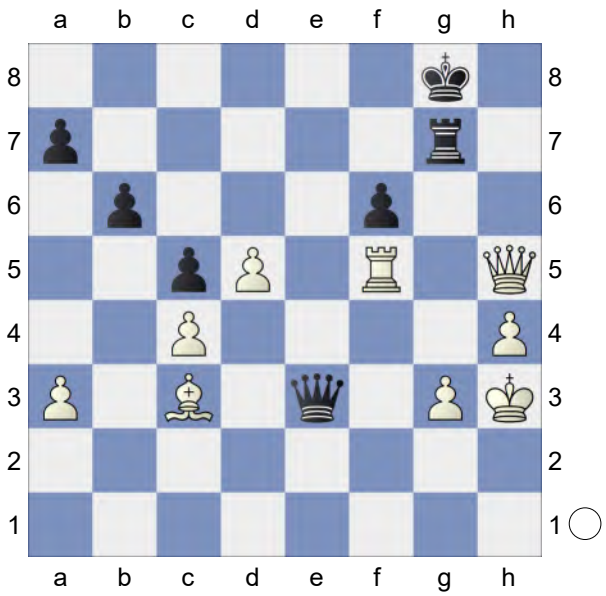
[⩲34.f6 3.73/20 gxf6 35.Bf4]
34...Rxe4 35.Qxe4 Nb7? 4.14/23
[35...Qe7± 1.56/17 36.Qd3 Nb7]



This costs Black the game. **36.f6! gxf6**
37.Bb1 Threatens to win with Bxf6!
37...Nd6 38.Qf4 Bh3 39.Rf2
[39.Bxf6 Qf8 40.Rf3 Bc8]
39...Qe7 40.Kh2
[40.Bxf6? perishes. Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Ne8 42.Kxh3 Qh1+ 43.Rh2 Qxb1 44.Qg4+ Kf8-+]
40...Bd7 41.Qxh6 Nf5 8.73/20
[⩲41...Ne8 5.18/19 42.Bg6 Rf8]
42.Bxf5 Bxf5 43.Rxf5 Qe2+ 44.Kh3 Rg7 Prevents Rg5. **45.Qh5**
[45.Rxf6? loses. Qg4+ 46.Kg2 Qxg3+ 47.Kf1 Qxc3-+]
45...Qe3

(Diagram)

46.Be5 Qg1
[46...Qxe5 47.Rxe5]
47.Qe8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.70
1-0



B52
□ **Heinemann,Josefine 2305**
■ **Kamalidenova,Meruert 2378**
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[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Bd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4

Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 e5 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.a3 Be7 8.0-0 Bd8 9.Rb1 White has an edge. **9...Nge7 10.b4 0-0 11.d3 f5 12.exf5 Nxf5 13.Qe2 cxb4 14.axb4 Bb6 15.Nd5 Ncd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Qe4 Rae8 18.b5 Re6** 0.89/20

[18...Rf7± 0.46/23]

19.Be3± Kh8 20.Rbe1 Ree8 21.h3 Bc5 22.Bxc5 dxc5 23.Ra1 b6 24.Ra2 0.19/23

[24.Ne3± 0.76/22]

24...Nd6= 25.Qg4 Qf7 0.70/20

[25...Qxg4!= 0.18/24 26.hxg4 e4]

26.Rfa1 0.19/26

[Better is 26.Re1± 0.70/20]

26...Nc8 1.63/20

[26...e4= 0.19/26]

27.Re1 1.14/19

[27.f3+- 1.63/20]

27...Nd6± 28.Rea1 0.15/23

[28.Re3± 1.07/25]

28...Nc8 1.47/20

[28...e4= 0.15/23]

29.Re1 0.99/19 White has more active pieces.

[⌓29.f3 1.47/20]

29...Nd6 30.Rea1 0.00/38 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.28 (precise)

[White should play 30.Re3± 1.11/26]

½-½

A33

□ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**

■ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**

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[Kitty Kat]

A33: Symmetrical English: 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Nc3 Nc6 **1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6**

[5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qc2 e6 9.g3 Nxc3 10.Qxc3 Qd5 11.Rg1 a5 12.a3 Bb4 13.axb4 axb4 14.Rxa8 bxc3 15.Rxc8+ Kd7 16.Rxh8 c2 17.Bd2 Qa5 18.Rd8+ Qxd8 19.e3 Qa8 20.Bc1 ½-½ Miettinen,S (2592)-Libaire,E (2475) Grand Swiss Isle of Man 2019 (11)]

[5...g6 6.g3 d6 7.Bg2 Bd7 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nb3 0-0 10.c5 dxc5 11.Nxc5 Rc8 12.Be3 b6 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Rc1 Qxd1 15.Rfxd1 Ng4 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Nd5 Rxc1 19.Nxe7+ Kh8 20.Bxc1 1-0 Cordova,E (2629)-Aguilar Monsivais,V (2040) LXI Mexican Open 2015 Monterrey MEX (1.1)]

6.g3N

[6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.e3 0-0 11.Be2 a6 *(11...Bf5 12.Nb5 Qb6 13.0-0 a6 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Qxd4 16.exd4 Rac8 17.Bd1 Bc2 18.Be3 Bxd1 19.Rfxd1 Rc2 20.Rd2 Rfc8 21.Rxc2 Rxc2 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Nd7 24.Kf1 Nf8 25.Ke2 Ne6 26.Kd3* 0-1 Saidy,A-Fischer,R ch-USA 1963 *)* 12.Bf3 Ne5 13.Bxd5

Bg4 14.f3 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Qh4+ 16.Ke2 Be6 17.Qxe5 Bc4+ 18.Kd1 Qf2 19.Bd2 Rfd8 20.Ne4 Bb3+ 1-0 Rogers,I (2618)-Solomon,J (2435) Saintly Cup Sydney 1999 (8)]

[6.e3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.a3 Be7 9.Bd3 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd4 11.exd4 Nxd5 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Bf4 Bd7 14.Be5 Bc6 A 33/02 2000]

6...Qb6 7.Ndb5 Ne5 8.Bg2 a6 9.Qa4 Rb8 10.Na3 h5 11.0-0 h4 12.Bf4 hxg3 13.Bxg3 Rh5 14.Rab1 Qb4 15.Qxb4 Bxb4 16.Nc2⇄ White has counterplay **16...Be7 17.b4 b6 18.c5 Bb7** Threatens to win with ...Bxg2. **19.cxb6**

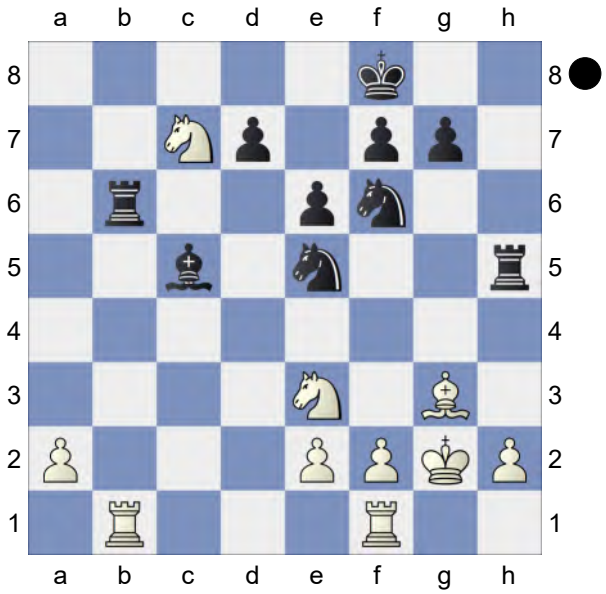
[19.Bxb7 simplifies Rxb7 20.cxb6 Rxb6 21.Rfc1]

19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rxb6 21.b5 axb5 22.Nxb5

[22.Rxb5 simplifies Rxb5 23.Nxb5 Nc6 24.Ncd4]

22...Kf8 23.Nc7 Bc5 And now ...Rc6 would win. **24.Ne3?** -1.93/20

[24.Rxb6= -0.25/20 and White stays safe. Bxb6 25.Nb5]



24...Ke7 25.a4 Bxe3 26.fxe3 Rxb1 -0.97/20

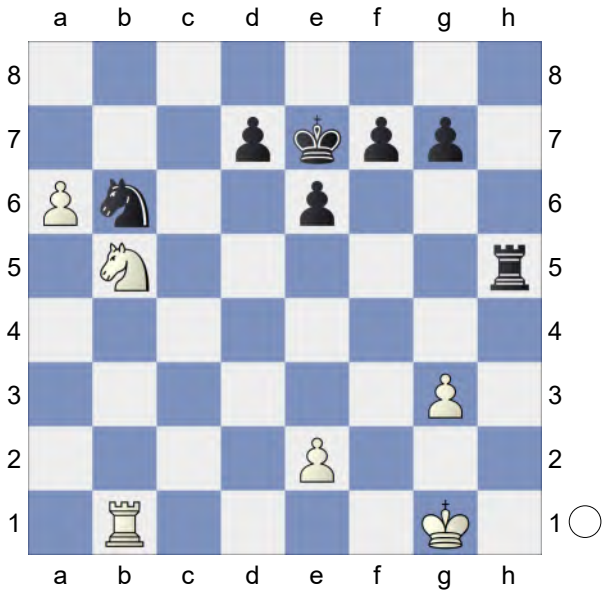
[⌓26...Rc6 -1.57/21 27.Rfc1 Nc4]

27.Rxb1∓ Nc4 Prevents a5 **28.Nb5 Nxe3+** 0.00/27

[Black should play 28...Nd5∓ -0.90/19 29.Kh1 f6 *(29...Ncxe3 30.a5±; 29...Ndxe3 30.Be1∓)*]

29.Kg1!= Ne4 Inhibits Bd6+. **30.a5 Nd5** A dynamic duo of knights. **31.a6** Black must now prevent a7. **31...Nxg3 32.hxg3** Hoping for a7. **32...Nb6** 0.87/23

[32...Rh8!= 0.10/25]



33.Nc7 0.00/29

[33.Na7!± 0.87/23 Na8 34.Nc8+ Kd8 35.Rb8]

33...Kd6 34.Nxe6

[34.Rxb6+ Kxc7 35.Rb7+ Kd6∓]

34...fxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

½-½

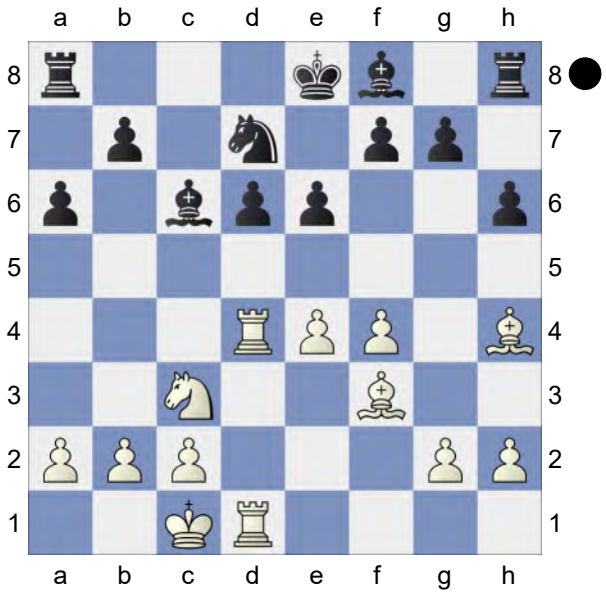
B97

□ **Nayak,Rajesh** 2292
■ **Arun,Kataria** 2370
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (2.60) 04.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

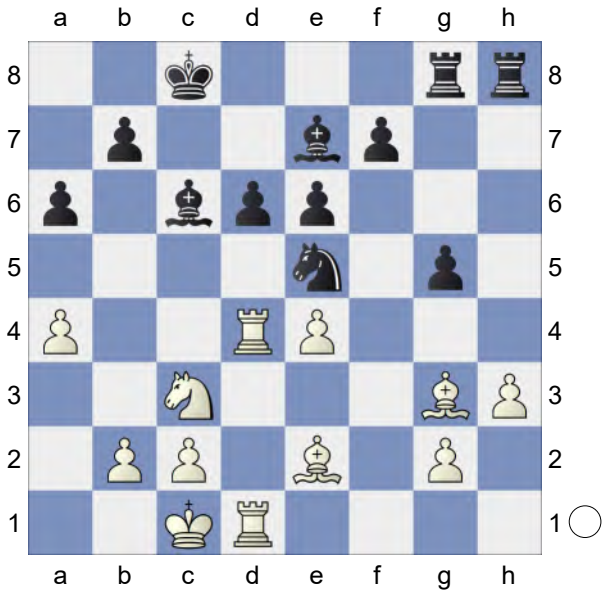
B97: Sicilian Najdorf: Poisoned Pawn
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Rxd4 Bd7
[11...Be7 12.Na4 Bd7 13.Nb6 Rd8 14.Nxd7 Rxd7 15.Be2 h6 16.Bh4 Nh5 17.Bxh5 Bxh4 18.Rhd1 Bf2 19.R4d3 Ke7 20.Kb1 Rc8 21.Bg4 Rc4 22.Bf3 g6 23.b3 Rcc7 24.Be2 Rd8 25.g4 Bc5 26.Rh3 1-0 Hantel,T (2777)-Woelk,S (2747) corr EM / CL / Q08-1 ICCF 2002 (4)]
12.Be2 Bc6 13.Bf3 Nd7N The position is equal.
[13...Be7 14.Bh4 Rd8 15.Rhd1 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Rxd8+ Bxd8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Bg4 h5 20.Be2 Bg5+ 21.Kb1 h4 22.h3 g6 23.Bc4 Bf4 24.Bd5 Rh5 25.Bxc6+ bxc6 26.Rf1 Rg5 27.Rf2 Rg3 28.a4 0-1 Mueller,J (2250)-Sivenkov,O (2685) 103/229 London 2008 (4) Bg5 29.Ka2 Be7 30.Re2 Kd7 31.Kb3 Bd6 32.Kc4 f5 33.b4 f4 34.Rf2 g5 35.b5 cxb5+ 36.axb5 axb5+ 37.Nxb5 Ke6 38.Rd2 Be7 39.Nc7+ Kf7 40.Nd5 Ba3 41.c3 f3 42.Rf2 Rxg2 43.Rxf3+ 0-1 Mendez Fortes,E (2250)-Sarana,A (2685) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4)]
14.Rhd1 h6 15.Bh4

(Diagram)

g5! 16.fxg5 Be7 17.Bg3

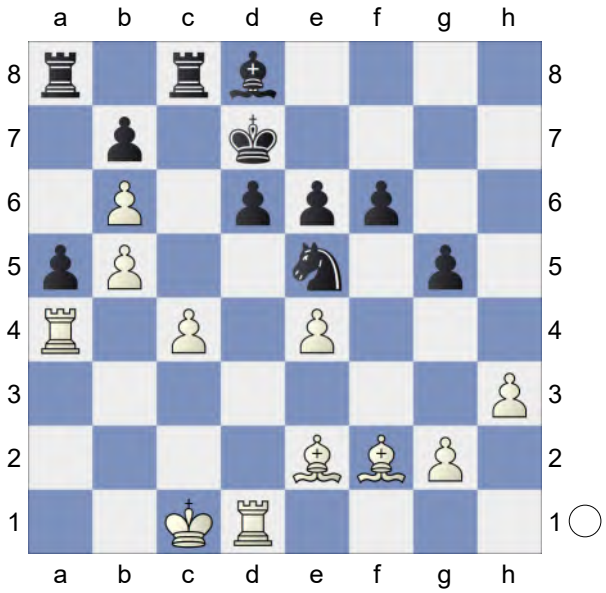


[Don't blunder 17.e5? Bxf3 *(17...hxg5 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Bg3∓; 17...dxe5 18.Rg4∓)* 18.gxf3 hxg5 19.exd6 Bf6∓ *(19...gxh4 20.dxe7 Nf6 21.Rc4±)*]
17...hxg5 18.h3 Ne5 Threatens to win with …Nxf3. **19.Be2 0-0-0 20.a4 Rdg8** 1.11/24
[20...g4= 0.06/21]



21.b4 0.27/21
[21.Rxd6!± 1.11/24 Bxd6 22.Rxd6]
21...Be8 1.11/21

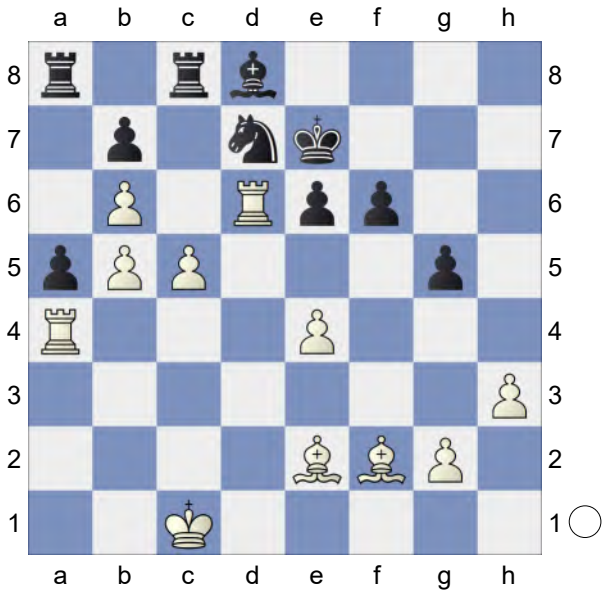
[21...g4= 0.27/21 22.hxg4 f6 *(22...Nxg4 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6=)*]
22.b5± a5 2.28/22
[22...axb5± 1.13/19 23.Nxb5 Bxb5 24.Bxb5 Rg7 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Rc4+ Kb8]
23.b6 1.09/22
[23.Rxd6!+- 2.28/22 Bxd6 24.Rxd6]
23...f6 1.76/23
[23...g4± 1.09/22]
24.Nb5+- Bxb5 25.axb5 0.63/21
[25.Bxb5± 1.51/23 Black must now prevent Kb2. Rd8 26.Bc4]
25...Kd7± Black is weak on the light squares **26.Ra4↑** White has the initiative. **26...Ra8 27.c4** White is more active. **27...Rhc8 28.Bf2 Bd8?** 2.92/21
[28...Ke8= 0.12/21 and Black is okay.]



A mistake that costs the game. **29.c5!+- Ke7 30.Rxd6 Nd7**

(Diagram)

31.Rxd7+ Kxd7 32.Kb2 Rcb8 33.Bg3 e5 34.Bg4+ Ke7 35.Bf2 Kf7 36.Kb3



Be7 37.c6 White is clearly winning. **37...bxc6 38.bxc6 Bd8 39.b7 Ra6 40.Bd7 Rb6+ 41.Bxb6 Bxb6 42.Kc4 Rd8 43.Kb5 Bc7 44.Rxa5 Ke7 45.Ra8 Rb8 46.Ka6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.45
1-0

B40
□ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
■ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
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[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6**
[3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bc4 Be8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bc6 17.Ne5 Bd5 18.a3 1-0 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) 64/339 Amsterdam 1995 (3)]
4.e5 Nd5 5.g3N
[5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6

8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.b4 Raf8 18.Bb2 Rxf3 19.gxf3 Bxh3 0-1 Sermek,A (1678)-Fields,P (1942) 134 Linz 2014 (7) 20.Kh1 Rf4 21.Rg1 Bg5 22.Rg3 Bf5 23.Ba2 Be6 24.Qe2 Bf7 25.Re1 d4 26.Qe8+ Qxe8 27.Rxe8+ Kh7 28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.Kg2 Rd7 30.b5 Ne7 31.Rg4 d3 32.Bc3 Ng6 33.Re1 Nf4+ 34.Kf1 Nd5 0-1 Rohith,S (1678)-Adireddy,A (1942) Asia-ch Rapid U20 Jamshedpur 2023 (7)]

5...Nc6 6.Bg2 d6 7.exd6 Bxd6 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Na3 Be7 10.Nc4 Qa6 11.Ne3 -0.15/24

[Better is 11.Nce5± 0.54/23]

11...Nxe3= 12.dxe3 0-0 13.e4 e5 14.Re1 Be6 15.Ng5 Bc4 16.Qh5!→ Black needs to defend precisely. **16...h6** 0.64/21

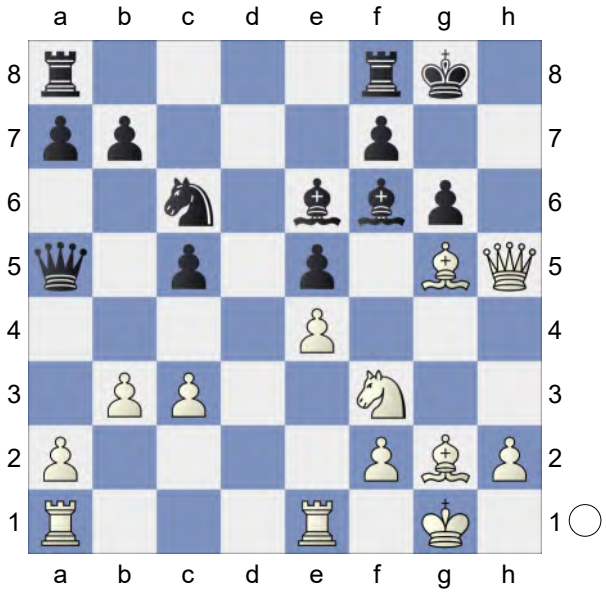
[16...Bxa2 17.Qxh7#]

[16...Bxg5!= 0.09/25 17.Bxg5 Rfe8]

17.Nf3!± Bf6 18.Be3 Qb5 19.b3 Be6 20.g4 Qa5 0.76/22

[20...Rad8± 0.37/21]

21.g5± hxg5 22.Bxg5 g6



23.Qh4

[23.Qh6?! Bg7 24.Qh4 Qxc3=]

23...Bg7 24.Rad1 f6

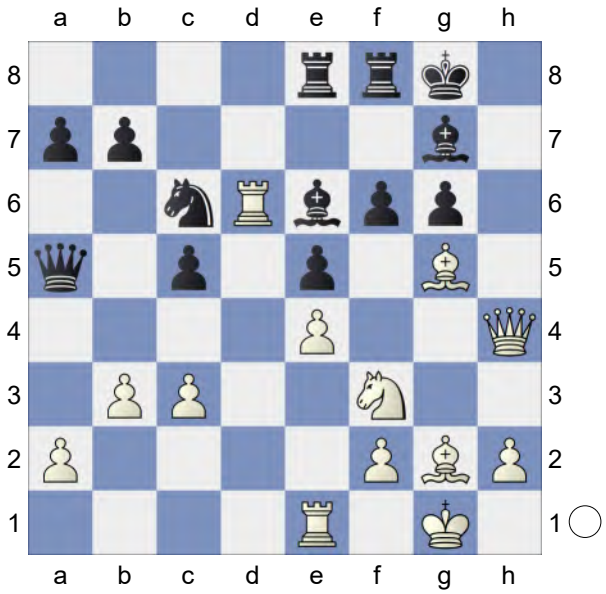
[24...Qxc3?! 25.Bd2 Qc2 26.Be3= *(26.Ng5 Rfd8=)*]

25.Rd6 0.94/18

[⌓25.Bh3! 1.30/22 Bxh3 26.Qxh3]

25...Rae8

[25...fxg5? loses. 26.Nxg5 Rf7 27.Qh7+ *(27.Nxe6 Ne7+-)* 27...Kf8 28.Nxe6+ Ke7 29.Red1+- *(29.Qxg6 Nd4+-)*]



26.Be3 0.31/20

[White should try 26.Rxe6!± 0.73/22 Rxe6 27.Qg4]

26...Qxa2± 27.Qg3 Bf7 28.Bxc5 -0.20/20

[28.Nh4± 0.33/20 Kh7 29.Qh3 *(29.Bxc5 Rd8=)*]

28...Rd8!= And now ...Rxd6 would win.

29.Rxc6 Discovered Attack **29...bxc6**

30.Bxf8 Kxf8 0.04/25

[Black should play 30...Bxf8∓ -0.85/22 31.h4 Be7 *(31...Qxb3 32.h5=)*]

31.Nh4 The position is equal. **31...Qxb3**

32.Nxg6+ Bxg6 33.Qxg6 Qxc3

[33...Rd1 simplifies 34.Rxd1 Qxd1+

35.Bf1 Qc1]
34.Rb1 Qc2 35.Rb7 Qc1+ 36.Bf1 Really sharp! **36...Qg5+ 37.Qxg5 fxg5 38.Rxa7** Endgame. KRB-KRB **38...Rd4 39.Rc7 Rxe4 40.Rxc6 Rg4+ 41.Bg2 e4 42.h3 Rf4 43.Rc4 Bf6 44.Bxe4 g4 45.hxg4 Rxg4+ 46.Kf1 Rf4 47.Ke2 Ke7 48.f3 Be5 49.Ra4 Rf8 50.Ra7+ Kd6 51.Kd3 Rd8 52.Ke3 Rf8 53.Ra6+ Kd7 54.Bd5 Rf6 55.Ra8 Bc7 56.Kd4 Rf4+ 57.Be4 Rf6 58.Kc5 Ke7 59.Rc8 Kd7 60.Rg8 Ke7 61.Bd5 Bd6+ 62.Kd4 Rf4+ 63.Be4 Rf8 64.Rg2 Rf6 65.Kd5 Bc7 66.Rg7+ Rf7 67.Rg5 Rf6 68.Bf5 Bf4 69.Rg7+ Rf7 70.Rg4 Rxf5+** KRB-KR **71.Ke4 Rf7 72.Rxf4 Rxf4+** Remove Defender **73.Kxf4** KP-K **73...Kf6 74.Ke4** Intending Kf4 and mate.
[74.Kg4!? Kg6□ 75.Kh4=]
74...Ke6 75.f4
[75.Kf4!? Kf6□ 76.Kg4=]
75...Kf6 76.f5 Kf7 77.Ke5 Ke7 78.f6+ Kf7 79.Kf5 Kf8 80.Ke6 White threatens f7 and mate.
[80.Ke5!?]
80...Ke8 81.f7+ Kf8 82.Kf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) / Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

D35
□ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
■ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
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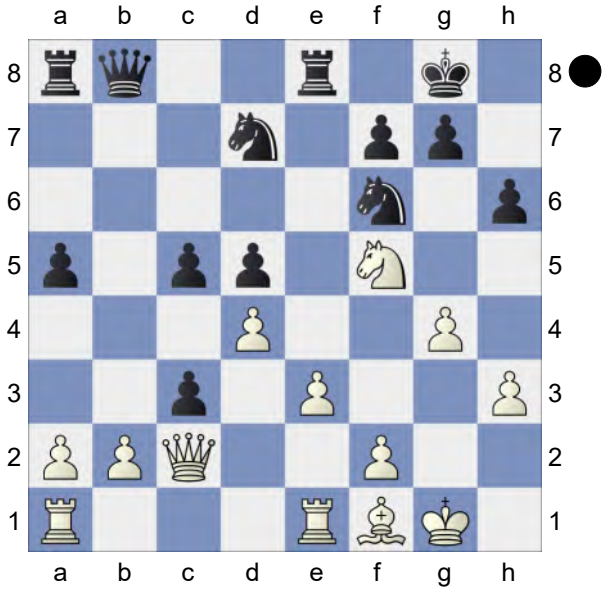
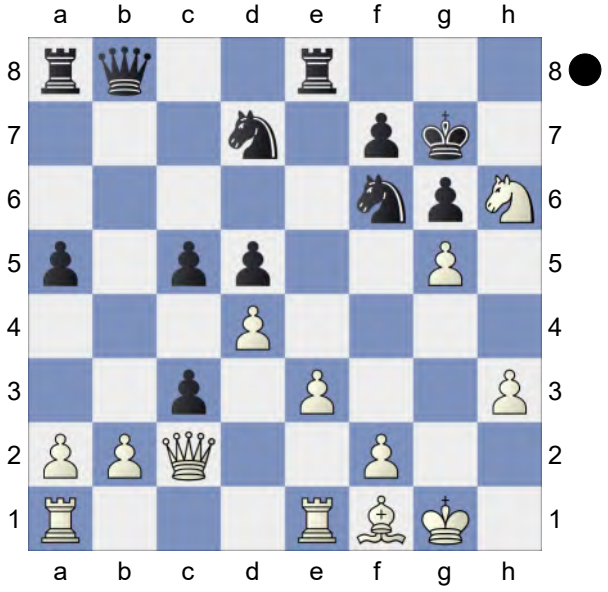
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.0-0**
[10.Qc2 Nf8 11.0-0 g6 12.Rae1 Ne6 13.Bh4 Ng7 14.f3 Nf5 15.Bf2 c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.exd4 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 Bf8 20.Qb3 Bg7 21.g4 a6 22.h4 b5 23.g5 Nh5 24.Qxd5 Be6 ½-½ Mamedyarov,S (2733)-Sindarov,J (2674) FIDE World Rapid Team Almaty KAZ 2024 (8.7)]
10...a5 The position is equal. **11.Qc2 h6N**
[11...Nf8 12.f3 b5 13.Rae1 Ba6 14.Ng3 b4 15.Na4 Ne6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Nf5 h5 19.Rc1 g6 20.Ng3 Qb8 21.Ne2 Qb5 22.Rcd1 Raa8 23.b3 Rac8 24.Qd3 Kg7 25.Rd2 Qxd3 26.Rxd3 0-1 Ivanov,V (2523)-Mokriak,L (2557) Christmas Congress 1946/47-22 Premier Hastings (6.1) c5 27.dxc5 Nxc5 28.Nxc5 Rxc5 29.Nf4 d4 30.e4 Rc2 31.Rf2 Rec8 32.Rfd2 Rxd2 33.Rxd2 Bg5 34.g3 h4 35.Rxd4 Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Rc2+ 37.Ng2 Rxa2 38.e5 Bd2 39.Rd7 a4 40.e6 Kf8 41.bxa4 0-1 Tan,Z (2523)-Goryachkina,A (2557) FIDE World Cup (Women) Baku 2023 (6.1)]
[11...g6 12.Ng3 b5 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.e4 b4 ½-½ Yakubboev,N (2634)-Sindarov,J (2668) Tashkent UzChess Masters 2024 (7)]
12.Bf4 Bf8 13.Bh2 b5 14.Ng3 Ba6 15.Rfe1 -0.19/18
[⌓15.Rfd1 0.20/19]
15...Bd6 0.48/18
[15...Qb6= -0.19/18]
16.Nf5 0.04/21
[16.Rac1⩲ 0.48/18]
16...Bxh2+= 17.Kxh2 c5 18.g4 -1.21/19
[18.Nxb5 Qb8+ *(18...Bxb5 19.Bxb5 Qb8+ 20.Kg1∓)* 19.Kg1 *(19.Nbd6 c4∓)* 19...c4 *(19...Bxb5 20.Bxb5*

Qxb5 21.Nd6∓) 20.Bxc4 dxc4∓ *(20...Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Qxb5 22.Nd6=)*]
[18.dxc5= 0.04/21 remains equal. Nxc5 19.Bf1]
18...b4 19.Bxa6 bxc3 20.Bf1 Qb8+ 21.Kg1



White is now going downhill. **21...g6!**
[21...cxb2?! 22.Rab1=]
22.Nxh6+ Kg7 23.g5



Ne4 The board is on fire.
[23...Qxb2?! 24.gxf6+ Kxh6 25.Qa4=]
[23...cxb2?! 24.Rab1=]
24.Bg2 Qxb2 Black is more active.
25.Bxe4 Rxe4
[25...dxe4 26.Qxb2 cxb2 27.Rab1±]
26.Qa4 -4.09/20
[26.Qxb2 -1.86/19 cxb2 27.Rab1]
26...Ne5-+ ...cxd4 would now be deadly.
Pin **27.Rab1 Nf3+ 28.Kg2?** -4.35/22
[28.Kf1 -2.48/19 is the only way for White. Nd2+ 29.Kg2 Nxb1 30.Qc6]
28...Nxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Qb7 Dodges Qc6
30.f3 -6.12/19
[⌓30.Ng4 -4.06/19]
30...Rh4 31.Kg3 Rxh6 32.gxh6+ Kxh6 33.dxc5 Endgame. KQR-KQR
33...Qc7+ 34.Qf4+ -3.44/19
[⌓34.Kg2 -2.42/18 Qxc5 35.Qf4+ Kg7 36.Rc1]
34...Qxf4+ 35.Kxf4 And now Ke5 would win. KR-KR **35...Rc8 36.Ke5 Rxc5 37.Kd4 Rc8 38.Rc1 c2 39.Kxd5 Kg5 40.Ke4 Kh4 41.f4 Kg3** -2.17/20
[⌓41...Kxh3 -4.54/24 42.Kf3 Kh2]
42.h4? -7.11/21
[42.Kd3 -2.17/20]
42...f5+ Black is clearly winning.
[And not 42...Kxh4 43.Kf3 Rh8 44.Rh1#]
43.Kd3 Kf2
[43...Kxh4 44.Rxc2 Re8 45.Rc1=]
44.a4 Rd8+ 45.Kc3 Kxe3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.38
0-1

E12

□ **Daakshin,Arun**	**2286**
■ **Wafa,Hamed**	**2359**

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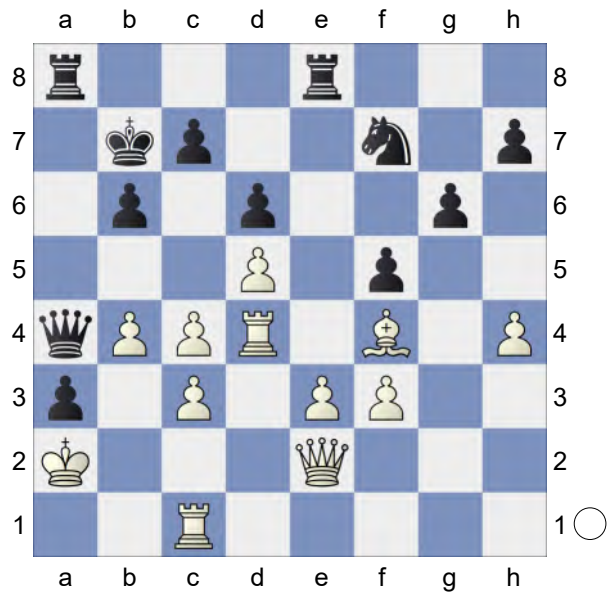
[Kitty Kat]

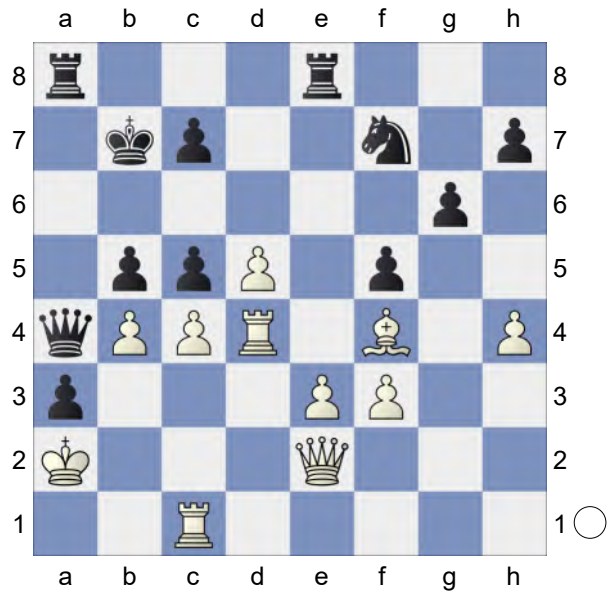
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 Fedorowicz,J: 'Inf 43/629' **1.d4 Nf6**

2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Bf4 Bb7 5.e3 Be7 6.Nc3 Bb4N
[6...Nh5 7.Bg3 0-0 *(7...d6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.0-0 Nxg3 10.hxg3 0-0 11.Be4 c6 12.Qe2 a6 13.Rfd1 Nf6 14.Bc2 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.cxd5 b5 18.a4 Qb6 19.b3 Bf6 20.Ra2 Rab8 21.g4 g6 22.g5* 0-1 7. ♗b3 (2456)-Maheswaran,P (2503) Oviedo (rapid) 59/(238) 1993 (1.5)*; 7...Nxg3 8.hxg3 Bf6 9.Qc2 g6 10.0-0-0 Qe7 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Be4 0-0-0 13.Qa4 Kb8 14.Ne1 Bg7 15.Nd3 f5 16.Bf3 g5 17.Nb5 a6 18.Nc3 e5 19.Nd5 Qf8 20.dxe5 g4 21.Be2 Nxe5 22.Qc2* 0-1 Rodriguez Vargas,O (2455)-Fedorowicz,J (2535) (open) 43/629 New York 1987*)* 8.Qc2 d6 9.Be2 g6 10.0-0-0 Nd7 11.d5 e5 12.Nd2 Ndf6 13.Kb1 a6 14.f3 Nxg3 15.hxg3 h5 16.e4 Bc8 17.Nf1 Re8 18.Ne3 Bf8 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.Rh2 Bd7 21.Rdh1 1-0 10.dc5 ♗c5 11.♗d2 (2670)-11. ♗d2 (2715) CCLA 1st League Championship Cork CCLA 1930 (1)]
7.Bd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 d6 White is slightly better. **9.Qe2** 0.03/23
[9.0-0± 0.42/19]
9...Be4 10.Bxe4 -0.24/19
[⌓10.0-0 0.26/25]
10...Nxe4= 11.Qc2 f5 12.h4 Nd7 13.g4 Qe7 14.gxf5 exf5 15.d5 -0.70/23
[15.0-0-0= -0.16/21]
15...g6 -0.30/27
[15...0-0∓ -0.70/23]
16.Nd4 Nec5 17.f3 Ne5 18.0-0-0 Kd7 -0.03/22
[18...0-0-0∓ -0.53/25]
19.Rhg1 -0.78/24
[19.Ne6!= -0.03/22 keeps the balance.]
19...Kc8
[19...Qxh4 20.Bg5 Qh5 21.Qg2+-]
20.Bg5 -1.30/23
[White should play 20.Bxe5!∓ -0.70/21 Qxe5 21.h5]
20...Qf7∓ 21.Qe2 Kb7 22.Nb3 Ned7 A dynamic duo of knights.
[22...Na4 with more complications. 23.Kc2 Rae8 24.Bf4 Qf6]
23.Qb2 -1.95/21
[23.Bf4∓ -1.07/24 was called for.]
23...a5 -0.88/22
[23...h6-+ -1.95/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 24.Bf4 Rag8]
24.Bf4 Nxb3+
[24...a4 feels hotter. 25.Nd4 a3 26.Qb5 Nb8]
25.axb3 a4 -0.52/20
[Black should try 25...Qf6∓ -0.88/23 26.Bg5 Qf7]
26.b4∓ Rhe8 -0.16/26
[26...a3∓ -0.58/24 feels stronger. 27.Qb3 a2]
27.Rd4 Ne5 28.Qe2 a3 29.Kb1 Qd7 0.73/20
[29...a2+= 0.00/25 remains equal. 30.Ka1 Qd7]
30.Ka2± Qa4 Hoping for ...Nxf3! **31.Rc1** Black must now prevent c5! Dancing on a razor blade. **31...Nf7?** 2.56/21
[31...Qa6± 0.84/24 was necessary.]

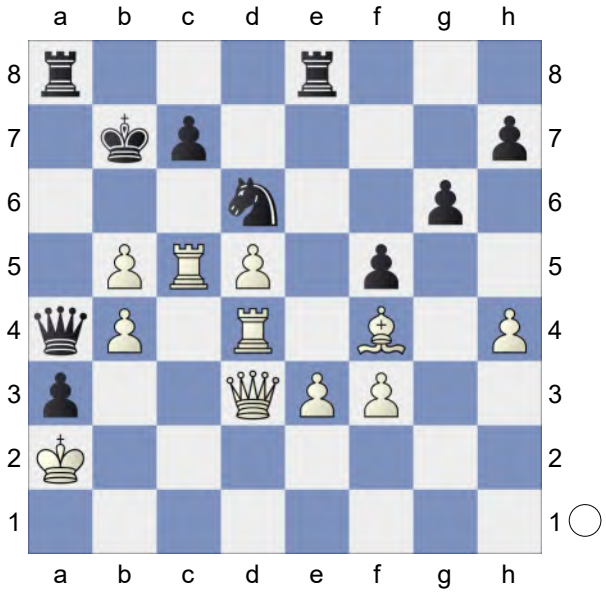
(Diagram)

32.c5!+- b5
[32...bxc5 33.bxc5]
33.c4 dxc5? 4.56/21
[33...Qxb4 1.99/18 34.Rb1 Skewer *(34.cxb5? Qxd4* Pin *35.b6 Qxd5+ 36.Qc4 Qxc4+ 37.Rxc4 Ne5-+)* 34...Qc3]

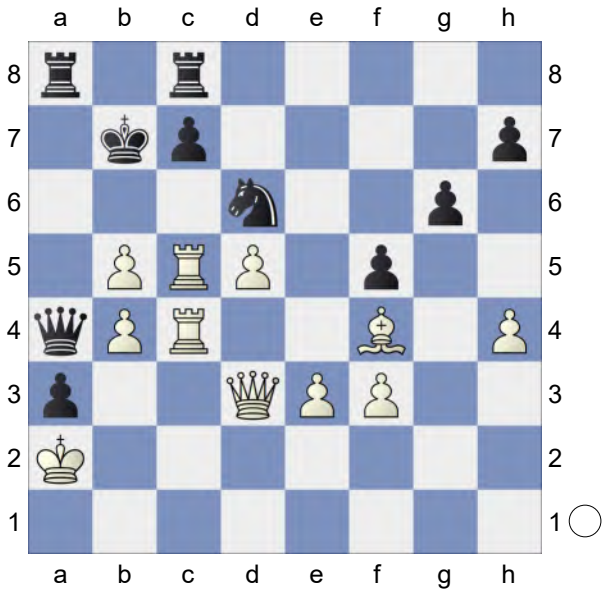




34.cxb5! Nd6
[34...cxd4 35.Rxc7+ Kb6 36.Qc4 *(36.Rxf7 Rac8=)* 36...Qxb5 37.Rc6+ *(37.exd4? Re2+ 38.Ka1 Qxc4-+; 37.exd4? Re2+ 38.Ka1 Qxc4-+)*]
[34...Re7 35.Rxc5]
35.Rxc5
[35.bxc5? Qxd4 *(35...Qxb5? 36.Rb1+-)* 36.b6 Qxf4 *(36...Qxd5+? 37.Ka1-+)* 37.cxd6 Qxd6 *(37...cxd6 38.Rc7+ Kxb6 39.Rb7+* Decoy *Kxb7 40.Qb5+ Ka7 41.Qa5+ Kb7 42.Qb5+ Ka7 43.exf4=)* 38.Rxc7+ Kb8-+]
35...Rac8 36.Qd3 Ra8



37.Rdc4! Decoy **37...Rec8**
[37...Rac8 38.Bxd6]



38.Rxc7+!! Decoy **38...Rxc7 39.Rxc7+**
[39.Bxd6 Rxc4 40.Qxc4 Rc8∓]
39...Kxc7 40.Qc3+ Deflection **40...Kd8 41.Bxd6** 11.66/23
[⌓41.Qf6+ #13/18 Kc8 42.Qe6+ *(42.Bxd6?* perishes. *Qc2+ 43.Ka1 Qd1+ 44.Ka2 Qxd5+ 45.Ka1*

Qxb5-+) 42...Kb7 43.Qd7+ *(43.Bxd6? is a self mate. Qc2+ 44.Ka1 Qb2#)* 43...Kb6 44.Qc6+ *(44.Bxd6? Qc2+ 45.Ka1 Qb2#)* 44...Ka7 45.Bxd6 *(45.Qxd6 Qc2+ 46.Kxa3 Kb7+; 45.b6+ Ka6 46.Qxa4+ Kxb6 47.Qxa8 Nb7 48.Bb8 Kb5 49.Kb3 Nc5+ 50.bxc5 g5 51.Qc6+ Ka5 52.Bc7#)* 45...Rc8 46.Qxc8 *(46.b6+ Ka6 47.Qxa4+ Kxb6 48.b5 Ra8 49.Qxa8 Kxb5 50.Qb7+ Ka5 51.Bc7+ Ka4 52.Qb3#)*]

41...Ra7 42.Qf6+ #4/25

[42.b6+- 10.55/23 Rf7 43.Qc6 *(43.Qxa3 Qc2+ 44.Qb2 Qa4+ 45.Kb1 Qd1+ 46.Qc1 Qxd5=)* 43...Qxc6 44.dxc6]

42...Kc8 White mates. **43.Qf8+ Kd7 44.Qe7+ Kc8 45.Qe8+** What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.59

1-0

A45

□ **Garv,Rai** **2277**

■ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**

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[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (2.1)]

2...d5N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation]

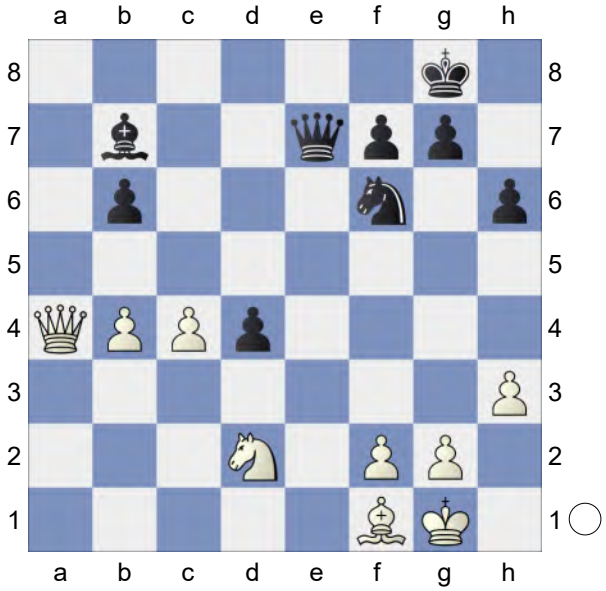
3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.Nbd2 Qb6 6.Rb1 Bd6 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.b4 The position is equal. **8...Qc7 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.c4 0-0 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 a5 13.a3 axb4 14.axb4 Nc6 15.Qb3 Qe7 16.Rfc1** And now cxd5 would win. **16...Bd7 17.Bf1 Rfc8 18.Qb2 Be8 19.Nd4** 0.10/25

[19.cxd5± 0.46/22 Nxd5 20.b5]

19...Nxd4= 20.Qxd4 e5 21.Qb2 Bc6 22.h3 h6 23.Ra1 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Ra8 25.Rxa8+ Bxa8 26.Qa1 Bb7 27.Qa4 d4? 1.93/23

[27...g6= 0.16/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]

28.exd4+- exd4



29.Qb5? 0.20/23

[29.Qa7!+- 1.92/27 Qc7 30.Nb3]

29...Qc7= 30.Nb3 Bc6! 31.Qa6 Bb7 1.64/21

[31...Qd8!± 0.39/21]

32.Qa1 0.34/22

[32.Qa7+- 1.64/21]

32...Qe7 1.44/20

[32...Qd6± 0.34/22]

33.b5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.30. Loss on time!?

[Reject 33.Qxd4?! Qxb4 34.Qd8+ Kh7=]

0-1

B90

□ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**

■ **George Samir,David** **2272**

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[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 An odd transposition to a Scheveningen with ... h6 inserted. Odeev,H: 'Inf 79/202' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3**

[6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 b4 10.Na4 h6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.b3 Bd7 13.Nb2 d5 14.Bf4 Nxf3 *(14...Qc7 15.Nd3 Nxd3+ 16.Bxd3 Qb6 17.Ne2 Bc6 18.e5 Nd7 19.Kb1 Bc5 20.Bg3 a5 21.f4 Be3 22.Qe1 a4 23.Nc1 d4 24.Rf1 Nc5 25.Qe2 axb3 26.cxb3 0-0 27.f5 Bxc1 28.Rxc1 Nxd3 29.Qxd3* 1-0 Erdogdu,M (2413)-Bodnaruk,A (2343) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (10)) 15.Nxf3 Nxe4 16.Qd4 Rg8 17.Ne5 Bc5 18.Qxe4 dxe4 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rxd7 Kxd7 0-1 Carlsen,M (2698)-Karjakin,S (2672) Cap d'Agde (m/2-rapid) 98/181 2006]

6...Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bc1 Nc6 9.Nxc6N

[9.Be2 Nf6 10.Be3 e6 11.f4 Be7 12.0-0 Bd7 13.Qe1 Qc7 14.Qg3 h5 15.Rad1 h4 16.Qf2 b5 17.a3 Rc8 18.Nb3 Qb8 19.Rd2 b4 20.axb4 Nxb4 21.Ba7 Qc7 22.Bf3 Bc6 23.Bb6 Qb8 0-1 Odeev,H (2425)-Lutz,C (2587) 1st ch-Europe Saint Vincent ITA 2000 (4) 24.Na5 Nd7 25.Bd4 0-0 26.g3 Ba8 27.Rfd1 Qc7 28.Nb3 e5 29.Be3 Qb8 30.Bg4 Nf6 31.Bf5 Nxc2 32.Rxc2 Qxb3 33.Bxc8 Rxc8 34.Rdc1 Re8 35.Qf3 exf4 36.Bxf4 d5 37.Be3 d4 38.Bxd4 Bxe4 0-1 Marciniak,M (2442)-Martincevic,N (2595) 46/461 Tilburg 1988]

9...bxc6 10.Be2 White is slightly better.

10...Nf6 11.f4 Qb6 0.72/25

[11...Qc7± 0.36/22]

12.Qd3± e5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.0-0 0.43/22

[White should play 14.0-0-0± 0.79/23]

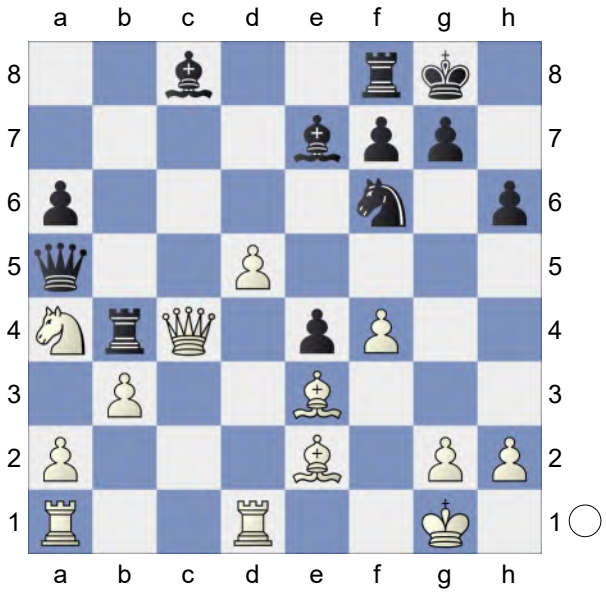
14...Be7± 15.Na4 Rb8 16.c4 0-0 17.b3 d5 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.exd5 e4 20.Qc4 Qa5 1.26/24

[20...Qb7± 0.38/22]

21.Rfd1 0.66/22

[21.Rad1± 1.26/24]

21...Rb4



22.Bd2 0.18/19 White is more active.

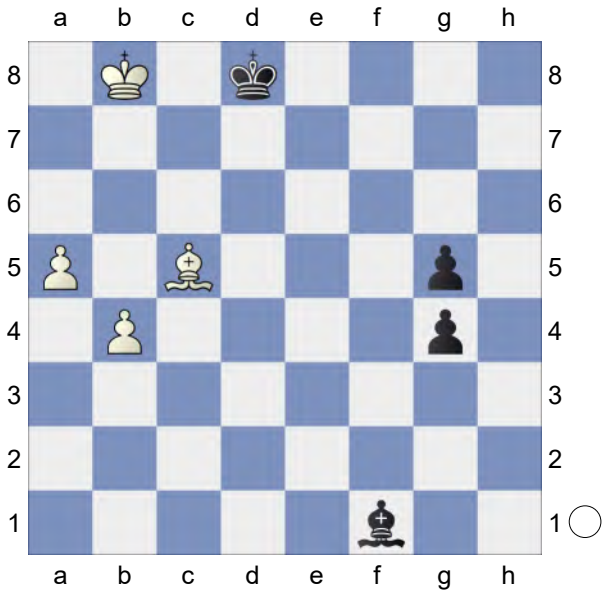
[22.Qc2!± 0.99/24 aiming for d6. Nxd5 23.Bd2]

22...Rxc4= 23.Bxa5 Rc2 24.Bc4 Bd6 0.62/23

[24...Bb7= 0.19/26]
25.Rd2 Rxd2 26.Bxd2 Re8! 27.Re1 Bb7 28.Be3 Bxd5
[28...Nxd5? 29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Rd1+-]
29.Rd1 Bxc4 30.Rxd6 Ng4 31.Bd2 e3 32.Be1
[Avoid the trap 32.Bxe3? Rxe3 *(32...Nxe3 33.bxc4 Re4 34.Kf2=)* 33.Rd1 Bb5-+]
32...Be6 33.h3 Nf6 34.Nc5 Bf5 35.g4 Bb1 36.a4 Ne4 37.Nxe4 Rxe4 38.Rxa6 Rxf4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **39.Ra8+ Kh7 40.Re8 Re4 41.Rxe4 Bxe4** KB-KB **42.b4 Bc2 43.a5 Bd3 44.Kg2** Threatens to win with Kf3. **44...Be2 45.Bc3 g5 46.Bd4 Kg6 47.Bxe3** next Bg1 is good for White. **47...f5 48.Kf2 Ba6 49.Bc5 h5 50.Ke3** Black must now prevent Kd4. **50...hxg4?** 1.91/19
[50...f4+= 0.06/33 51.Kf3 Bb7+ 52.Ke2 Ba6+ 53.Ke1 hxg4 54.hxg4 Bc8]
51.hxg4+- fxg4 52.Ke4 Kd5 is the strong threat. **52...Kf7 53.Kd5** Strongly threatening Kc6. **53...Ke8 54.Kc6 Kd8 55.Kb6**
[Less strong is 55.b5 Bxb5+ 56.Kxb5 Kc7+-]
55...Bf1 56.Kb7 Hoping for a6. **56...Bg2+ 57.Kb8 Bf1**

(Diagram)

58.Bf2 Be2 2.38/32
[⌓58...g3 1.78/34 59.Bxg3 Kd7]
59.Bg3 Kd7 60.Kb7 Bf3+ 61.Kb6 Kc8 62.Ka7 Be2 Against b5 **63.Kb6 Bf1 64.b5?** 0.12/27
[Better is 64.a6+- 2.59/38]
64...Bxb5!= Deflection. The position is equal. **65.Kxb5** Intending a6 and mate.



65...Kb7 66.a6+ Ka8 67.Kb6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

A84
□ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
■ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**
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[Kitty Kat]

A85: Dutch Defence: 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3
1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.e3N
[5.Qb3 c5 *(5...a5 6.e3 Nc6 7.Be2 d6 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 a4 10.Qc2 a3 11.c5 dxc5 12.Qb3 Ne4 13.Bxa3 c4 14.Bxc4 Na5 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Bb5 Nxc3 17.Bxd7+ Qxd7 18.Qc2 Nb5 19.Bc5 Qd5 20.Ne5* ½-½ Gurevich,M (2650)-Speelman,J (2610) Linares 09th_115286 1991 (6)) 6.a3 *(6.dxc5 Nc6 7.a3 Bxc5 8.e3 d6 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be2 0-0 11.b3 Bd7 12.Bb2 Be8 13.Rd1 Bg6 14.Nh4 Bf7 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.0-0 Rad8 17.Rfe1 Ng4 18.h3 Bg6*

19.Bd3 Nge5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 1-0 Lasker,E-Albin,A Tournament GER Nuernberg (12)) 6...Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.e3 Nc6 Finegold,B-Peterson,E Danube tt2 bd2 corr 1991]

[5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Ba3 Ne4 10.Qd3 Qf6 11.Ne1 Qg6 12.f3 Nf6 13.e4 Re8 14.c5 dxc5 15.Bxc5 e5 Andrews,T-N, N Mittelgambit im Nachzug 1994]

[5.Bd2 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 Qe7 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 d6 11.h3 Nbd7 12.b4 Ne4 13.Rc1 Rad8 14.Qb3 Nxc3 15.Rxc3 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Qh4 17.c5 Rf6 18.Bxf5 Qg5+ 19.Bg4 h5 0-1 Guliev,L (1779)-8.0-0 e6 9.h3 ♗f5_62821 (2068) CCOL9 final-3 corr ICCF 1982 (2)]

5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 -0.28/19

[8.c5 0.18/20 feels stronger.]

8...d6 0.70/20

[8...c5= -0.28/19]

9.Ng5 0.13/20

[9.c5!± 0.70/20]

9...Qd7= 10.Bf3 -0.09/23

[⌓10.c5 0.28/20]

10...Nc6 Threatening ...h6. The position is equal. **11.e4 fxe4** 0.09/20

[11...0-0-0!∓ -0.39/23 is superior.]

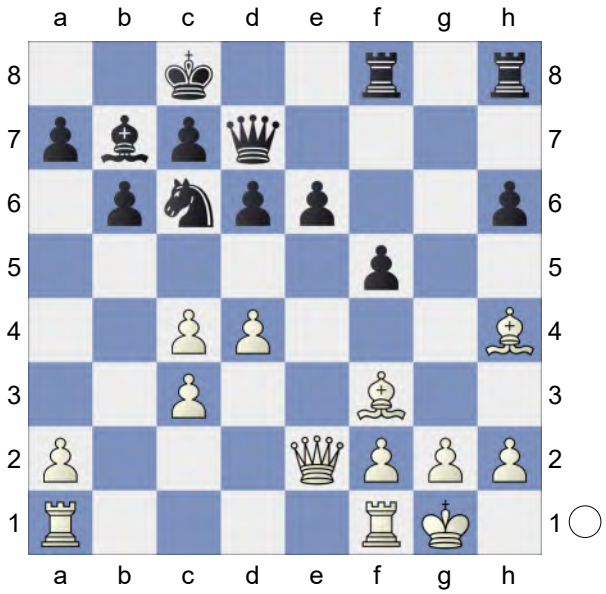
12.Nxe4 0-0-0 13.Bg5 This pair of bishops is nice. **13...Rdf8 14.Qe2 h6 15.Nxf6 gxf6 16.Bh4 f5** 0.66/18

[16...e5= 0.15/21]

(Diagram)

17.c5!± Na5 18.Rfe1 Bxb7+ would now be deadly. **18...Re8** 0.94/20

[18...dxc5± 0.54/23 19.dxc5 *(19.Qxe6 Bxf3 20.Qxd7+ Kxd7∓)*



19...Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Qd5]

19.Bxb7+ 0.49/20

[19.Rad1± 0.94/20]

19...Kxb7 20.cxb6 -0.63/20

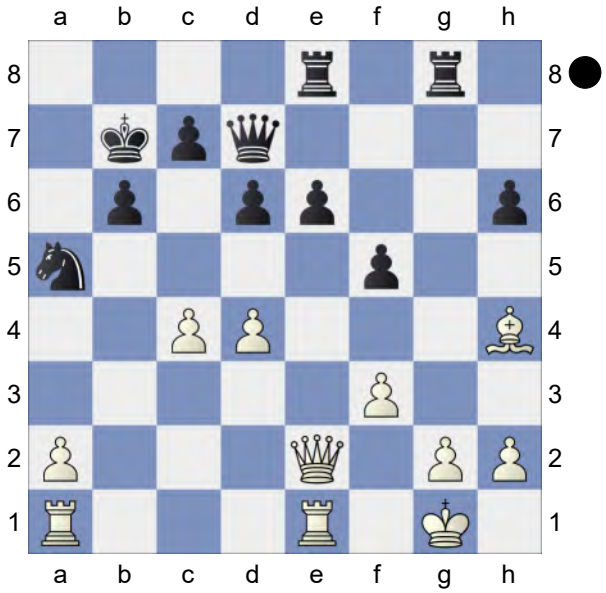
[White should try 20.cxd6± 0.55/19 cxd6 21.c4]

20...axb6∓ 21.c4 Rhg8 -0.45/18

[21...e5∓ -0.82/21 22.dxe5 Rxe5 23.Qf3+ Qc6 24.Qxc6+ Nxc6 25.Rxe5 Nxe5 *(25...dxe5 26.Bf6∓)*]

22.f3 -1.63/21

[22.c5∓ -0.45/18]



22...e5!-+ 23.d5 -1.75/21
[23.dxe5∓ -1.09/20 keeps fighting. Rxe5 24.Qd2 Nxc4 25.Qxh6]
23...e4 24.Rac1 Qa4 25.Qc2 Qa3 Black is more active. **26.fxe4 Rg4** -0.34/23
[26...Rxe4-+ -1.65/21 27.Rxe4 fxe4]
27.Bf6 -3.81/19
[27.exf5∓ -0.34/23 Rxc4 *(27...Rxe1+ 28.Bxe1 Rxc4 29.Bc3±)* 28.Qd2]
27...Rgxe4
[27...Rexe4 28.c5 dxc5 *(28...Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Qxc5+ 30.Qxc5=)* 29.d6 cxd6 30.g3-+]
28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Qc3 -6.24/19
[29.Rd1 -3.71/19]
29...Qc5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=0.28 (precise)
[Not 29...Nxc4 30.Qxa3 Nxa3 31.Bg7∓]
0-1

C65

□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**
■ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar** **2241**
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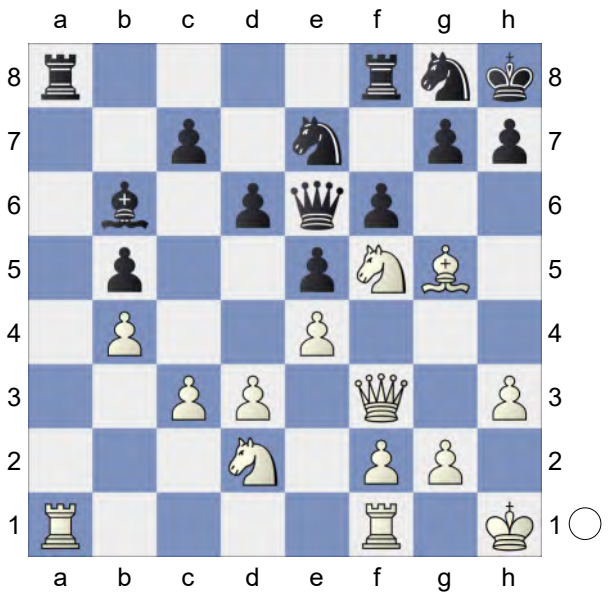
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 It's great pity that it was the last Amber tournament... **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Qe2 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.d3 d6**
[6...Re8 7.Ba4 d5 8.h3 h6 9.g4 Nh7 10.Nbd2 Bd7 11.Bb3 Be6 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Ne4 Bf8 14.g5 Bxb3 15.axb3 Qd5 16.Rg1 h5 17.g6 fxg6 18.Rxg6 Re6 19.Rg3 Be7 20.Nfg5 Bxg5 21.Bxg5 1-0 Gashimov,V (2746)-Kramnik,V (2785) Amber-rapid 20th Monte Carlo 2011 (8)]
7.h3 a6N
[7...Bb6 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.Ba4 Ng6 10.Nf1 c6 11.Be3 d5 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Kb1 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 b5 15.Bc2 a5 16.d4 Nxe4 17.Nxe5 b4 18.f3 Nd6 19.Nd2 Qb6 20.cxb4 axb4 21.g4 Nc4 22.Ndxc4 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Swiercz,D (2646) Speed Chess Q2 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (5)]
[7...h6 8.Nbd2 a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.Bc2 Bb7 11.Nf1 d5 12.g4 b4 13.g5 hxg5 14.Bxg5 Be7 15.Rg1 bxc3 16.bxc3 a5 17.Nh4 dxe4 18.Bh6 g6 19.dxe4 Kh7 20.Bxf8 Bxf8 21.Ne3 Nh5 22.Nhg2 1-0 Bortnyk,O (2604)-Aditya,M (2486) Speed Chess Q2 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (2)]
8.Ba4 b5 The position is equal. **9.Bb3 Be6** 0.09/20
[9...Rb8∓ -0.32/21 is superior.]
10.Bg5 Bxb3 11.axb3 Qe7 12.b4 Bb6 13.Nbd2 Qe6 14.0-0 a5 15.bxa5 Nxa5 16.Nh4 -0.02/22
[16.d4± 0.44/24]
16...Nc6 0.42/20
[16...h6= -0.02/22 17.Bxf6 Qxf6]
17.Nf5 0.05/20
[17.Qf3± 0.42/20 is more appropriate.]
17...Ne7 0.58/23
[17...h6= 0.05/20 18.Bxf6 Qxf6]
18.Qf3 Kh8 0.99/21
[18...Nxf5= 0.25/20 remains equal. 19.exf5 Qd5]
19.Kh1 0.15/23
[19.Nxe7± 0.99/21 Qxe7 20.Rfb1]
19...Nfg8= 20.b4
[20.d4 simplifies Rxa1 21.Rxa1 exd4 22.Bxe7 Nxe7 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 h6 25.Qc3]
20...f6

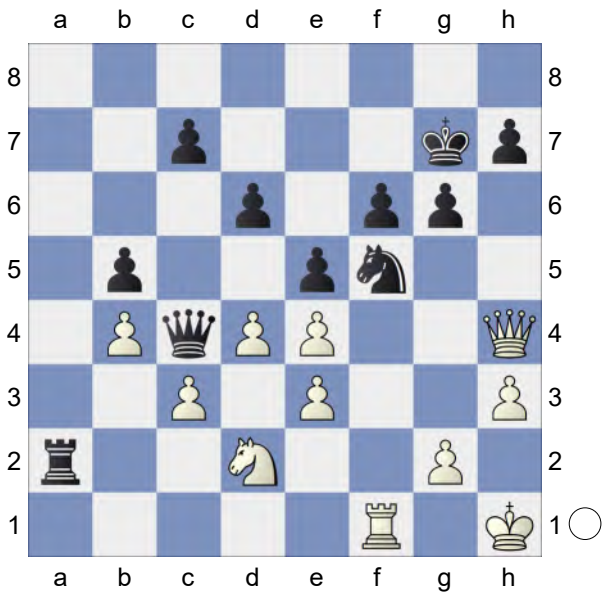
(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Rxa1. **21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3**
[22.Nxe3 simplifies Ra2 23.Rxa2 Qxa2 24.Qe2]
22...Ra2 23.Qg3 g6 -0.10/24
[23...Nxf5∓ -0.51/24 24.exf5 Qf7]
24.Nxe7→ Black needs to defend precisely. **24...Nxe7 25.Nf3** -0.70/21
[White should play 25.Qe1= 0.00/21]
25...Rfa8∓ 26.Rxa2 Rxa2 27.Qh4 -1.07/22
[White should try 27.d4∓ -0.50/20]
27...Kg7 28.d4 Qc4 29.Nd2 Nf5? 3.72/22
[29...Rxd2 30.Qxf6+ *(30.Rxf6? Qe2-+)* 30...Kh6 31.Qh4+ *(31.dxe5? Qxe4 32.Rg1 Qxe5-+)* 31...Kg7 32.Qxe7+ Kh6 33.Qf8+ Kh5 34.Rf5+ g5 35.Rxg5+ Decoy, Clearance *(35.dxe5 Qe6+-)* 35...Kxg5 36.Qf5+ Kh6 37.Qf6+ Kh5 38.g4#]
[29...Qf7∓ -0.58/22 stays ahead. 30.Nf3 Qe6]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **30.Rxf5+-**



[30.exf5 Rxd2 31.Rg1 Qd3= *(31...Qxc3 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.Rf1=; 31...gxf5 32.Qg3+ Kh6 33.Qh4+ Kg7 34.Qg3+ Kh6 35.Qh4+ Kg7=)*]
30...Qe6 31.Rf2 exd4 32.exd4 f5 6.38/20
[⌓32...h6 4.32/18 33.Kh2 Ra1]
33.Kh2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

A07
□ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
■ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
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[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nd7 3.d4 Nb6 4.Bg2N**
[4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Nh4 Bg4 6.Qd3 Nf6 7.e4 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Qxe4 Qd5 10.Qxg4 Qxh1 11.Nf3 f5 12.Qxf5 g6 13.Qe4 Bg7 14.Bf4 g5 15.0-0-0 c6 16.Bxg5 Nd5 17.Bh3 1-0 Andreikin,D (2729)-Grandelius,N (2664) Chess.com Classic Div 3 W

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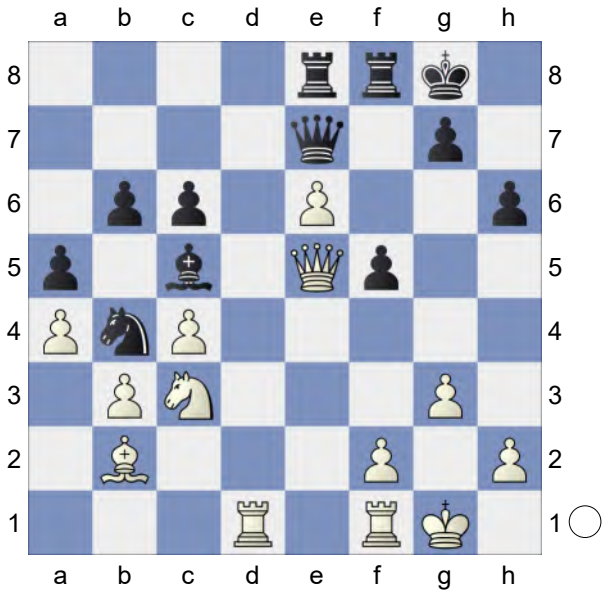
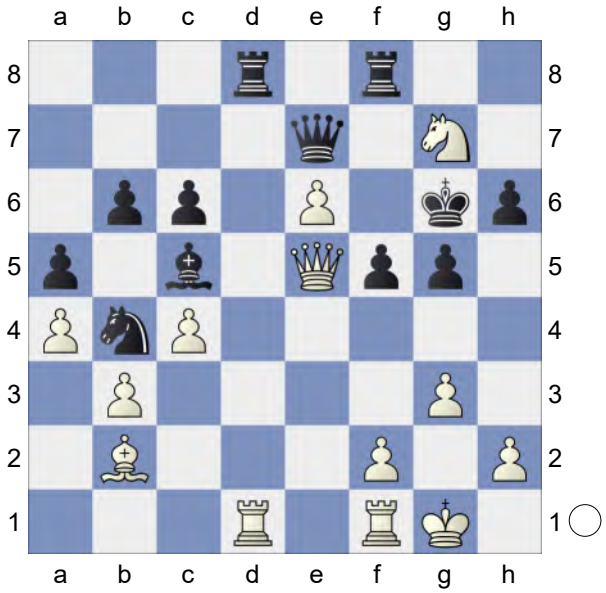
4...Bf5 5.a4 a5! 6.Nc3 e6 7.b3 h6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.Bb2 Be7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ncxe4 Nbd5 13.Qe2 c6 14.Rac1 Qc7 15.c4 Nb4 16.d5 Nxe4**
[16...exd5?! 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.cxd5=]
17.Bxe4 Bxe4
[17...cxd5?! 18.cxd5 Qd7 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Rcd1±]
18.Nxe4 Hoping for Rfd1. **18...Rae8?** 3.54/23
[18...exd5= -0.27/22 and Black stays safe. 19.cxd5 Nxd5]
19.dxe6 1.98/23
[⌓19.d6 3.54/23 Qd8 *(19...Bxd6? 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Bxf6+-)* 20.dxe7 Qxe7 21.Bd4]
19...f5 20.Nc3 0.02/18
[Better is 20.Rcd1+- 2.01/23 Rd7 is the strong threat. fxe4 21.Rd7]
20...Bc5 21.Rcd1 Qe7 0.81/23
[21...Na6= 0.29/20]
22.Qe5 -0.02/21
[White should play 22.Rfe1± 0.81/23]
22...b6? 3.80/22
[22...Rf6!= -0.02/21]

(Diagram)

23.Ne2!+-
[Don't go for 23.Rd7? Qxd7-+ *(23...Qxe6 24.Qxg7#; 23...Qxe6 24.Qxg7#)*]
23...Kh7 24.Nf4
[Don't take 24.Rd7 Qxd7 25.exd7 Rxe5 26.Bxe5 Rd8]
24...g5 25.Nh5 Kg6 26.Ng7 Rd8

(Diagram)

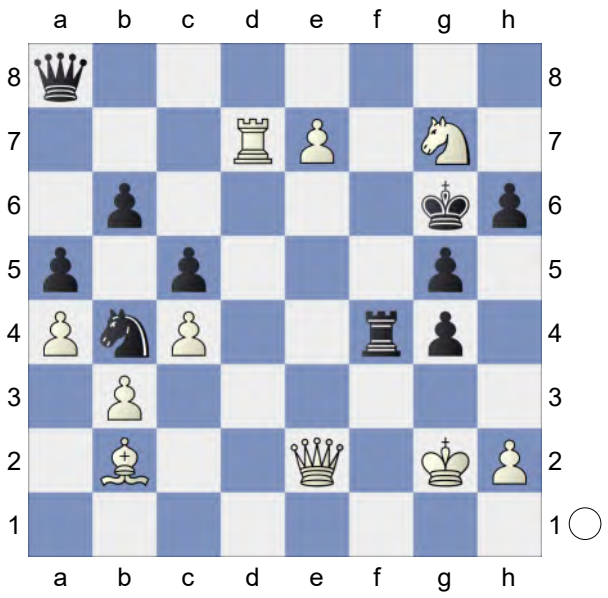




27.g4! Rxd1
[27...Rd3 28.gxf5+]
28.Rxd1 Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 fxg4+ 30.Kg2 Rf4 Against Qe4+ **31.Qe2 c5 32.Rd7** White mates. **32...Qf8 33.e7 Qa8+**

(Diagram)

34.Rd5! Promotion. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.86
1-0



E06

□ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
■ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
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[Kitty Kat]

E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2**

[7.b3 Nbd7 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 b6 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.Nc2 Bb7 12.Ne3 c5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 N5f6 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Bd5 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Nfe5 Kf8 20.Nd6 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Ne8 ½-½ Klitscher (2615)-Miles,E (2690) lichess.org 148/102 Internet 2021]

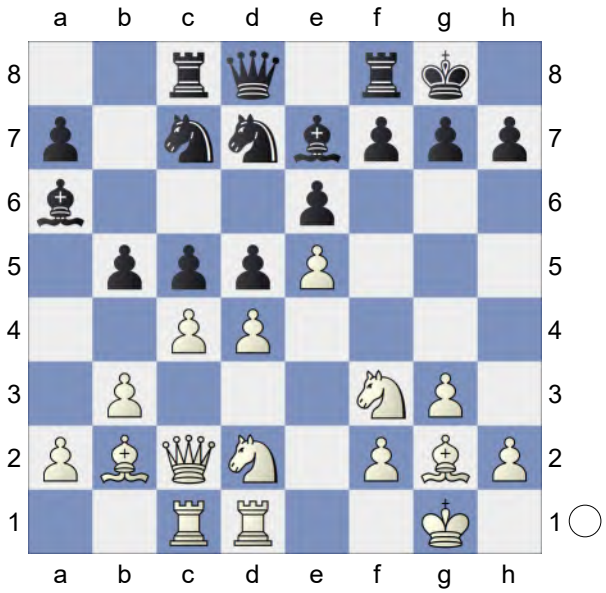
[7.Nc3 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 dxc4 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 0-1 Dudin,G (2498)-Prohaszka,P (2585) HUN-ch Rapid Ajka 2023 (11)]

7...b6N

[7...dxc4 8.Qxc4 b5 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Nbd2 c5 11.dxc5 Na6 12.Nb3 Be4 13.Qc3 Rc8 14.Be3 Nd5 15.Qd2 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Qb3 Qa5 20.Rfd1 Rc7 21.Rd3 Rfc8 22.Rad1 ½-½ Kudr,R (1985)-Khan,V (2145) corr SA-2015-0-00475 Lechenicher SchachServer Be7 23.Kg2 g6 24.Rd7 ½-½ Bertola,T (1985)-Kobrin,M (2145) Memorial CAPA Pereira Memorial CAPA 2000]

[7...Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 Nd7 11.Qb2 Qe7 12.Nc2 b6 13.Rac1 Bb7 14.Nce1 4... Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6-Sideline Ne4 Variation]

8.Nbd2 Ba6 9.b3 Nbd7 10.e4 Rc8 11.e5 Ne8 12.Bb2 White is slightly better. **12...c5 13.Rfd1 Nc7 14.Rac1 b5**



15.cxd5 -0.10/20

[15.b4!± 0.73/19]

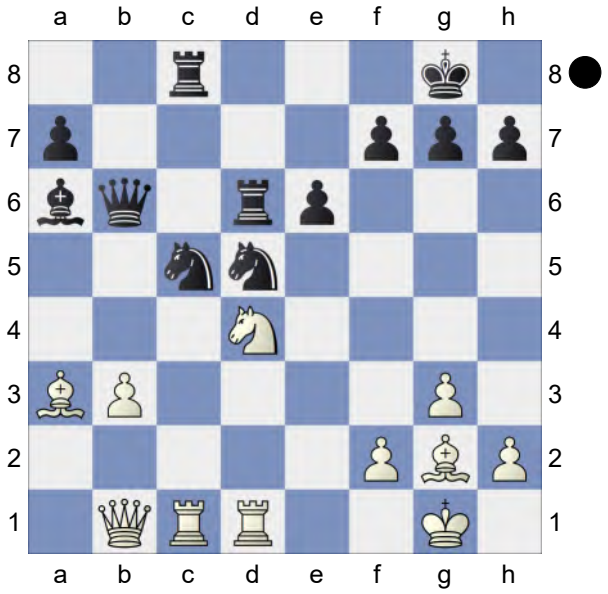
15...Nxd5= 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qb1 Qa5

[17...b4!?]

18.Nd4 Rfd8 19.Ne4 Bb7 20.a3 b4 21.axb4

[21.Nd2!?]

21...Qxb4 22.Rc4 Qb6 23.Nd6 Bxd6 24.exd6 Rxd6 25.Ba3 -0.70/22
[25.Nf3= -0.21/24]
25...Ba6!∓ 26.Rcc1



Rdd8! 27.Nf5? -3.39/20 White does not recover from this. **27...Nd3-+** Deflection
[Worse is 27...Nxb3 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Ne7+ Kh8 31.Rd3∓]
28.Rxd3 Bxd3 29.Qxd3 Hoping for Rxc8. **29...Rxc1+ 30.Bxc1** Bxd5 would now be deadly. **30...exf5 31.Bxd5** -4.84/23
[⌓31.Bf1 -3.28/17]
31...Qa5 Black is clearly winning. **32.Bxf7+ Kxf7 33.Qc4+ Qd5** And now ...Qxc4 would win. **34.Qf4** -6.80/24
[⌓34.Qc7+ -4.54/19 Rd7 35.Qc8]
34...Qe4
[34...Qxb3 35.Qc7+ Ke8 36.Qc6+ Kf8 37.Be3-+]
35.Qc7+ Ke8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.03 (flawless)
0-1

D35
□ **Esipenko,Andrey 2682**
■ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar 2578**
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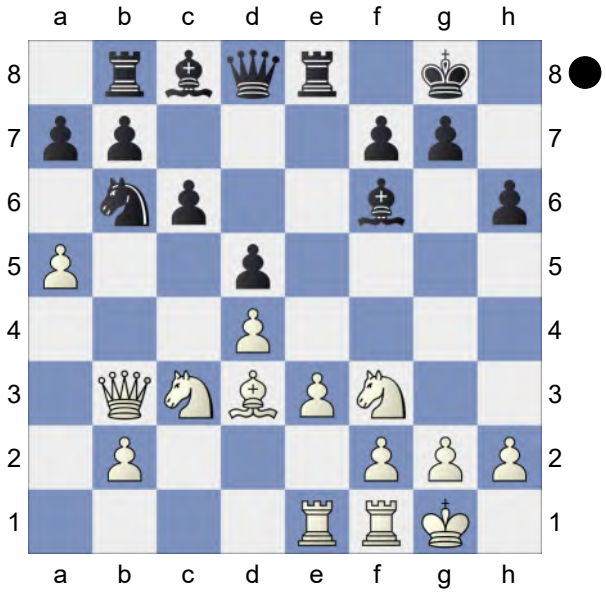
[Kitty Kat]

D55: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Be7: Lines without ...h6 and 6...h6 7 Bxf6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Re8 8.Nf3 h6 9.Bxf6**
[9.Bf4 c5 10.0-0 Nc6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.h3 a6 13.Rc1 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Bb1 Be6 16.Ne2 Rad8 17.Qa4 Bd7 18.Qb3 Na5 19.Qc3 Qb6 20.Qd4 Qxd4 21.Nfxd4 Rc8 22.Bd3 Nc6 23.Rcd1 Nxd4 1-0 Vidit,S (2719)-Bluebaum,M (2672) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (3.9)]
9...Bxf6 10.Qb3N
[10.0-0 c6 11.h3 Nd7 *(11...a5 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.Rae1 Nf8 14.Nh2 Be7 15.f4 Bd6 16.Nf3 b5 17.Ne5 Bb7 18.Kh1 Rc8 19.Qf2 Rc7 20.Ne2 f6 21.Ng6 Bc8 22.Ng3 c5 23.Qf3 c4 24.Bb1 Bb4 25.Re2 c3 26.Nxf8* 1-0 Hakobyan,A (2617)-Piliposyan,R (2403) Julius Baer GenCup P/I m D3 Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.3)) 12.Qc2 Be7 13.Rae1 Nf6 14.Ne5 Be6 15.f4 c5 16.Qf2 Rc8 17.f5 Bd7 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Nxd5 Bh4 20.g3 Nf6 21.Nf4 Bg5 22.Kh2 Qb6 23.Rd1 Bxf4 24.gxf4 cxd4 ½-½ Bluebaum,M (2640)-Sindarov,J (2677) Julius Baer GenCup PI/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1)]
10...c6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Rae1 The position is equal. **12...Nb6 13.a4** -0.15/20
[13.h3 0.22/18 was preferrable.]
13...Rb8 0.22/21

[⌓13...Bg4 -0.15/20]

14.a5



Nc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Qxc4 Qxa5 17.Ra1 Qb6 18.Qa4 Bf5 19.Qxa7 Qxb2 20.Na4 White is weak on the light squares **20...Qb3 21.Nb6**

[21.Nc5!? Qb2 22.h3=]

21...Qe6 22.Rfc1 h5 23.Ra5 h4 And now ...h3 would win. **24.h3 Bd3 25.Ne5 Bxe5** 1.87/21

[25...Bf5!= 0.14/21]

26.Rxe5+- Qg6 27.Nd7! Qxb7! is the strong threat.

[27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Kh2 *(28.Qxb7? Be4-+)* 28...Be4=]

27...f6

[27...Be4? 28.Rxe4 *(28.Nxb8? Qxg2#)* 28...Qxe4 29.Nxb8+-]

28.Rxe8+

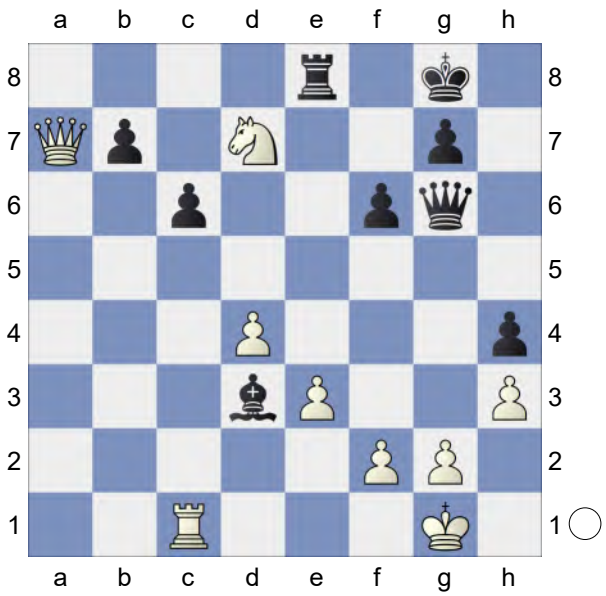
[28.Nxb8? fxe5 29.f3 *(29.Qxb7? Be4-+)* 29...Qd6 30.Qxb7 Rxb8-+ *(30...Qxb8 31.Qxc6 Bh7 32.Rc5∓)*]

28...Rxe8

(Diagram)

29.Nc5 Hoping for Nxd3!

[29.Qxb7? Be4 30.f3 Bxf3 31.Qb3+



Bd5-+]

29...Bf5 30.Qxb7 Kh1 would now be deadly.

[30.Nxb7? loses. Be4 *(30...Bxh3 31.Qa2+ Kh8 32.f3∓)* 31.f3 *(31.Qa2+? Bd5-+)* 31...Bxf3 32.Qa2+ Bd5-+]

30...Bxh3 31.Qxc6 Bf5 32.Kh2 Kh7 33.Qf3 Qg5 34.Ra1 Re7 35.Ra3 1.08/21

[35.Qc6+- 2.05/21]

35...Bg6? 3.04/20

[35...Bg4± 1.08/21 36.Qc6 h3]

36.Qh3? 1.00/19

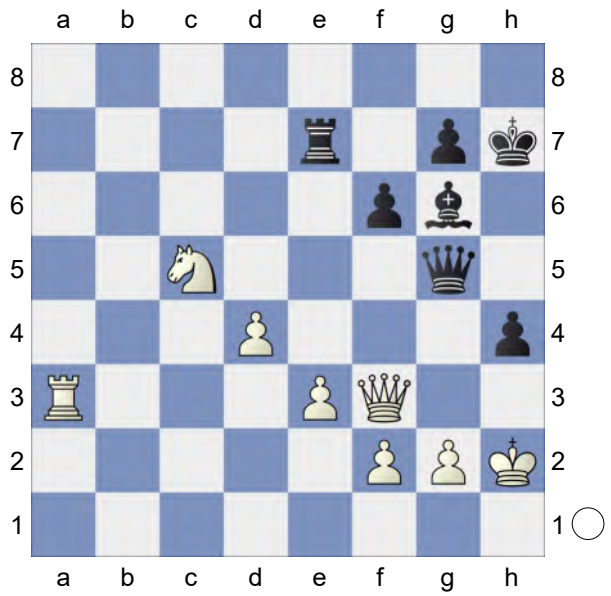
[36.e4+- 3.04/20 is the precise move to win.]

36...Bf5± 37.Qf3 Bg6 2.94/21

[37...Bg4± 0.86/21 38.Qc6 Qf5]

(Diagram)

38.e4!+- Bh5 39.Qe3 Qg4 40.d5 Bg6 41.Ra4 Re5 42.Rd4 Bh5 43.f4 Wards off Rg5 **43...Re8 44.d6 Ra8** Strongly threatening ...Ra2. **45.Qf3 Qxf3 46.gxf3 Bxf3** (→ ...Ra1). KRB-KRN **47.Rd3 Be2** 5.34/22



[47...Bg4 3.12/19 48.Rd2 Ra1]

48.Rd2 White is clearly winning. **48...Bf3 49.Kh3 Ra1 50.Kxh4 Rg1 51.d7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.40

1-0

A22

□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**

■ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**

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A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6

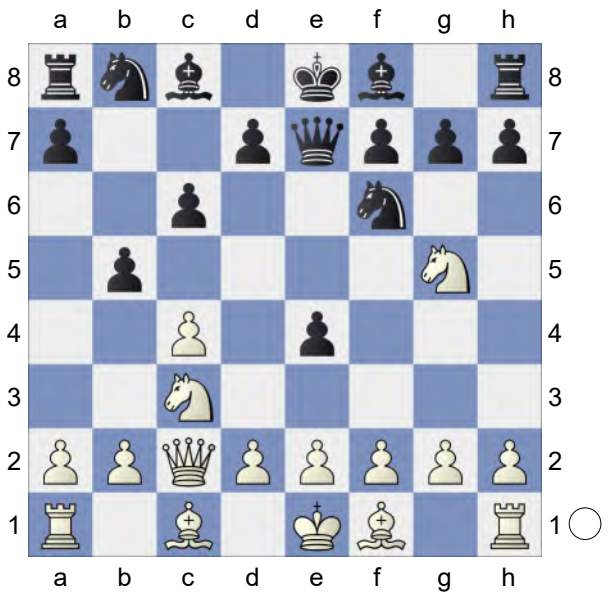
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 e4 4.Ng5 c6 5.Qa4 Qe7 6.Qc2 b5

(Diagram)

Deflection **7.cxb5 d5** Hoping for ...h6.

8.e3 White is slightly better. **8...Qb7N**

[8...h6 9.Nh3 c5 10.d3 exd3 11.Bxd3 g6 12.Nf4 Bb7 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Be2 Rd8 16.Bf3 d4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.exd4 cxd4 19.Nfe2 Qe7 20.Na4 Re8 21.Ng3 Qb4 22.Bd2 Qxb5 23.Nc5



½-½ Burry,S (2641)-Brachtel,R (2660) TCh-RUS Rapid 2015 Sochi (rapid) (3.2) Rc8 24.b4 Na6 25.Rac1 Nxb4 26.Qb3 Rxc5 27.Rxc5 Qxc5 28.Bxb4 Qb6 29.Qc4 Ng4 30.h3 Ne5 31.Qc5 Rd8 32.Ne4 Nc6 33.Bd2 Qxc5 34.Nxc5 Ne5 35.Bf4 Nc4 36.Nd3 g5 37.Bg3 f5 38.Rc1 0-1 Aravindh,C (2580)-Wagner,D (2558) (open) 137/148 Biel 2018 Na3 39.f4 Rd5 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Rc7 Nb5 42.Rb7 Kg6 43.a4 Nc3 44.Rxa7 Ne4 45.Be1 Bf6 46.Kf1 Rd8 47.Rc7 Rb8 48.Bb4 Nc3 49.Rc6 Kf7 50.a5 Nd5 51.Bd2 Rb3 52.Ke2 Nc3+ 53.Bxc3 ½-½ Aravindh,C (2641)-Adhiban,B (2660) Meltwater Indian Qualfier chess24.com INT rapid 2021 (3.2)]

9.d3! h6

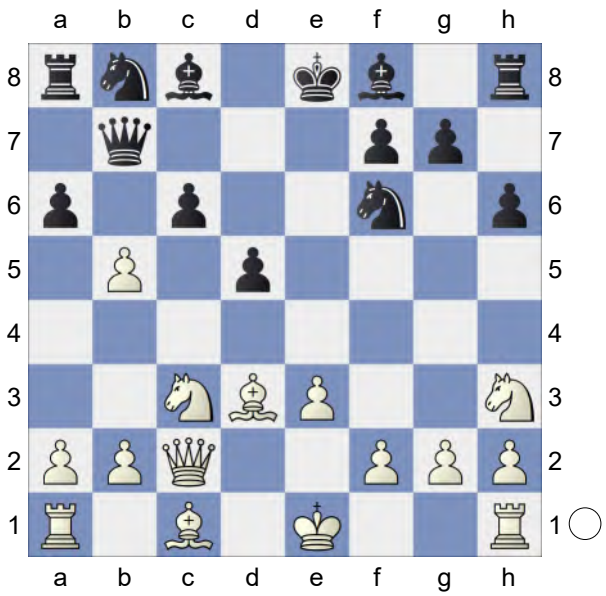
[Much worse is 9...cxb5?! 10.dxe4 Bd7 11.e5±]

10.Nh3 exd3 11.Bxd3 a6

(Diagram)

12.b6 Nbd7

[12...Qxb6 13.Nf4]



13.b3 Qxb6 14.0-0 Bd6 15.Bb2 Qc7 16.f4 -0.38/19
[16.Nf4± 0.55/18]
16...0-0∓ 17.e4 dxe4 0.37/20
[17...Ng4∓ -0.46/20]
18.Nxe4± Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Nc5 20.Bh7+
[20.Qc3!? f6 21.Bc2±]
20...Kh8 21.Bf5 Re8 22.Bxc8 Raxc8 23.Rae1 Kg8 24.g3 Qa5 25.Bc3 Qb5 26.Nf2 Prevents Nd3 **26...Bf8 27.Rxe8** The position is equal. **27...Rxe8 28.Re1** Inhibits Re2. **28...Rd8 29.Rd1 Re8 30.Re1** Repels Re2 **30...Rd8 31.Rd1 Re8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

C53
□ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
■ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
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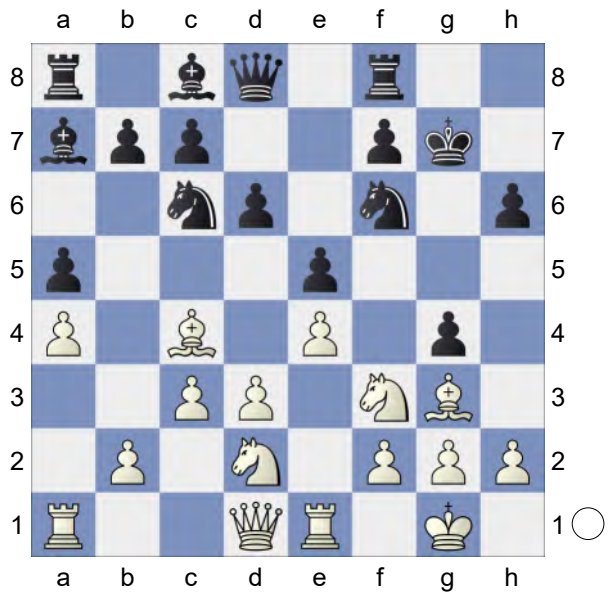
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (3)]
6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a5 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.a4 g5 Black has an edge. **10.Bg3 0-0** 0.37/18
[Black should play 10...Qe7= -0.30/21]
11.0-0 -0.02/18
[11.Qe2± 0.37/18]
11...Kg7 12.Re1 g4

(Diagram)

13.Bh4! -0.42/22 **Ne7!∓** ...Ng6 would now be deadly. **14.Bxf6+ Kxf6 15.Nh4 Kg7 16.Nf1 Ng8** 0.57/20
[16...Nd5!= -0.15/22 17.Nf5+ Bxf5]



17.g3± Qg5 18.Ne3 Inhibits f5. **18...Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Ne7 20.d4 Ng6 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.dxe5 Qxe5** The position is equal. **23.Qd4 Re8**
[23...Bd7 simplifies 24.Qxe5+ dxe5 25.Rd3 Bc6]
24.f4 Pin **24...gxf3 25.Rxf3 Qxd4+ 26.cxd4 Be6** Dodges Rf7+ **27.Rc1 c6** aiming for ...Bxc4. **28.d5 Bg4 29.Rf4 h5 30.dxc6 bxc6 31.Rf7+ Kh6 32.Rf6 Rxe4** Hoping for ...Rd4. **33.Bd3** Discovered Attack **33...Re6 34.Rxe6 Bxe6 35.Rxc6=** Endgame. KRB-KRB **35...Bf7 36.Rxd6 Rb8 37.Bb5** Kf2 is the strong threat. **37...Rc8! 38.Rd2 Be8 39.Bxe8 Rxe8** KR-KR **40.Rd5 Re2 41.Rb5** And now h4! would win. **41...g5 42.h4 g4 43.Kf1 Rc2 44.Rb3**
[44.Rxa5 Rxb2 45.Re5 Ra2]
44...Kg6 45.Rb5 Rd2 46.Rg5+ Kh6 47.Rxa5 Rxb2 48.Rb5 Ra2 49.a5 Kg6 50.Rb6+ Kf5 51.Rh6 Ke4 White must now prevent ...Kf3. **52.Rxh5 Kf3 53.Rf5+ Ke3**
[Of course not 53...Kxg3?! 54.h5 Ra1+ 55.Ke2 Ra2+ 56.Ke1 Ra1+ 57.Kd2 Ra2+ 58.Kd1 Ra1+ 59.Kd2 Ra2+ 60.Kc1±]
54.Kg1 Ra1+ 55.Rf1 Rxa5 56.Rf2
[56.Rf4!? Ra1+□ 57.Rf1=]
56...Ra1+ 57.Kg2 Ra5 58.Rb2 Threatens to win with Rb3+.
[58.Rf4!? Ra2+□ 59.Kg1 Ra1+ 60.Rf1=]
58...Ra4 59.h5 Ra6 60.Rf2
[60.Rb4!? Ra2+□ 61.Kh1=]
60...Rc6 61.Ra2 Rb6 62.Rf2 Ra6 63.Rf4 Ra2+ 64.Kg1 Ra1+ 65.Rf1 Ra6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C58
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran 2535**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant 2646**
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[Kitty Kat]

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0
A1) 6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf5 17.Nxe5 Bxe4 18.Nd3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nb4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.c3 Nd3 24.b3 Nb2 25.Bxc7 Rd3* 1-0 Arjun,K (2505)-Sai Agni, J (2226) Elllobregat op 3rd Sant Boi de Llobregat 2022 (7)*)*
11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 fxe5 14.Re1 Rae8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nxe5 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Bd2 c5 19.b3

Bf5 20.Nc6 a6 21.Bc3 ½-½ Naiditsch,A (2667)-Naumann,A (2513) Bundesliga 2223 Germany 2022 (10.1);

A2) 6...Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Nd5! 9.h4

[9.Nxh7? Nf4 10.Be4 Rxh7-+]

9...h6 10.Qh5 Qf6 The position is equal. **11.Ne4 Qe6 12.b3** Black should prevent Bb2. **12...g6 13.Qe2 f5** And now ...Nf4! would win. **14.Nec3 Nf4 15.Qf1 Bb7 16.Ba6 Nxg2+!** Deflection **17.Qxg2 Bxa6 18.Bb2! Bb7 19.Rg1 Rg8↑** Black has the initiative. **20.Na3 c5 21.Qf1** -1.13/22

[21.Qh3= -0.09/22 keeps the balance.]

21...0-0-0 -0.03/20

[21...Bf3∓ -1.13/22 White must now prevent ...Rd8. 22.Ne2 0-0-0]

22.0-0-0= Be7 23.Na4 -0.45/20

[23.f4= 0.00/21]

23...c4 0.69/22

[23...Bxh4 24.Qb5 *(24.Nxc5 Qb6±)* 24...Qa6 25.Qxc5+ *(25.Bxe5 Bxf2 26.Rgf1 Bd4∓)* 25...Nc6 26.Nc4± *(26.Bxe5? Be7-+ Skewer)*]

[Black should try 23...Nc6∓ -0.45/20]

24.Rg3 -0.72/22

[24.Qh3!± 0.69/22 was forced to keep a grip.]

24...Bc6 Black is more active.

[24...Bxh4 25.Rc3 Kb8 26.Nc5+- *(26.bxc4 Be7∓; 26.Nxc4 Nxc4 27.Rxc4 Be7±)*]

25.Rc3 White is weak on the light squares **25...Rd4**

[25...Bxh4? 26.Nxc4 Nxc4 27.Qxc4 Qxc4 28.Rxc4+-]

26.Re1 -1.63/18

[Better is 26.Re3!∓ -0.56/19 Rgd8 *(26...Rxh4? 27.Rxe5+-)* 27.Bxd4 Rxd4 28.Nb1 *(28.Kb2 Qd6∓)*]

26...Bb4 -1.15/17

[26...Bxh4 27.Rce3 c3 *(27...Re4? 28.Nc5+-)* 28.Qa6+ *(28.dxc3 Rd5+-; 28.Bxc3 Qd6+-; 28.Rxc3 Rd5+-; 28.Nxc3 Ba8+-)* 28...Kb8 29.Bxc3+- *(29.Rxc3 Qd5+-; 29.Nxc3 Qd7+-)*]

[26...Rxh4 27.Rh3 Re4 28.Rxe4 fxe4 29.Nc3∓ *(29.Rxh6? Bxa4 30.Rh7 Bxa3-+)*]

[26...Bxa4-+ -1.63/18 27.bxa4 e4 *(27...Bxh4? 28.Rxe5* Deflection *Qxe5 29.Nxc4+-; 27...Rxh4 28.f4∓)*]

27.Nxc4? -2.89/21

[27.Rh3∓ -1.15/17 is a better defense. Bxd2+ *(27...Rxd2 28.Nb1∓)* 28.Kb1 Bxe1 29.Qxe1]

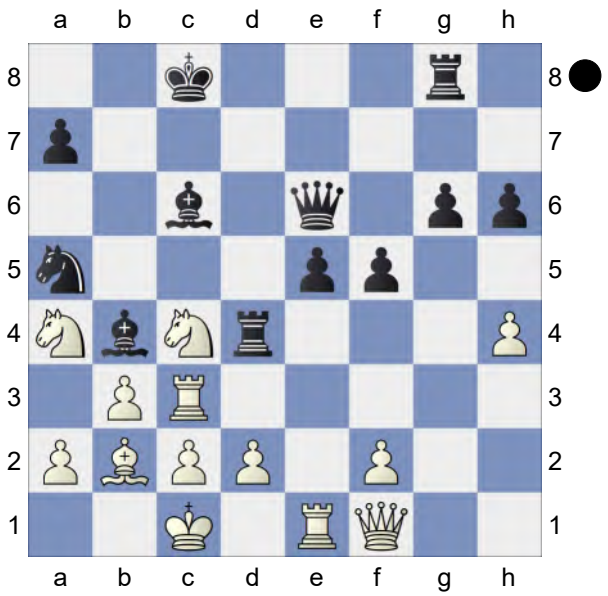
(Diagram)

Now White is beyond hope. **27...Rxc4!-+ 28.Rxc4**

[28.Kb1 Rd8]

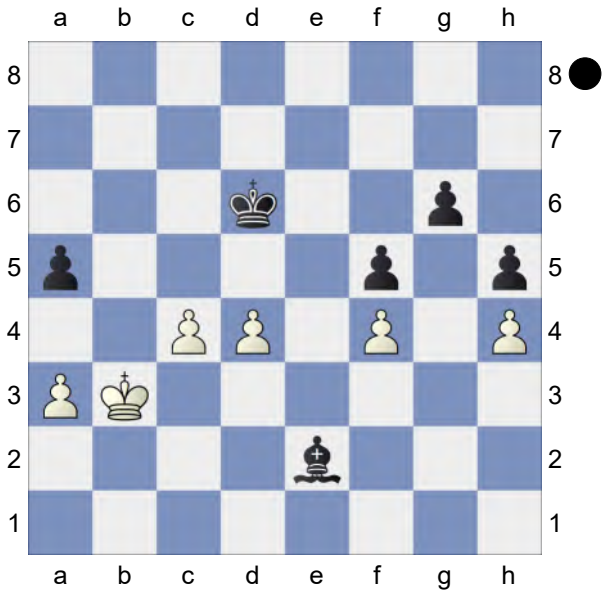
28...Nxc4 29.bxc4 Bxa4 A strong pair of Bishops. **30.Rxe5 Qc6 31.c5 Re8**

[31...Bxc5 32.Rxc5 Qxc5 33.Qa6+



Kc7 34.Qxa4∓]

32.Rxe8+ Qxe8 33.Bd4 Ba3+ 34.Kd1 Qb5 35.Qxb5 Bxb5 36.d3 Kc7 37.Be3 h5 38.c4 Ba6 39.Kc2 Kc6 40.Kc3 Bxc5 Black is clearly winning. **41.Bxc5 Kxc5** Endgame. KB-KP **42.f4 Bb7 43.d4+ Kb6 44.Kb4 Bf3** Threatens to win with ...a5+. **45.a3 Be2 46.Kc3 Kc6 47.Kb4 Kd6 48.Kc3 a5 49.Kb3**



g5! 50.fxg5

[50.hxg5 h4]

50...f4 Hoping for ...f3. **51.Kc3 f3 52.c5+ Ke7 53.Kd2 Bc4** (→ ...f2) **54.Ke3 Bd5** ...Ke6 is the strong threat. **55.Kf2 Ke6 56.Ke3 Kf5 57.Kf2 Ke4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.20 (precise)

0-1

B30

□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**

■ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**

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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6

23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 dxc6 8.Bc4 Ng6 9.Kh1 White is slightly better. **9...e5 10.Qf3 Qc7 11.a4** 0.18/21 White is more active.

[White should try 11.Rd1± 0.80/21 And now Bxf7+! would win. Nf4 12.a4]

11...Bc5= 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.Be3 Kh8 15.Rfd1 b6 16.Qh5 -0.07/20

[16.a5± 0.47/22 b5 17.Bf1]

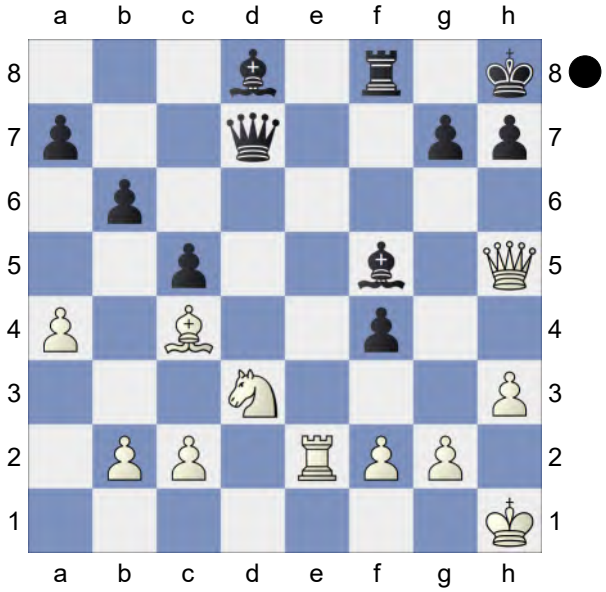
16...f5 0.33/19

[16...Nf4!= -0.07/20 is more appropriate. 17.Bxf4 exf4]

17.exf5 -0.33/20

[17.Nd2± 0.33/19]

17...Bxf5∓ 18.Rd2! c5 19.Rad1 Be7 20.Nc1! Rad8 21.Rxd8 Bxd8 22.Rd2 Nf4 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.h3 Qe7 25.Re2 Qd7 26.Nd3



Threatens to win with Ne5. **26...Bc7 27.Bb5 Qd6** aiming for ...f3! **28.Qf3 g5** 0.63/20

[28...g6= 0.14/22]

29.Bc4 0.16/22

[29.Kg1± 0.63/20]

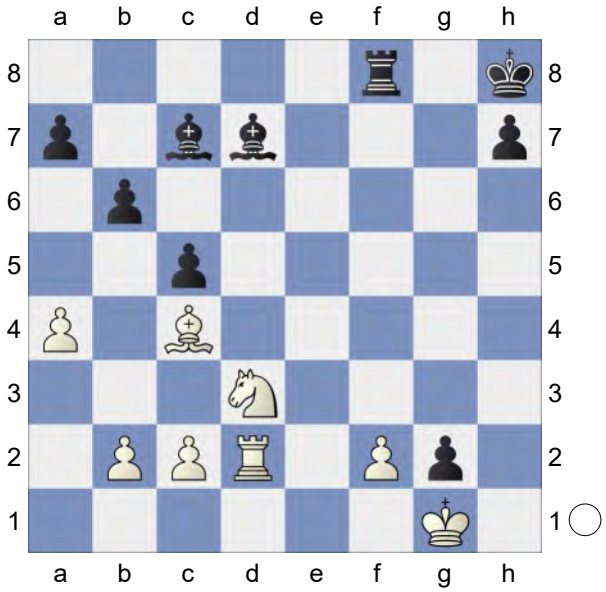
29...Qd7 30.Rd2 -0.90/21

[30.Ne1± 0.51/22 keeps the upper hand.]

30...g4 -0.22/21

[30...Qxa4∓ -0.90/21 31.b3 Qd7 *(31...Qa1+ 32.Rd1∓)*]

31.hxg4= Bxg4 32.Qd5 f3 33.Qxd7 fxg2+ 34.Kg1 Bxd7



A strong pair of Bishops. **35.Nxc5 Bc6 36.Ne6 Re8 37.b3 h5 38.Rd3 Kh7 39.Re3** The position is equal.

[39.Nxc7 leads to mate. Re1+ 40.Kh2 g1Q+ *(40...g1R? 41.Bd5-+)* 41.Kh3 Qg4+ 42.Kh2 Rh1#]

39...Bd6 40.Ng5+ Kg7 41.Rxe8 Bxe8 42.Kxg2 Bd7 43.f3 Be7 44.Be6 Bxa4 45.bxa4 Bxg5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

A08
□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**
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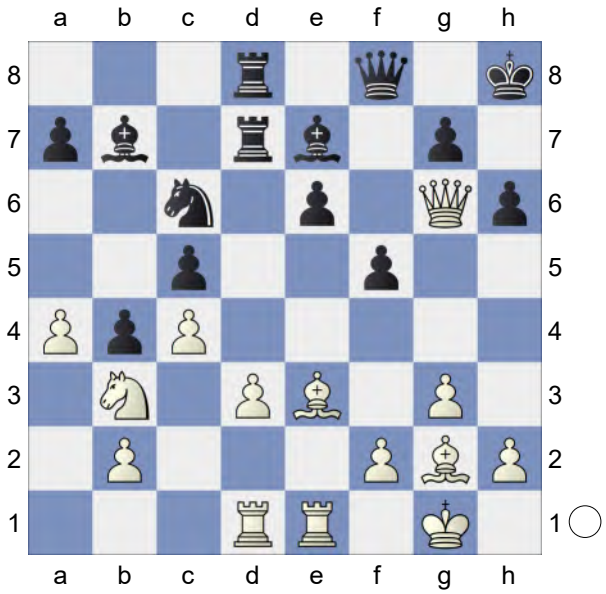
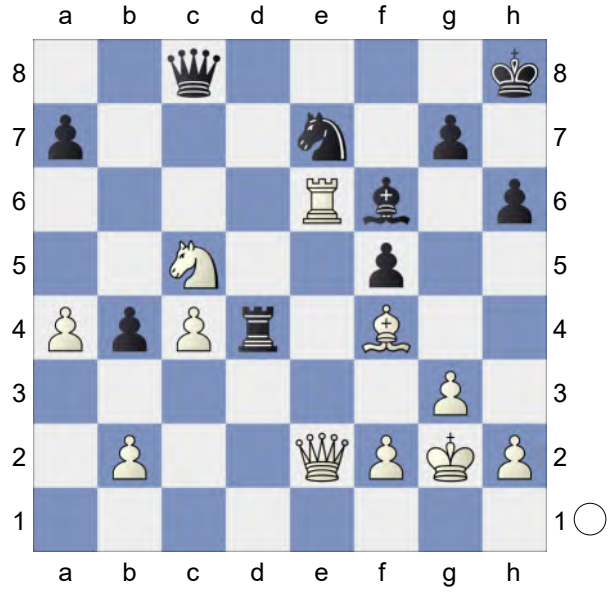
[Kitty Kat]

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 c5**
[6...Nc6 7.d4 *(7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.c3 a5 10.Qc2 Be6 11.Ng5 Bd7 12.Nc4 Bc5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Ne3 h6 16.Nf3 Nd4 17.cxd4 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 exd4 19.Nfxd4 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 c5 21.Nf5 Bc6* 1-0 Ventura Bolet,M (2246)-Spizharny,M (2306) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (6)*)* 7...Ne4 8.c3 f5 9.Ne1 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nd3 Ng6 12.c4 Be6 13.cxd5 Nxd2 14.dxe6 Nxf1 15.Kxf1 c6 16.Qb3 Qb6 17.Qc4 Kh8 18.Be3 Qc7 19.f4 Rad8 20.Rc1 Bf6 21.Qb4 ½-½ Hantel,T (2801)-C 06/32 (2792) 367 Linz 2013]
7.e4 Nc6N
[7...Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b5 11.Nf1 Bb7 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.N1h2 Kh8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Qh6 h4 17.Nxh4 Nxe5 18.N4f3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 d4 20.Ne5 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd8 22.Re4 1-0 Ravisekhar,R (2325)-Miheso,C Thessaloniki ol (Men) 1988 (2) Qe8 23.Rae1 f6 24.Rh4 Rf7 25.Nxf7+ Qxf7 26.Rxe6 Rg8 27.Qxh7+ Qxh7 28.Rxh7+ Kxh7 29.Rxe7+ Kg6 30.Rxa7 Re8 31.Rc7 Re5 32.a3 Kf5 33.Rc6 Kg6 34.h4 Kf5 35.Kf3 Kg6 36.g4 Kf7 37.h5 1-0 Kurpjuhn,W (2325)-Solak,D Virovitica 24/655 1977 (2)]
8.Re1 Qc7 9.c3 Rd8 10.Qe2 b5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.a4 The position is equal. **12...b4 13.c4 Nf6 14.Nb3 Bb7 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Rad1 Qe8 17.Ng5 h6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Rd7 20.Be3 Qf8 21.Qh5 f5 22.Bg2** Hoping for Bxh6! **22...Rad8 23.Qg6↑** Black must now prevent Bxc6! White has good play. **23...Kh8** 1.53/21
[23...Qf7± 0.46/24 24.Qxf7+ Kxf7]



24.Bf4!± White is much more active.
[24.Qxe6? Rd6 *(24...Rxd3? 25.Rxd3 Rxd3 26.Bxc6+-)* 25.Bxc6 Rxe6-+]
24...Bf6? 3.43/18 This move loses the game for Black.
[24...e5± 1.36/22 is a better defense. 25.Bxe5 *(25.Bxc6 Bxc6 26.Qxc6 exf4=)* 25...Nxe5 26.Rxe5 Qf6 27.Qxf5 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Qc6+ 29.Qe4 Qxe4+ 30.Rxe4 Rxd3]
25.Rxe6+- Ne7 26.Qh5 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Rxd3 28.Rxd3
[28.Nxc5? Rxd1 29.b3 R8d4-+]
28...Rxd3 29.Nxc5 Rd4 30.Qe2

Be5 would now be deadly.
[Don't do 30.b3 Rxf4 31.Nd7 *(31.gxf4 Qc8+-)* 31...Qa8+ 32.f3 Rd4 33.Nxf6 Qf8+-]
30...Qc8? 5.63/19
[30...Ng8 2.79/20]

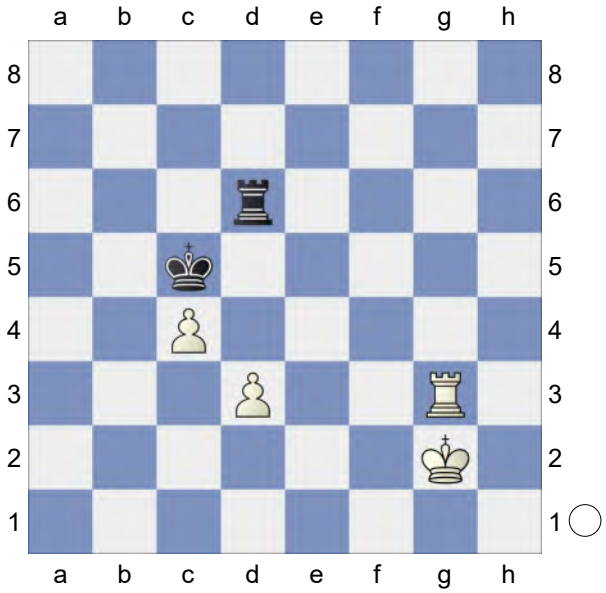


31.Rxf6! Remove Defender. White is clearly winning. **31...Ng8**
[31...Qxc5 32.Rxh6+]
32.Re6 Qxc5 33.Be3 Qxc4 34.Bxd4 Qxd4 Endgame. KQR-KQN **35.Qe5** Repels Qd5+ **35...Qd3 36.Rd6 Qc2 37.Rd5 Qc6** aiming for ...Nf6. **38.Qd6**
[38.Qxf5? loses. Nf6 *(38...Qxa4? is the wrong capture. 39.Rd8+-)* 39.Kf1 Nxd5-+ *(39...Qxd5? 40.Qxd5 Nxd5 41.Ke2-+)*]
38...Qxa4 39.Rxf5 Qc2 40.Rf4 a5 41.Qe6 Nf6 42.Rc4 Qd3 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Rc5 Kh8 45.Rxa5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) / Black=0.52
1-0

C55
□ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
■ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.7) 05.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7**
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0
A) 6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 *(7...Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Rxe5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Bf6 13.Re2 Qd7 14.Nd2 Rab8 15.c3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxc3 17.Rb1 Bxd2 18.Rxb8 Bxc1 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.Qe4 Bb2 21.Qb4+* 1-0 Tanenbaum,Z (2157)-Osinovsky,S (2241) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (7)*)* 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 fxe5 13.Nc3 Bg4 14.Re1 Bh4 15.Be3 Bf5 16.Na4 Bxc2 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Bd5 Bd3 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Bd5 0-1 3.c3 ♗g7 4.♗g5_30545 (2123)-Hauge,L (2379) Cappelle op 25th Cappelle la Grande 2009 (3);
B) 6...Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5)]
5.Nc3N
[5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6

gxh6 19.Qxf6 Re6 1-0 Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]
[5.0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 d6 7.a3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2 Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 ½-½ Edighoffer,H-Melton,R APCT King ch-1 corr 1996]
5...d6 6.a3 0-0 7.h3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 d5 White is slightly better. **10.exd5 Nxd5 11.0-0 c5 12.Nf4 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Qg4 Rf6 16.Be5 Rg6 17.Qe4** White is more active. **17...Qd5 18.Rae1 Rd8 19.Re2 Qxe4 20.Rxe4 Bd6 21.Rfe1 Kf7 22.f4 Bxe5** 1.18/25
[22...b6± 0.57/22]
23.Rxe5± Endgame. KRR-KRR
[Of course not 23.fxe5?! Rg5=]
23...b6 24.f5 0.31/23
[White should play 24.Kf2± 1.02/22]
24...exf5 25.Re7+ Kg8! 26.Rxa7 h5 27.a4 f4 28.Kf2 Rd5 0.85/24
[28...h4= 0.06/22]
29.h4!± Rf5 1.55/21
[Better is 29...Rg4!± 0.62/22]
30.a5! bxa5 31.Rxa5 Rg4 2.29/26
[⌓31...Rb6 1.71/22]
32.b4+- Rxh4 33.Rxc5 Rf6 34.b5? 0.42/17
[34.Kf3+- 2.01/21]
34...f3!± Deflection **35.gxf3** aiming for b6! **35...Rh3 36.Ke2** Threatens to win with Kd2. **36...Rhxf3?** 2.61/23 Loses the game.
[Black should try 36...Rh2+± 0.33/21 37.Kd1 h4]
37.Rxh5+- Rf2+ 38.Kd1 R6f5 4.18/28
[⌓38...Rf8 2.83/18 39.Rhe5 Kh7]
39.Re8+ Kf7 40.Rxf5+ Rxf5 KR-KR **41.Rd8 Rxb5 42.Rxd4** Strongly threatening Kd2. **42...g5 43.Ke2! Rf5?** 4.25/25
[43...Rb2 2.19/21 44.Kd2 Kf6]
44.c4 Ke6 45.Rd8 Dodges Rf8. Black must now prevent d4. **45...Ke7?** 5.44/23
[45...Kf7 3.22/19 was necessary. 46.Rd4 Kf6]
46.Rb8 And now Rb5 would win. White is clearly winning. **46...Rf6 47.Rb7+ Kf8 48.Rb5 Rg6 49.Rd5** Kf3 would now be deadly. **49...g4** 7.56/24
[⌓49...Ke7 4.97/23 50.Kf3 g4+ 51.Kg3 Rg8]
50.Kf2 g3+ 51.Kg2 Ke7 52.Re5+ Kd6 53.Re3 Kc5 54.Rxg3 Rd6



55.Kf2! Kd4

(Diagram)

56.Rg5! Re6 57.Rd5+ Kc3 58.Kf3 Kb4 59.Kf4 Re8 60.c5 Kb5 61.d4 Kc6 62.Re5 Rh8 63.Re6+ Kc7 64.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.37
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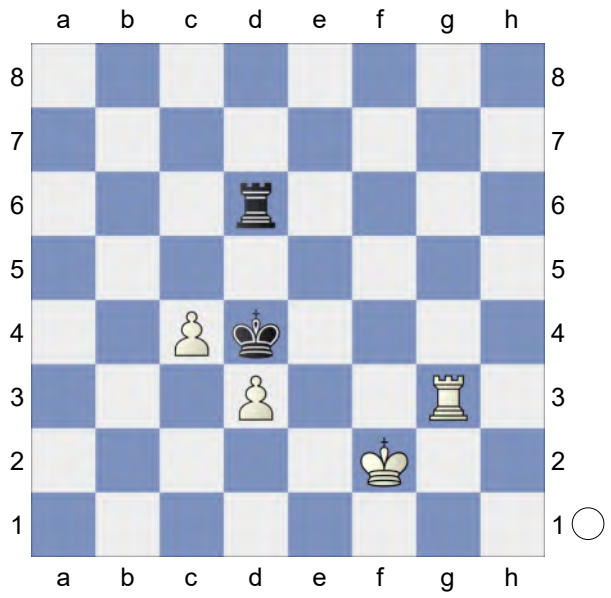

C02

□ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**

■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**

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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.Rb1 Bd7 9.Be2 0-0-0**

[9...Ne7 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 Nc8 12.Nf1 Nb3 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.N3d2 Na5 15.h4 Be7 16.h5 h6 17.Bh2 Ba4 18.Qc1 0-0-0 19.Bg4 Bg5 20.f4 Bh4 21.Re2 Nb3 22.Nxb3 cxb3 23.Nd2 Qd7 24.Nf3 ½-½ Bruzon Batista,L (2673)-Akobian,V (2640) St Louis Spring A Saint Louis USA 2018 (9.2)]

10.Qc2 Kb8N

[10...f6 11.0-0 Be8 12.Re1 Bg6 13.Qa4 Bxb1 14.Nxb1 Nb3 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Bxc4 Nxc1 17.Bf1 Nb3 18.Bd3 Ne7 19.Bc2 Na5 20.Bd3 Kb8 21.b4 Nc4 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Nbd2 Nd5 24.Nxc4 Qc7 25.Qb3 0-1 Barczay,L (1419)-Sjuchlitzky,N (1883) Sharjah FIDE GP 2017 (3) Rc8 26.Na5 Qxc3 27.Qa4 Nb6 28.Qb5 Qxa3 29.Rxe6 Qxb4 0-1 Ramirez Tipian,V (1419)-Hilario,A (1883) South America-ch (Women) Lima 2023 (3)]

11.h4 Ne7 White is slightly better.

12.Ng5 Be8 And now ...f6 would win.

13.Nxh7 f6! 14.h5 -0.27/19 Prevents Bg6.

[14.exf6 Bg6 15.Qd1 Bxh7 16.fxe7 Bxe7= *(16...Bxb1? 17.exd8B Qxd8 18.Nxb1+-)*]

[14.Nxf8!± 0.68/24 Rxf8 15.b4]

14...fxe5= 15.dxe5 d4 16.Nxc4? -2.33/23

[16.cxd4!∓ -0.54/23 Nf5 17.Nxf8 *(17.Nxc4? Nxc4 18.Nxf8 Nxd4-+)* 17...Nxd4 18.Qc3 Nxe2 19.Kxe2 Rxf8 20.Nf3]

16...Nxc4-+ 17.Bxc4 -3.38/22

[⌓17.Nxf8 -2.20/20 Rxf8 18.cxd4 *(18.Bxc4? d3-+)* 18...Nxe5 19.Be3]

17...Qc6! 18.Bd3 Strongly threatening 0-0. **18...Qxg2 19.Rf1**

[19.Be4? d3-+]

19...Bxh5 20.Ng5 Qd5 21.Bf4 dxc3 22.Be4 Qc4 -0.79/18

[22...Bg6!-+ -1.99/19 is more deadly. Threatens to win with ...Rh4! 23.f3 *(23.Bxg6? Nxg6 24.Qxg6 Qc4-+)* 23...Qa2 *(23...Bxe4 24.fxe4 Qa2 25.Nf7∓)*]

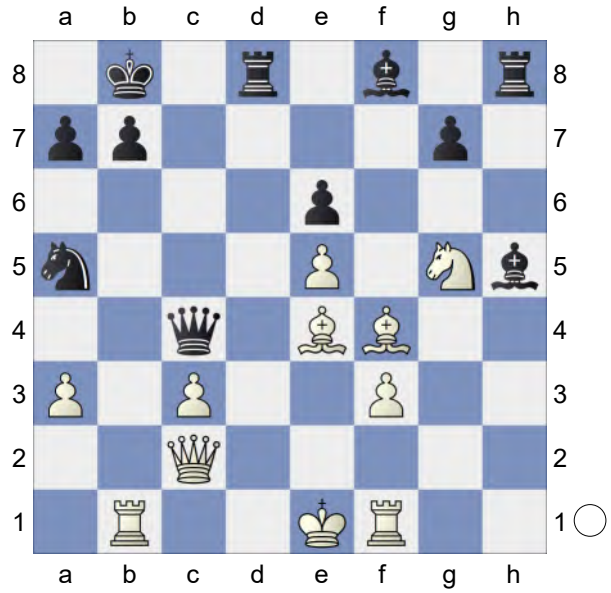
23.bxc3∓ Nc6 0.25/17

[Black should play 23...b6!∓ -0.82/21 Hoping for ...Ng6. 24.f3 *(24.Rb4? Qxc3+* Double Attack *25.Bd2 Qxc2-+)* 24...Nd5]

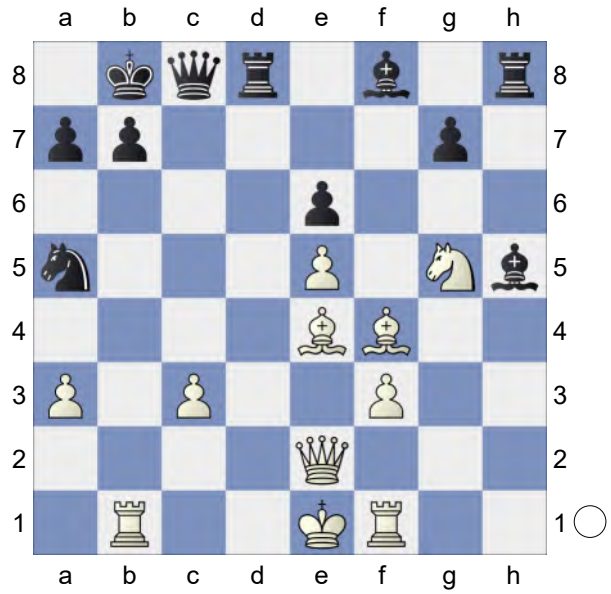
24.f3!= Na5 1.17/21

[24...Bxa3? 25.Qb3 Qa6 *(25...Qxb3? 26.Rxb3 Be7 27.Bxc6+-)* 26.Ra1+- *(26.Nxe6*

Be7+-; 26.Qxe6 Be8+-)]
[24...Bg6!= 0.08/19 remains equal.]



25.Qe2!↑ aiming for Rxb7+! White is in control. **25...Qc8** 3.27/21
[25...Bxa3? 26.Rxb7+ Kc8 27.Rxa7+- *(27.Rxg7 Rd7+-; 27.Qxc4+ Nxc4 28.Rxa7 Rdf8+-)*]
[25...Qxc3+± 1.04/18 26.Bd2 Qxe5 *(26...Qxa3? 27.Qa6+-)*]



26.Rb5? 0.33/19
[26.Qa6!+- 3.27/21 Bg6 27.Qxa5 *(27.Bxg6 Qxc3+ 28.Kf2 Bc5+ 29.Kg3 Be3±)* 27...Bxe4 28.Be3 *(28.Nxe4 b6+-; 28.fxe4 Rd3±)*]
26...Bxa3? 2.61/20
[26...Qxc3+?! 27.Bd2 Qc8 28.Rxa5± *(28.Bxa5? Qc1+ 29.Kf2 Bc5+ 30.Rxc5 Qxc5+ 31.Qe3 Qxa5-+)*]
[26...Be8!± 0.33/19 27.Rxa5 Qxc3+ 28.Bd2 Qa1+ 29.Kf2 *(29.Qd1 Qxd1+ 30.Kxd1 Rh2∓)* 29...Qb2 *(29...Rh2+ 30.Kg3=)*]
27.Qc2
[27.Rxa5 Qxc3+ 28.Bd2 Rxd2 29.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 30.Kxd2 Bb4+ 31.Kc2 Rc8+ *(31...Bxa5 32.Nxe6 Rc8+ 33.Kd1∓)* 32.Kb1 Bxa5∓]
27...Nc6 28.Qb3? 0.79/16
[28.Kf2+- 2.47/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
28...Be7
[28...a6? 29.Rb6 *(29.Nxe6 axb5 30.Nxd8 Qxd8=)* 29...Bxf3 *(29...Bc5? 30.Rxc6 Qd7 31.Nxe6+-)* 30.Bxf3+- *(30.Rxc6 Rd1+ 31.Qxd1 Qxc6+-)*]
29.Nxe6 0.30/16 White is more active.
[White should try 29.Qc4± 0.97/18 a6 30.Rb1 Bxg5 31.Bxg5]
29...Bf7!= 30.Nxd8 Discovered Attack
[30.Bxc6? Qxc6 31.Nxd8 Bh4+ 32.Ke2 *(32.Rf2? Rxd8 33.Qb4 Be6-+)* 32...Bc4+ 33.Ke3 Rxd8-+]
30...Bh4+
[30...Bxb3? loses. 31.Nxc6+ *(31.Bxc6?* too greedy. *Bh4+ 32.Ke2 Bc4+ 33.Ke3 Bxd8-+)* 31...Ka8 32.Nxe7+-]
31.Ke2 Bxb3 32.Nxc6+ Ka8 33.Rxb3 bxc6 34.Ra1 Prevents Qa6+. **34...Qe6** The position is equal. **35.Rb6**
[35.Rba3!? Qc4+□ 36.Bd3 *(36.Ke3 Qc5+ 37.Kd3 Rd8+ 38.Kc2 Rd7∓)*

36...Qxf4 37.Rxa7+ Kb8 38.Ra8+ Kc7 39.R1a7+ Kb6 40.Ra6+ Kc7 41.R6a7+ Kb6 42.Ra6+ Kc7 43.R6a7+=]

35...Qc4+ 36.Kd2 Rd8+ 37.Kc2 Rd5 White must now prevent ...Qe2+. **38.Rb4** Some like it hot **38...Qe2+ 39.Kb3 g5 40.Bxd5 cxd5 41.Rh1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.27 (precise)

½-½

C55

□ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
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[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.a4N**

[5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Be3 *(6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7* 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2)*)* 6...Bb6 7.0-0 *(7.Qd2 d6 8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Qe7* ½-½ Pattrick,G-Douven,R Sofia ch-BUL 1977 (5)*)* 7...0-0 8.h3 d6 9.Nd5 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Be6 12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.Nd2 d5 14.f4 d4 15.Bf2 exf4 16.Ra4 b5 17.Rb4 a5 18.Rxb5 Qd7 19.c4 dxc3 0-1 Duran Lopez,A (1546)-Ocampo Arredondo,L (1203) Manizales op 28th 2023 (5)]

5...d6 6.a5 g6 7.c3 Bg7 8.a6 Hoping for axb7. White is slightly better. **8...b6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nbd2** 0.21/22

[11.b4± 0.64/19 was preferrable.]

11...Rb8 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.Nc4 Ne7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Be3 Ng4 16.Bd2 f5 17.b4 Rf8 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.h3 Nf6 20.Nh4 Kh7 21.exf5 gxf5

[21...Nxf5 simplifies 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Ne3 d5]

22.Qf3 e4 23.dxe4 -1.11/22

[23.Qe2!∓ -0.33/20]

23...fxe4 -0.42/21

[Black should play 23...Nxe4∓ -1.11/22 24.Rxe4 fxe4 25.Qxe4+ Nf5]

24.Qd1 Qe6 25.Ne3 Nfd5 ...Bf6 would now be deadly. **26.Qc2** -1.37/23

[26.Qg4!∓ -0.39/20 Qxg4 27.hxg4]

26...Bf6 Black is more active.

[26...Nf4?! 27.Ng4 d5 *(27...Nd3? 28.Qxd3 d5 29.Qg3+-)* 28.f3=]

27.Nf3

[27.Nxd5? Nxd5 28.Nf3 Nxb4 29.cxb4 Bxa1 30.Ng5+ *(30.Rxa1? Rxf3 31.Qxc7+ Re7-+)* 30...hxg5-+]

27...Nxe3 28.Bxe3 Nf5 -0.83/21

[⌓28...Rg8 -1.23/22 ...Qf5! is the strong threat. 29.Kh1 *(29.Nd4 Bxd4 30.Bxd4 Nd5∓)* 29...Ng6]

29.Nd4 -1.77/19 Dodges

[29.Nh2∓ -0.83/21]

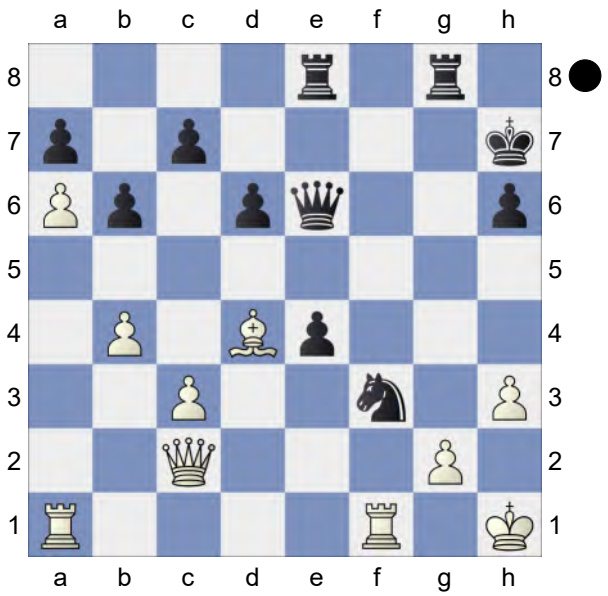
29...Bxd4-+ 30.Bxd4 Rg8 31.f3 Nh4 32.Kh1 Nxf3!→ White must now prevent ...c5! Deflection. White is in trouble.

[32...Nxg2?! 33.Qxe4+ Qxe4 34.Rxe4 Rxe4 35.fxe4±]

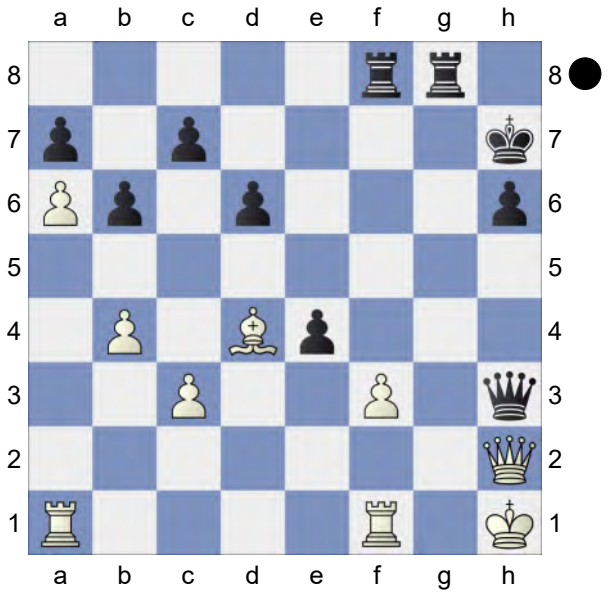
33.Rf1? -4.65/22

[33.Re2∓ -1.03/18]

(Diagram)



Now White is beyond hope. **33...Ref8** -2.63/20
[⌓33...Rxg2! -4.65/22 34.Kxg2 *(34.Qxg2? Rg8-+)* 34...Rg8+ 35.Kf2 Qf5]
34.gxf3? -#6/18
[34.Bg1-+ -2.63/20 Rxg2 Decoy 35.Kxg2 *(35.Qxg2? Rg8-+)* 35...Rg8+ 36.Kf2]
34...Qxh3+ Black mates. **35.Qh2**



Qxh2+!
[And not 35...Rxf3 36.Rg1 e3 *(36...Rg4? 37.Rxg4 Qxg4 38.Rg1+-)* 37.Rae1= *(37.Rxg8 Rf1+ 38.Rg1 Qf3+ 39.Qg2 Qh5+ 40.Qh2 Qd5+ 41.Qg2 Qh5+ 42.Qh2 Qd5+ 43.Qg2 Qh5+=)*]
36.Kxh2 Rf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.21 (precise)
[36...Rxf3? perishes. 37.Rae1 Rxf1 38.Rxf1+-]
0-1

A20
□ **Goutham Krishna H** **2466**
■ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
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[Kitty Kat]

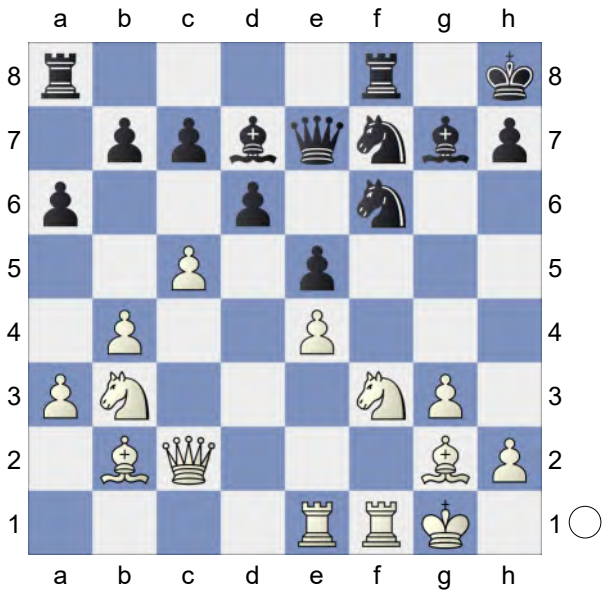
A20: English Opening: 1...e5 openings101.org. The final chapter is devoted to various move orders without Nc3. As usual, White often tries to steer the game toward similar positions with colors reversed and an extra tempo, so I will explain these subleties where necessary. **1.c4 e5 2.d3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.a3 g6N**
[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.b4 *(6.e4 Nf6 7.Be2 a5 8.0-0 Bc5 9.Be3 Bb6 10.Nbd2 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Ng4 12.Nc4 b5 13.h3 bxc4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.Qa4 Bd7 16.Qxc4 0-0 17.Qc5 Re8 18.Rac1 a4 19.Bd1 Re6 20.Rf2 h6* ½-½ 11...Qc7 12.Nbd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2740)-Osnos,V (2761) TCh-AUT 2014-15 Austria AUT (5.1)*; 6.e3 a5 7.Be2 Bd6 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 f5 10.Nbd2 Qe7 11.Qc2 Bd7 12.g3 Kh8 13.0-0 Rae8 14.Rfe1 e4 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 exd3 17.Qxd3 Bxa3 18.Bf3 Nb4 19.Qc3 Nc6 20.Bxg7+ Qxg7* 1-0 Sybil (2725)-5.dc5 Bc5 6.Bf4 (2612) ARG I15 corr Argentina 2001 (7)*)* 6...a5 7.b5

Nd4 8.Nxe5 Bc5 9.e3 Qe7 10.Nc4 c6 11.bxc6 b5 12.Ncd2 Bg4 13.Qxg4 Nc2+ 14.Ke2 f5 15.Qh5+ g6 16.Qh6 Ncxe3 17.fxe3 Bxe3 #4 2. Reversed Sicilian with 2.d-4.a3 and 6.b4:]

5.b4 Bg7 6.Bb2 -0.18/20
[⌓6.e4 0.19/21]

6...d6 0.48/21
[6...d5= -0.18/20]

7.Nbd2 0-0 8.g3 White has an edge. **8...a6 9.Bg2 Nh5 10.Qc2 f5 11.0-0 Qe7 12.Nb3 Nd8 13.Nfd2 Nf6 14.Rae1 g5 15.e3 g4! 16.c5 Nf7 17.f4** e4 is the strong threat. White is more active. **17...gxf3 18.Nxf3 Kh8 19.e4 fxe4 20.dxe4 Bd7** 0.82/18
[20...Be6± 0.36/18]



21.Nh4!± Nh6 22.Na5 b6 23.Nc4 bxc5 24.bxc5 Rab8 25.a4 0.48/18
[25.Bc1± 0.90/20]

25...Rb4± 26.Ne3
[26.Ba3 Rxa4 *(26...Bxa4 27.Qc1=)* 27.cxd6 Qe6 28.Nxe5 *(28.Rc1 cxd6 29.Qd3 Rd8∓)* 28...Qxe5=]

26...Bxa4 27.Qc1 0.00/19
[27.Qd2!± 0.40/20 might be stronger. Rb3 28.Nef5 Nxf5 29.Nxf5]

27...Bb5= 28.Rf2 Nhg4 0.50/22
[Black should play 28...Qd7= 0.00/19]

29.Nhf5 Deflection
[29.Nef5!? Qf7 30.Rd2±]

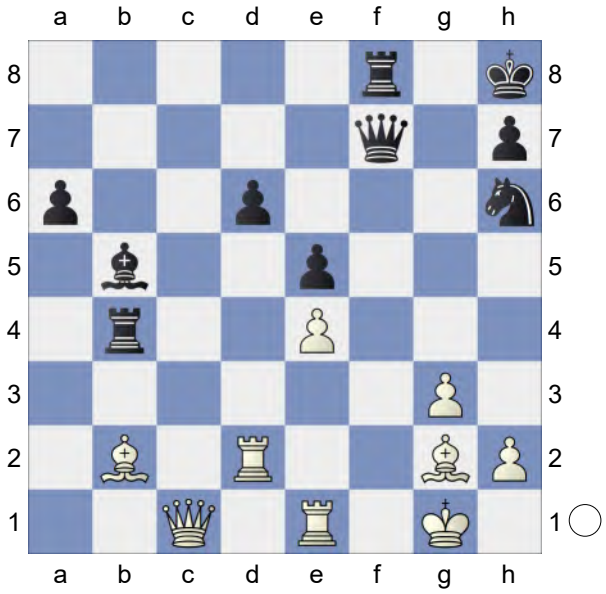
29...Qf7 30.Nxg4
[30.Nxd6? Qa2 31.Rd2 *(31.Nxg4? Nxg4* Discovered Attack *32.Rd2 cxd6-+)* 31...cxd6-+]

30...Nxg4 31.Rd2 0.01/23
[31.Rf3± 0.46/19 feels stronger.]

31...Bh6 0.69/21
[31...Rc4= 0.01/23 32.Qd1 Nh6]

32.Nxh6± Nxh6 33.cxd6
[33.Bc3 Rc4=]

33...cxd6



34.h3 0.00/24 Inhibits Ng4.
[34.Ba3!± 0.76/21 Qa7+ 35.Kh1]

34...Rb3↑ White is under pressure. **35.Bc3! Qg6 36.Re3 Bc4! 37.Rb2 Nf7 38.Rf3 Rxb2**
[38...Qxe4? 39.Rxf7+-]

39.Bxb2 This pair of bishops is nice. **39...Bb5 40.Kh2 Kg8 41.g4 Nh6**
[41...Qxe4? perishes. 42.Rxf7 Qd3 43.Ra7+-]

42.Kg3 Rxf3+ 43.Bxf3 Nf7 44.Qc8+ Kg7 45.Bc1 Ng5

[45...Qf6 simplifies 46.h4 Qd8 47.Qxd8 Nxd8 48.g5 Bc6]
46.Bxg5 Qxg5 Endgame. KQB-KQB **47.Qc7+ Kg6 48.Qxd6+ Qf6 49.Qd2 Qg5 50.Qd6+ Qf6 51.Qd2 h6 52.h4 Bc4 53.Qc1 Be6 54.h5+ Kg7 55.Qc7+ Bf7 56.Kg2 Qg5 57.Kf1 Qf4 58.Qc3** -0.69/24
[Better is 58.Kg2= 0.00/28]
58...Kf6 -0.30/23
[58...Qg3∓ -0.69/24]
59.Kg2 Kg5 0.00/42
[59...Be6!∓ -0.36/27 60.Qc6 Qd2+ 61.Kg3 Qd4]
60.Qd3 The position is equal. **60...Kh4 61.Qd8+ Qg5 62.Qd1 Qe3** Wards off Qe1+. ...Be6 would now be deadly.
[Weaker is 62...Bxh5 63.Qh1#]
63.Qd8+! Qg5 64.Qd1 Qe3 Prevents Qe1+. White must now prevent ...Be6.
[Not 64...Bxh5 65.Qh1#]
65.Qd8+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

A14
□ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**
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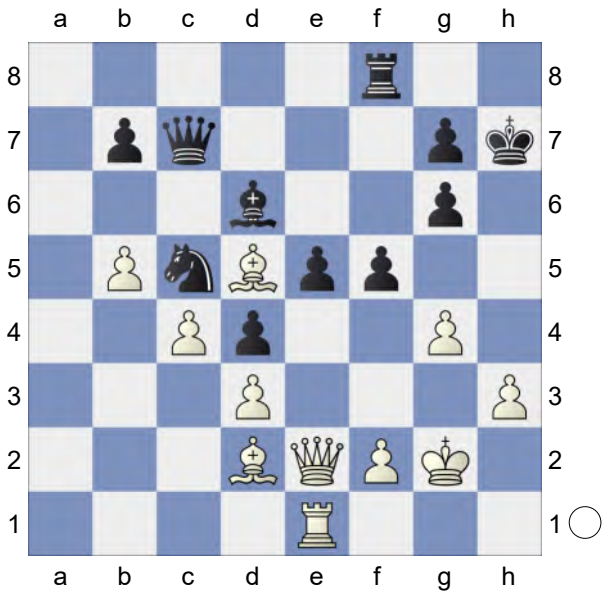
[Kitty Kat]

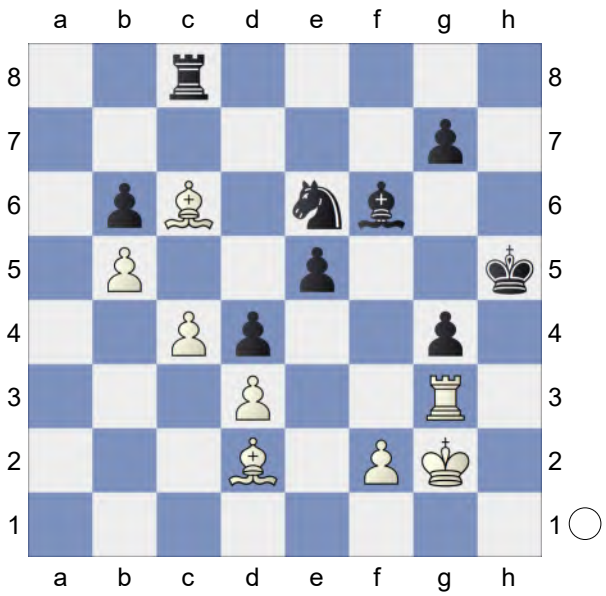
A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5**
[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]
4.Bg2 Be7N
[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
[4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 d4 12.Rfe1 e5 13.e3 Qd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Re2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rxe2 17.Rxe2 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Kf1 ½-½ Legendmike (2089)-Greecechess22 (2061) 1st Greek Chessfed Blitz FINAL Team Bat lichess.org 2020]
5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.e3 c5 8.exd4 cxd4 9.Re1 Nc6 10.d3 Nd7 0.12/20
[10...Bb4∓ -0.33/21]
11.Na3= e5 12.Nc2 f6 13.Rb1 0.13/21
[13.Nh4± 0.49/21 is more appropriate.]
13...a5 14.a3! Nc5 0.57/18
[14...Nb6= 0.19/20]
15.b4± Na4 ...Nc3 would now be deadly.
16.Bd2
[16.Ncxd4 Nc3 17.Nxc6 bxc6∓]
16...axb4 17.axb4 Bg4 18.h3 Bh5 19.b5 Nb8 20.Ra1! Strongly threatening Ncxd4! **20...Nb6** 1.99/22
[20...Nb2± 1.16/18 is a better defense. 21.Qb1 Rxa1 22.Nxa1 Na4]
21.Rxa8+- Nxa8 22.g4 Bg6 23.Nb4 Nd7 24.Nh4 Nc5 25.Nxg6 hxg6 26.Qe2 Nc7 27.Nd5 Bd6 2.20/22
[27...Nb3± 1.59/18 keeps fighting. 28.Nxe7+ Discovered Attack Qxe7]
28.Nxc7 Qxc7 29.Bd5+ This pair of bishops is nice. **29...Kh7 30.Kg2 f5** 1.97/22
[30...Nb3± 1.55/18 was called for.

31.Rb1 Nxd2 32.Qxd2 Qe7]



31.Rh1! Be7 2.98/25
[⌓31...Qe7 1.74/20]
32.h4 1.50/19
[32.g5+- 2.98/25 Qd8 33.h4 *(33.Qxe5 Bxg5 34.Bxg5 Qxg5+ 35.Kh2 Qh4=)*]
32...fxg4± 33.h5 Threatening mate with hxg6+.
[D o n ' t t a k e 33.Qxg4 Qc8 *(33...Nxd3?* loses. *34.h5+-)* 34.Qxc8 Rxc8±]
33...g5 34.Qxg4 Kh6 35.Rh3 0.60/18
[White should try 35.f3+- 1.81/22]
35...Qc8± 36.Qxc8
[36.Qe2 seems wilder. b6 37.Rg3 Qf5 38.Kf1]
36...Rxc8 37.Rf3 Hoping for Rf7.
37...b6 38.Bb4! Bf6 1.54/24
[38...Bd6± 0.45/24]
39.Bc6 0.79/24
[White should play 39.Kh3 1.54/24]
39...g4 40.Rg3 And now Bxc5 would win. **40...Ne6 41.Bd2+ Kxh5**

(Diagram)



42.Bd7 0.36/17
[42.f3!± 0.86/24]
42...Nf4+ 43.Bxf4 exf4 The position is equal. **44.Bxg4+**
[44.Rxg4!? Rc7□ 45.Bf5=]
44...Kg5! 45.Bxc8+ fxg3 46.Kxg3 Black should prevent c5! **46...Be7 47.Kf3 Bc5** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

B12
□ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**
■ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nd7 8.Nge2 Be7 9.g3 Nh6 10.Bf4 Qb6** White has an edge. **11.Qd2N** -0.29/18
[⌓11.Bd3 0.27/20]
[11.Qc1 Rd8 12.0-0 a6 *(12...Bg6 13.Bg5 Qb4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nf4 Nf5 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Ne2 Nb6*

18.Bb3 Kf7 19.Rd1 Nd5 20.Rd3 Rd7 21.Qc5 a6 22.Rad1 Rhd8 23.a3 Nc7 24.Qc2 g5 25.Rf3 g6 26.Rxf5+ gxf5 27.Qxf5+ 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2736)-Baldauf,M (2501) AUT-chT 2223 Austria 2022 (7.4)) 13.Bb3 Ng4 14.Kg2 c5 15.Na4 Qa7 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.Bc2 Bxc2 20.Qxc2 0-0 21.Nf4 Bxf2 22.Nxh5 Ne3+ 23.Bxe3 Bxe3 24.Rad1 Rd4 25.Qe2 Rxd1 0-1 Kostolansky,S (2407)-Druska,J (2473) SVK-ch Bratislava 2023 (7)]

11...Qb4 0.28/20

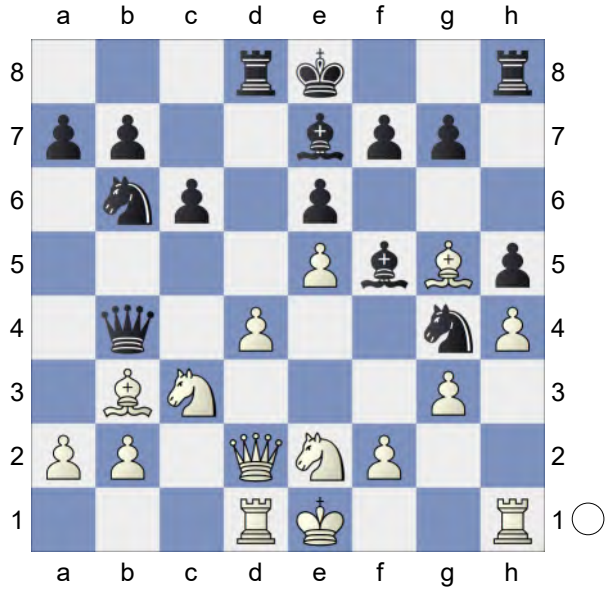
[⌓11...Rd8! -0.29/18 12.0-0 0-0]

12.Bb3= Rd8 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bg5 0.12/20

[14.0-0!± 0.54/21]

14...Ng4 0.85/22

[14...Bg4!= 0.12/20 keeps the balance.]



15.Bxe7 0.33/20

[15.Qc1!± 0.85/22]

15...Qxe7± 16.Qf4 Qb4 17.0-0 a5 Hoping for ...a4. **18.Qc1 Nh6 19.Bc2 Bxc2** 0.88/19

[19...Qc4± 0.52/23 feels stronger.]

20.Qxc2± Nf5 21.a3 Qe7 22.Ne4 0-0 23.Rd3

[23.Nf4 looks sharper. Nxd4 24.Rxd4 Rxd4 25.Ng5]

23...Nd5 24.Rfd1 Ra8 25.N2c3 Nxc3 26.bxc3 Threatens to win with Qe2.

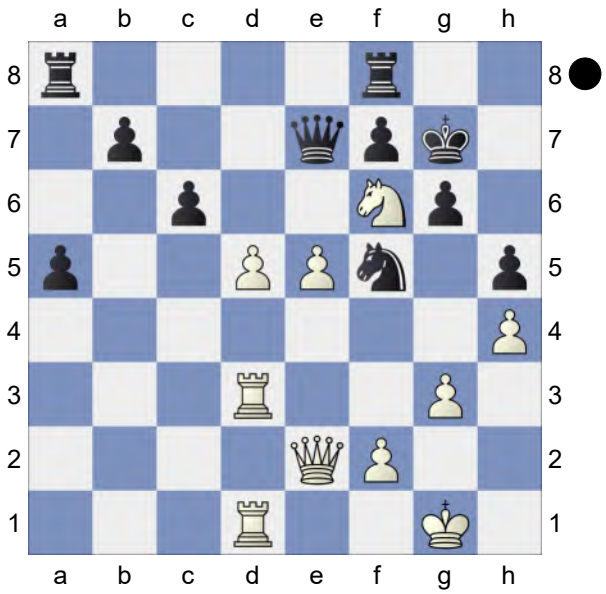
26...Qxa3 1.30/21

[⌓26...b5 0.73/21]

27.Qe2 g6 28.c4 Qe7 1.26/23

[Black should try 28...Qa4 0.85/23]

29.d5 exd5 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31.cxd5



Black must now prevent Rf3. White is more active. **31...Rad8?** 2.83/21 This costs Black the game.

[31...cxd5? 32.Nxd5 Qd7 33.Qb2+- *(33.Nb6 Qb5+-)*]

[31...c5± 1.21/18 is a better defense.]

32.d6+- Qe6 33.Qb2 Nh6 34.d7

[34.Qxb7 Ng8 35.Nxg8 *(35.Qxc6 Nxf6 36.exf6+ Kh7+-)* 35...Kxg8+-]

34...Ng4? 4.65/19

[34...a4 2.86/20 was called for. 35.Re1 *(35.Qxb7 Qxe5 36.Ne8+ Rdxe8±)* 35...Nf5 36.Qxb7 Rb8]

35.Nxg4 White is clearly winning.

[35.Qxb7 Nxf6 36.exf6+ Qxf6+-]

35...hxg4 36.Rd6

[36.Qxb7 a4 37.Qb4 Qxe5 38.Qxa4 f5 39.Qxc6 Rf6+-]

36...Qf5 6.74/19 Black is weak on the dark squares

[⌓36...Qe7 4.62/19 37.Qxb7 Qxe5 38.Qxc6 *(38.Rxc6 Rb8±)* 38...Rh8]

37.Kh2 a4 6.04/21

[⌓37...Qe4 4.23/18 38.Qxb7 *(38.e6+ Kh7+-)* 38...Qxe5 39.Qxc6 Rh8]

38.Rf6

[38.Qxb7? loses. Qxf2+ 39.Kh1 Rb8-+ *(39...Qxg3? 40.Qxc6 Qxh4+ 41.Kg1-+; 39...Qxg3? 40.Qxc6 Qxh4+ 41.Kg1-+)*]

38...a3 39.Qc3

[Less strong is 39.Qxa3 Qxe5 40.Rf4 f5±]

39...Qe4 40.e6

[Not 40.Qxa3 Qxe5 41.Rf4 f5±]

40...Kg8 41.Re1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.53

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E12

□ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**
■ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
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[Kitty Kat]

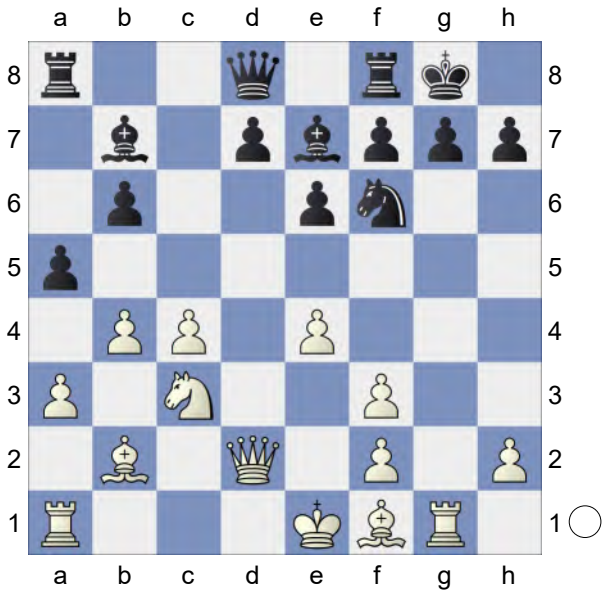
E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Nc3 c5 7.e4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.b4 Nd4 11.Qd2** White is slightly better.

11...Nxf3+

[11...Nxe4? 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Nxd4+-]

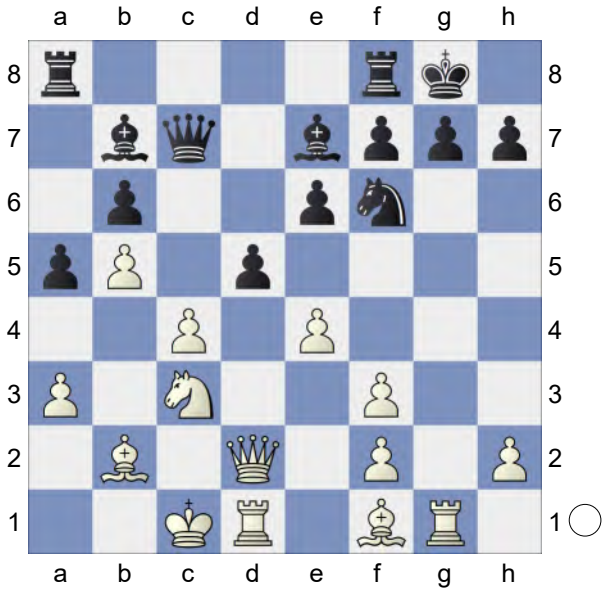
12.gxf3 Be7 13.Rg1 0-0N 14.Bb2 White is more active. **14...a5**

(Diagram)



15.b5 d5 16.0-0-0 Qc7 1.96/16

[16...g6± 1.00/18]



17.exd5!→ White goes for the king.

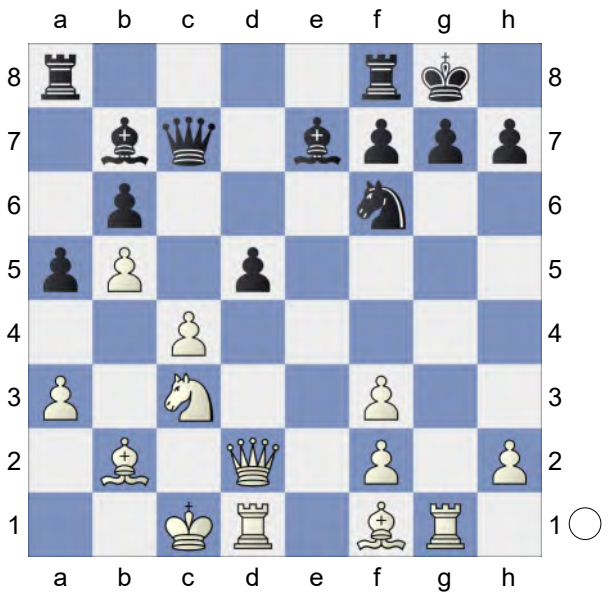
17...exd5? 6.46/26

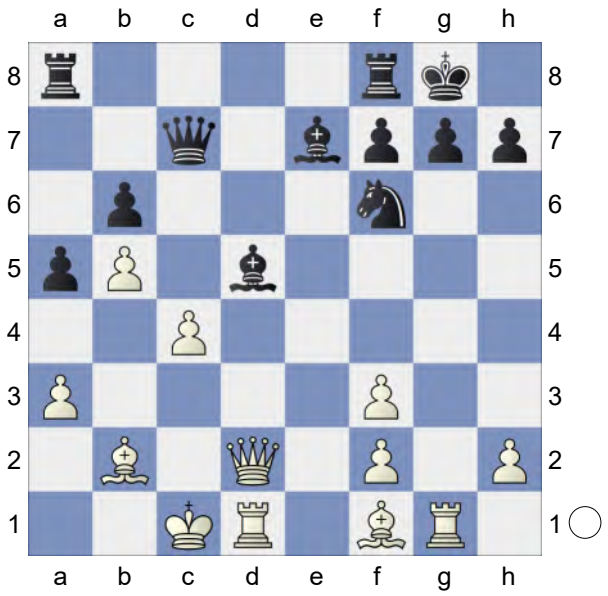
[17...Rfd8± 1.48/18]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **18.Nxd5!** White is clearly winning. **18...Bxd5**

(Diagram)





19.Rxg7+!! Decoy **19...Kxg7 20.Qg5+**
[20.Qxd5? is the wrong capture. Qf4+ *(20...Qxh2? 21.Qg5+* Deflection *Kh8 22.Bxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qxf6+ Kg8 24.Rd4+-)* 21.Qd2 Qxd2+ *(21...Qxf3? 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Bg2+-)* 22.Kxd2 Rfd8+ 23.Bd3 Kf8-+]
20...Kh8 aiming for ...Rfd8! **21.Bxf6+**
[Weaker is 21.Rxd5 Rg8 22.Bxf6+ Bxf6 23.Qxf6+ Rg7+-]
21...Bxf6 22.Qxf6+
[22.Qxd5? perishes. Qe7 *(22...Qxh2? 23.Qf5-+)* 23.Qd6 Rad8 24.Qxe7 Rxd1+ *(24...Bxe7? 25.Be2-+)* 25.Kxd1 Bxe7-+]
22...Kg8 23.Rxd5 Rfe8 24.Rg5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.60
1-0

E11
□ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
■ **Pranav,V.** **2621**
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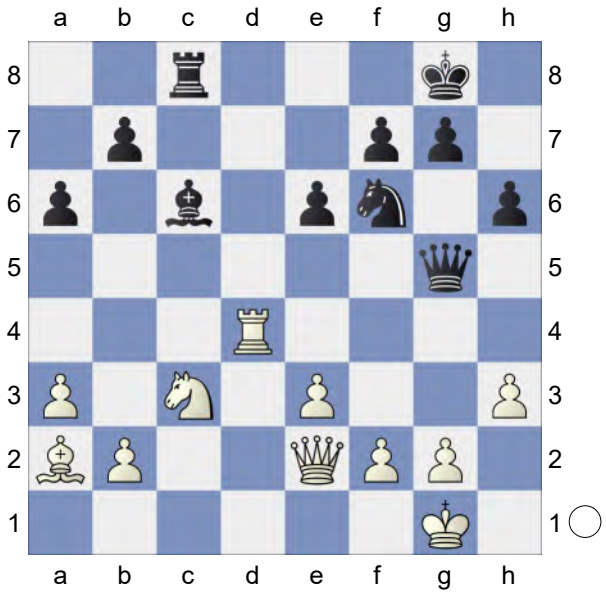
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Bxd2+ 5.Qxd2 0-0 6.Nc3 d5 7.e3 Qe7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5** The position is equal. **10.dxc5 Rd8** Wards off Qd6 **11.Qe2 Qxc5 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Rfd1 Bd7 14.Rac1N Be8 15.a3 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Rc8 17.Ba2 a6 18.Nd2 Ne5 19.h3 Qb6 20.Nc4 Nxc4 21.Bxc4 h6 22.Ba2 Bc6 23.Rd6 Qc5 24.Rd4**
[24.Rxe6? Rd8 25.Rxc6 Qxc6-+]
24...Qg5

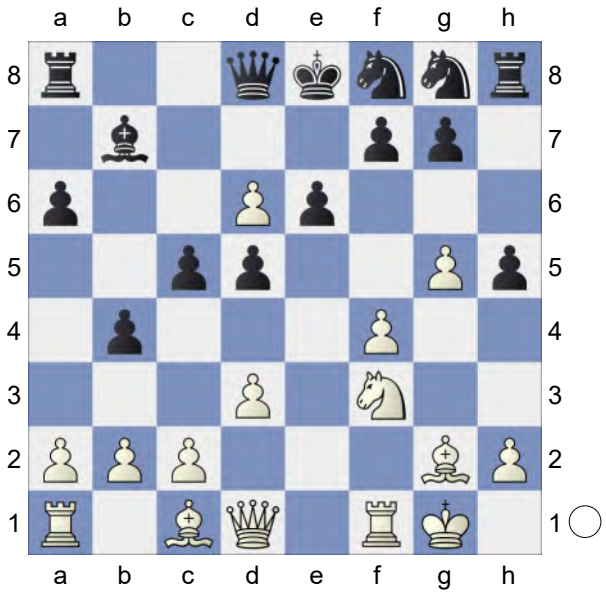


25.f4 Qc5 26.Qd2 Qe7 27.Bb1
[27.e4 keeps more tension. e5

28.fxe5 Qxe5 29.Rd8+]
27...Re8 28.Bc2 e5 29.fxe5 Nd7
[29...Qxe5 is more complex. 30.Rd8 Kf8 31.Ba4 b5]
30.Be4 Nxe5
[30...Qxe5? loses. 31.Bxc6 bxc6 32.Rxd7+-]
31.Bxc6 bxc6 32.Kh1 Qe6 33.Rd8 Rxd8 34.Qxd8+= Endgame. KQN-KQN **34...Kh7 35.Qa5 Nd3 36.Qxa6 Qxe3 37.Qxc6 Qe1+ 38.Kh2** next Qb5 is good for White. **38...Qe5+ 39.Kg1 Qe1+ 40.Kh2** A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

B23
□ **Pranesh,M.** **2582**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.15) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

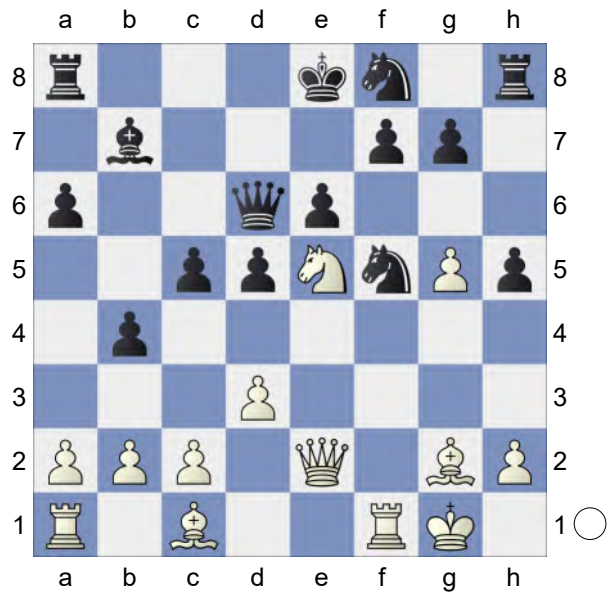
B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.d3 d6 0.44/22
[Better is 5...e6= -0.10/22]
6.g3 Nd7 7.Bg2 e6 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Be7N**
[8...b4 9.Ne2 Ngf6 10.h3 Be7 11.g4 0-0 12.Ng3 d5 13.e5 Ne8 14.Qe2 a5 15.c4 bxc3 16.bxc3 Nc7 17.f5 Ra6 18.Rb1 Bc6 19.Bd2 a4 20.Nh5 Ne8 21.f6 gxf6 22.Bh6 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 The Centre Game Ii-Peek,M 6: World Championship Match Moscow 1985 fxe5 24.Qxe5 Qd6 25.Qxd6 Bxd6 26.c4 Be5 27.Bxf8 Kxf8 28.Nf4 dxc4 29.Bxc6 Rxc6 30.dxc4 Nf6 31.Rb7 Ne4 32.Nd3 Bd4+ 33.Kg2 Nd6 34.Ra7 Rb6 35.Rxa4 e5 36.Re1 e4 37.Nf4 Be5 38.Ra8+ 1-0 Perrot,H (2530)-Grankin,F (2680) 33/188 Hastings 1981 (3.1) Kg7 39.Nh5+ Kh6 40.Ng3 Bd4 41.Rg8 CBM 50-7.a4 ♕b6 Survey Opening 1996]
9.g4 h6 10.e5 -0.27/20
[10.h3± 0.49/25]
10...h5 0.84/21
[10...dxe5= -0.27/20 11.fxe5 b4]
11.g5!± b4 12.Ne4 d5 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6 Hoping for f5! **14...Nf8** 1.77/26
[14...Qb6± 0.81/22]



15.f5!+- Qxd6 16.Qe2 Ne7 17.Ne5 0.43/25
[17.Nh4!± 1.54/25]
17...Nxf5 1.34/26
[Black should try 17...f6± 0.43/25 18.Nc4 dxc4 19.Bxb7 Ra7 20.gxf6 Rxb7 21.fxe7 Rxe7]

(Diagram)

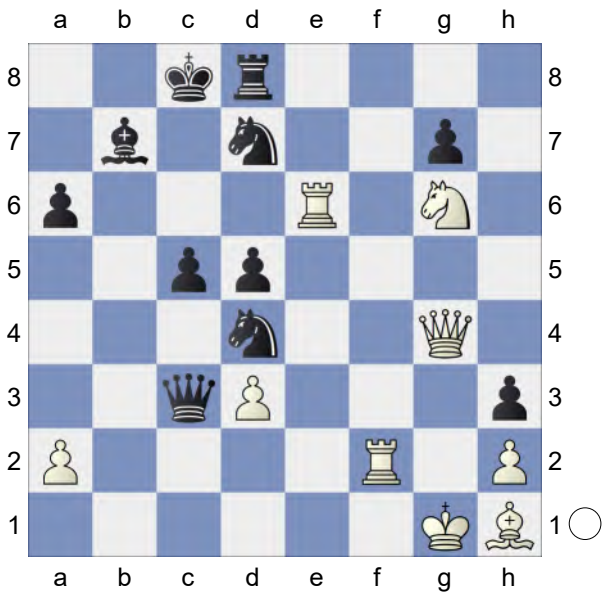
18.g6! fxg6
[18...Nxg6? 19.Rxf5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5+- *(20.Qxe5 Qxe5 21.Rxe5 Kd7+-)*]



19.Bg5 Prevents Qe7. **19...h4 20.Rae1** Qg4 would now be deadly. **20...h3 21.Bh1** Black must now prevent Qg4. This pair of bishops is nice. **21...Rh5 22.Qg4 Rxg5 23.Qxg5 Qe7 24.Qg4 0-0-0** 1.90/25
[24...Qf6± 1.23/23]
25.c3 1.07/22
[25.Qxh3?! Qf6±]
[25.Nxg6+- 1.90/25 Qd6 *(25...Nxg6? 26.Qxg6 Qf6 27.Qxf6+-* Remove Defender *)* 26.Ne5]
25...bxc3± 26.bxc3
[26.Nxg6 Nxg6 27.Qxg6 c2 *(27...cxb2 28.Qxf5 b1Q 29.Rxe6∓)* 28.Rxe6 Rd6 29.Qe8+ Qxe8 30.Rxe8+ Kc7-+]
26...Qf6 27.Rf2
[27.Qxh3?! Nd7 28.Ng4 Qxc3=]
27...Nd7 28.Nxg6 White has more active pieces. **28...Qxc3** 2.51/21
[28...Kb8± 1.32/19]
29.Rxe6+- Nd4

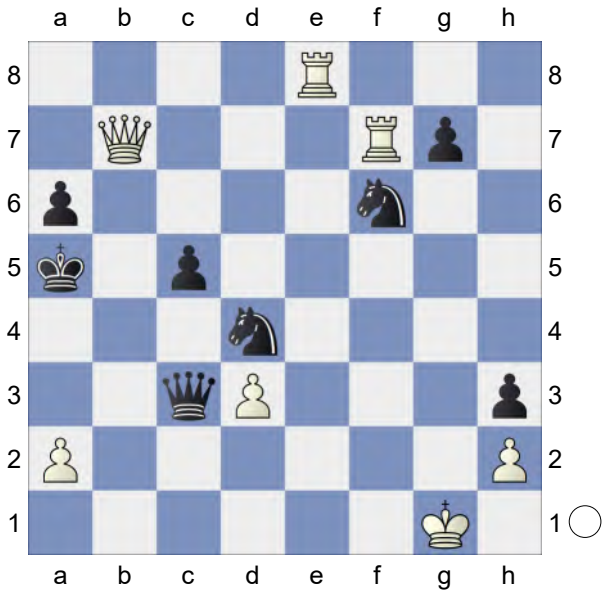
(Diagram)

30.Qf4! Bc6
[30...Qa1+? 31.Rf1+-]



31.Ne7+ Kb7 32.Re3 0.00/25
[32.Nxd5 Nxe6 *(32...Qa1+? 33.Rf1-+)* 33.Nxc3 Nxf4 34.Bxc6+ Kxc6-+]
[White must play 32.Nxc6± 1.30/26 Rf8 33.Nd8+ *(33.Na5+ Kc8∓)* 33...Kc8 34.Qd2 Qxd2 35.Rxd2]
32...Rf8 0.47/20
[32...Nf6!= 0.00/25 33.Rf1 *(33.Rxh3? Qe1+ 34.Kg2 Ne2-+)* 33...Qxd3 34.Nxc6 Qg6+ 35.Rg3 *(35.Qg3 Qxg3+ 36.Rxg3 Kxc6∓)* 35...Kxc6 36.Bxd5+ Decoy Kxd5 37.Rg5+ *(37.Rxg6 Ne2+ 38.Kh1 Nxf4=)* 37...Kc6 38.Rxg6 Ne2+ 39.Kh1 Nxf4 40.Rxf4 Rd1+ 41.Rg1 Rd4]
33.Nxd5± Bxd5 34.Bxd5+ Kc8
35.Bf7! Some like it hot
[Not 35.Qe4? Qc1+ 36.Re1 Qg5+ 37.Kf1 Rxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Nf6 39.Be6+ *(39.Bb7+? Kb8-+)* 39...Kc7 40.Qe5+ Qxe5 41.Rxe5 Kd6-+]
35...Rxf7! 36.Re8+ Kb7 37.Qe4+ 0.03/21
[37.Qxf7± 0.61/30 Qc1+ 38.Rf1 Qg5+ 39.Kf2]
37...Kb6!= 38.Rxf7 Nf6 39.Qb7+

Ka5⇄



Black puts up resistance **40.Rxf6! gxf6** Endgame. KQR-KQN **41.Qc7+ Kb4! 42.Qb6+ Ka3 43.Qxa6+ Kb2** (→ ...Qc1+) **44.Qb7+**

[44.Qxf6 feels hotter. Qxd3 45.Qf2+ Nc2 46.Qe2]

44...Ka1 45.Qe4 Kxa2 46.Kf2 aiming for Qd5+. **46...f5 47.Qd5+ Kb2 48.Rb8+ Kc2?** 4.50/34

[48...Nb3!= 0.03/26 and Black stays safe. 49.Qxf5 Qd2+ 50.Kg3 Qg2+ 51.Kh4 Qxh2]

49.Qc4+- Kd2? 5.79/27

[49...Qxc4 2.91/25 keeps fighting. 50.dxc4 Kd3]

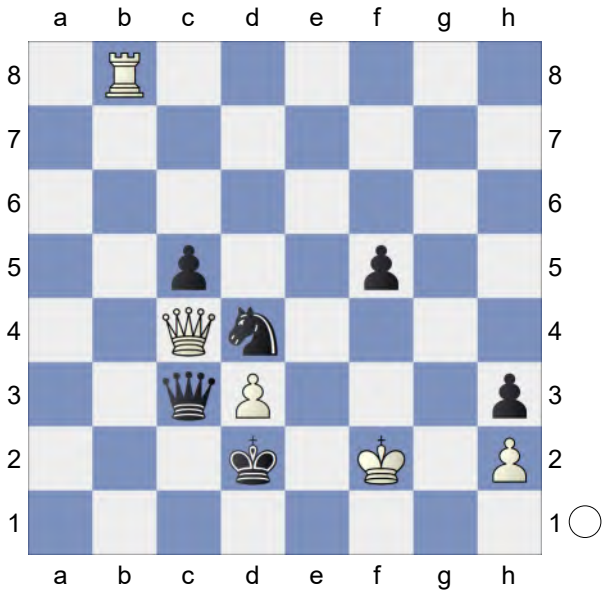
(Diagram)

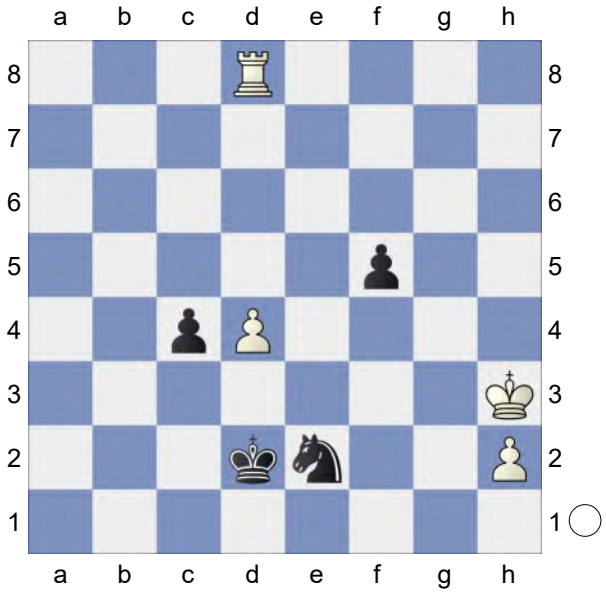
50.Qxc3+! Kxc3 KR-KN **51.Rc8 Nb3 52.Rd8** 0.24/27

[52.Ke3+- 4.74/25 f4+ 53.Ke4 *(53.Kxf4 Kxd3 54.Rh8 Kd4+-)*]

52...Kd2!= 53.Kg3 Nc1 54.d4 Ne2+ 55.Kxh3 c4 6.09/32

[55...cxd4= 0.01/26 56.Kg2 d3]





56.d5!+- White is clearly winning. **56...c3 57.d6 c2 58.Rc8** Threatens to win with d7. **58...Nf4+ 59.Kg3 Ne6 60.d7 c1Q 61.Rxc1 Kxc1 62.h4 Kd2 63.Kf2** Intending h5 and mate. **63...Kd3 64.h5** White threatens h6 and mate. **64...Ke4 65.h6** h7 would kill now. **65...Ke5 66.h7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.47

1-0

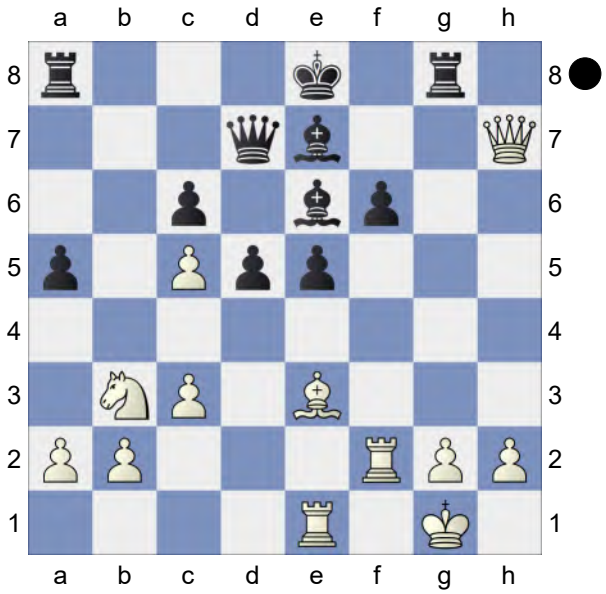
C07

□ **Zhu,Hengyi** 2361
■ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** 2536
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.16) 05.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

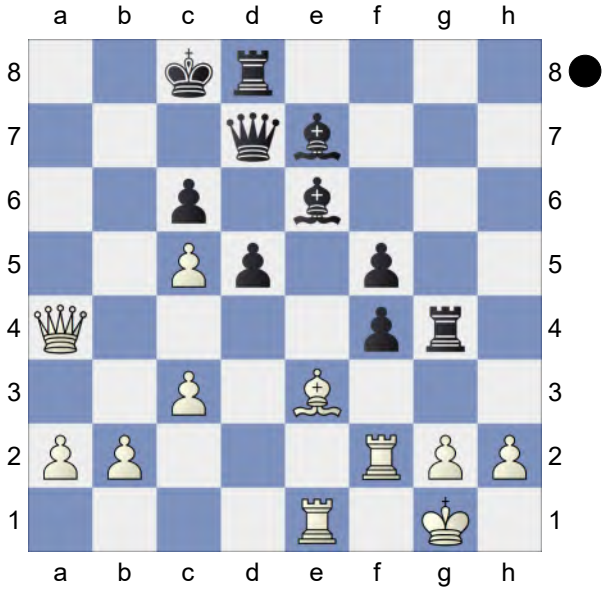
C06: French Tarrasch: 3...Nf6 4 e5 Nfd7 5 Bd3 main lines **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 g5 9.dxc5 g4 10.Nd4** And now Bb5 would win. **10...Ndxe5 11.N2b3** 0.18/20
[11.Bb5± 0.54/22 is more appropriate.]
11...Nxd3= 12.Qxd3 White has an edge. **12...e5 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bh6! f6 15.Rae1N**
[15.f4 gxf3 16.Qxf3 Rg8 17.Qh5+ Rg6 18.Be3 Qd7 19.h3 Bd8 20.Rae1 Qf7 21.Kh1 Be6 22.Bf4 Rg7 23.Qe2 Qg6 24.Nd4 Bd7 Gasanov,E (2471)-Izoria,Z (2565) 86/270 Baku 2002]
15...Be6 0.38/23
[15...a5= -0.28/21]
16.f4 gxf3 17.Rxf3 Threatens to win with Nd4. **17...Qd7 18.Rf2** -0.15/19
[⩲18.Qf1 0.24/25 Rg8 19.Rxf6]
18...Rg8 19.Qxh7 -0.89/25
[19.Nd4!= -0.07/22 remains equal.]
19...a5 0.00/20
[19...0-0-0∓ -0.89/25 White must now prevent ...Rh8. 20.Qd3 Kb8]
20.Be3 -0.73/20
[20.Bg7!= 0.00/20]

(Diagram)

20...a4 0.00/22
[Black should try 20...Kd8!∓ -0.73/20]
21.Nc1 -0.53/19
[21.Nd4= 0.00/22]



21...0-0-0 0.04/21
[21...Bd8∓ -0.53/19 22.Qd3 Rg4]
22.Qc2 Rg4 23.Ne2 -0.51/22
[23.b4!= 0.15/18]
23...f5 24.Nf4 -1.63/22 **exf4-+ 25.Qxa4**



Qb7 Against Qa8+
[Worse is 25...fxe3 26.Qa8+ Kc7 27.Qa7+ Kc8 28.Qa8+ Kc7 29.Qa7+ Kc8 30.Qa8+=]
[And not 25...Rxg2+ 26.Rxg2 fxe3 27.Qa8+ Kc7 28.Qa5+ *(28.Qa7+ Kc8=)* 28...Kb7 29.Rxe3=]
26.Bd4 Kd7 Strongly threatening ...Bh4.

27.Qc2? -3.45/19
[27.Rfe2∓ -1.47/20 keeps fighting. Rg6 28.Qc2]
27...Bh4 28.Qe2 Re8 29.Qe5 Qb8 Inhibits Qd6+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

E10
□ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** **2524**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.17) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

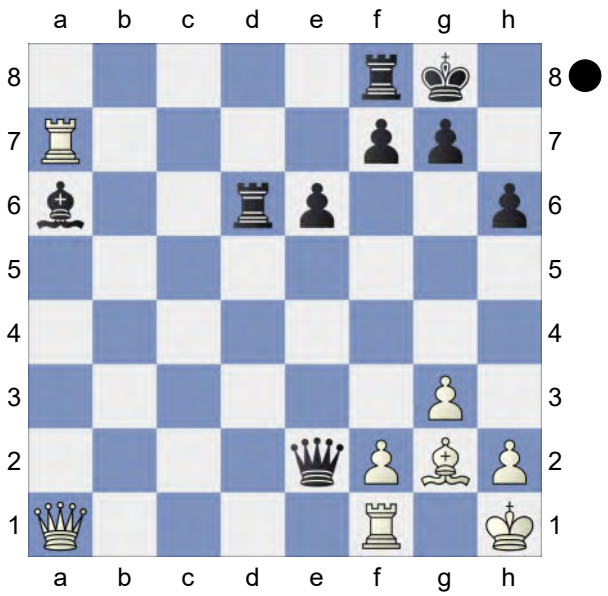
E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7**
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]
7...h6 8.Bc3 Ne4 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.Qc2 -0.40/30
[10.Be1= 0.27/21]
10...Nxc3∓ 11.Nxc3 Nxe5 12.dxe5 c6 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.Kh1 -0.91/22
[14.cxd5∓ -0.49/22 is superior. exd5 15.e3]
14...dxc4 -0.33/25
[14...b5∓ -0.91/22 15.cxb5 cxb5]
15.Qe4 -0.98/25
[Better is 15.f4∓ -0.33/25]
15...b5∓ 16.Qxc6 Rb8 17.Ne4 b4
[17...Qxa2?! 18.Qc7 Rb7 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxb7 Bxb7+ 21.Qxb7 Bxe5 22.Qxb5 Bxb2 23.Rd6=]
18.Nd6 c3
[Don't do 18...Qxe5 19.Nxc4 Qb5 *(19...Qxe2 20.Qc7∓)* 20.b3=]
19.bxc3 bxc3
[19...Qxa2 20.cxb4 Bxd6 21.exd6=]
20.Nc4 Qxa2 White must now prevent ...c2! **21.Ra1 Qxe2** Threatens to win with ...Bb7. **22.Qc7 Rb4 23.Nd6** -1.53/19
[23.Ne3∓ -0.64/22 Bg5 24.Qxc3]
23...Bxd6 24.exd6 Rd4 -0.28/20
[Black should try 24...Rc4∓ -1.56/19 25.Qxa7 Rd8]
25.Qxc3= Rxd6
[25...Qd3 simplifies 26.Qxd3 Rxd3 27.Rxa7 Rxd6 28.Bf3 g5]
26.Rxa7 Ba6 27.Qa1 -1.38/19
[27.h4= -0.29/21 keeps the balance.]

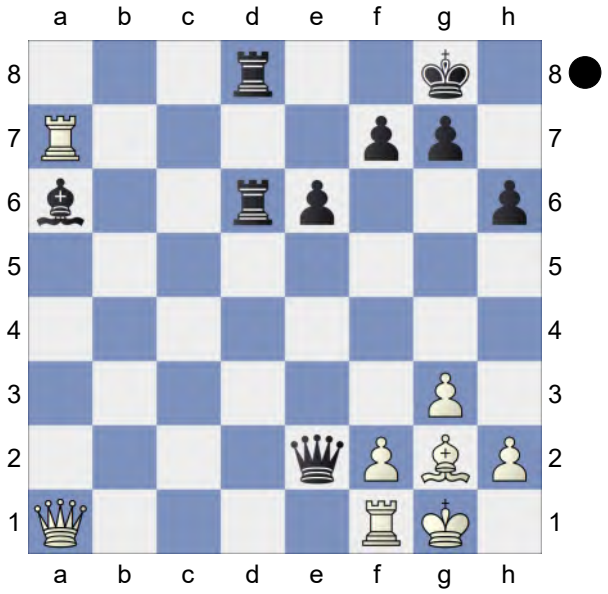
(Diagram)

Against Rd1 **27...Rfd8!∓ 28.Kg1** -1.71/20
[28.h4∓ -1.03/18]

(Diagram)

28...Bc4 -0.31/21





[28...Qb5!-+ -1.71/20 And now ...Qb6 would win. 29.Re1 Qb6 30.Rxa6 Qxa6]

29.Ra8‡ Rxa8 30.Qxa8+ Kh7 31.Qe4+ Qxe4 32.Bxe4+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **32...f5 33.Rc1 Bb3 34.Bc2 Bd5** ...Rc6 would now be deadly. The position is equal. **35.Rd1! Kg6 36.g4 Kf6** ...Rc6 is the strong threat. **37.gxf5 exf5 38.Bb3 Ke5 39.Bxd5 Rxd5=** KR-KR **40.Ra1 h5 41.Kg2 g5 42.h3 Rd4 43.Ra8 Kf4 44.Rh8 h4 45.Rh7 Rd8 46.Rg7 Rh8 47.Ra7 g4 48.Ra4+ Kg5 49.Rb4 gxh3+ 50.Kxh3 Ra8 51.Rxh4 Ra3+ 52.f3! Rxf3+ 53.Kg2 Ra3 54.Rb4 f4 55.Rb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

C70

□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin 2501**

■ **Nigmatov,Ortik 2447**

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[Kitty Kat]

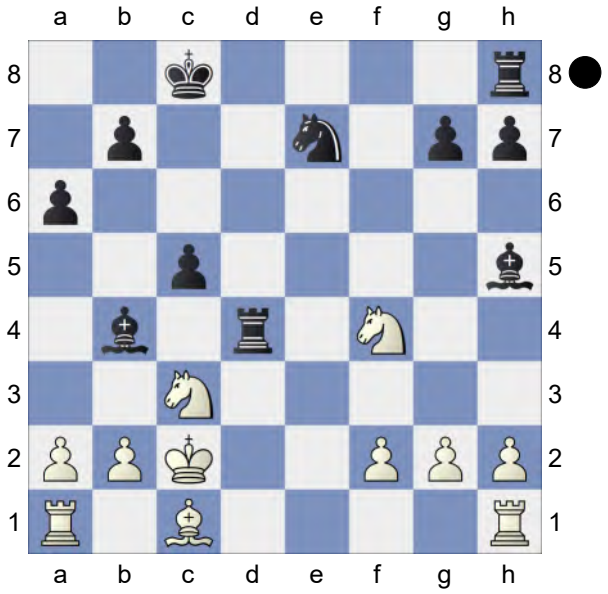
C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann openings101.org **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3** White is slightly better.

[8.Bd2 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 *(10...Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qe6+ 12.Kf1 Qc4+ 13.Kg1 Be6 14.Ne5 Qb4 15.a3 Qb6 16.Bxc6+ Nxc6 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h4 0-0-0 19.h5 Bd5 20.f3 Qf6 21.Qf2 Bb3 22.Rh4 Rhe8 23.Rg4 Qh6 24.Re1 f5 25.Rh4* 0-1 Zhu,J (2478)-Erigaisi,A (2632) Tata Steel-B 84th Wijk aan Zee 2022 (9) *)* 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Be6 15.Ne5 Bd5 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qxc6 Qxd4 18.b3 a5 19.Rac1 a4 20.Rc4 Qb6 21.Qxb6 cxb6 22.bxa4 Rfd8 ½-½ Nihal,S (2620)-Gukesh,D (2578) Baer Polgar Challenge chess24.com INT rapid 2021 (10)]

8...d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Bb3N -0.45/18

[10.0-0= 0.15/17 Bxc3 11.Bb3 *(11.bxc3 Bg4= 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Re1 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Kd7 15.Ba3 Rhe8 16.d5 Qg6+ 17.Kh1 Nf5* Machuca Palacios,E-Scholz,G URS-

ch Soviet Union 1983)]
10...Qh5!∓ aiming for ...Bg4. **11.Qd3** -1.12/23
[11.a3∓ -0.37/22 Bd6 12.d5]
11...Bg4 12.Ng5 -1.57/18
[⌓12.a3 -0.87/20 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxf3 14.gxf3 Nxd4 15.Ba4+ b5 16.axb4 Nxf3+ *(16...bxa4 17.0-0∓)* 17.Kf1 *(17.Ke2 Nd4+ 18.Kf1 bxa4∓)* 17...bxa4 18.Kg2]
12...0-0-0∓ 13.Bxf7 Ne5! Pin, Double Attack **14.Bxh5 Nxd3+ 15.Kd2 Bxh5 16.Kxd3 c5 17.Ne6** -1.87/19
[17.f3∓ -1.27/19]
17...Rd6↑ Black is really pushing. **18.Nf4 Rxd4+ 19.Kc2**



Rf8? -0.11/19 **20.Re1?** -3.42/27
[20.Nxh5= -0.11/19 Rxf2+ 21.Kb1 Bxc3 22.bxc3]
20...Rfxf4
[20...Rdxf4? 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 22.Rxe7]
21.Bxf4 Bg6+
[21...Rxf4 22.Rxe7 Rxf2+ 23.Kb3 Bf7+ *(23...Rxg2 24.a3±)* 24.Rxf7 Rxf7 25.h4-+]
22.Kc1 Rxf4 23.Rxe7 Rxf2 24.Re5 Rc2+ -1.93/20
[24...Rxg2 25.a3 Rg1+ 26.Nd1-+]
[⌓24...c4 -3.97/20 25.Rg5 Bd6]
25.Kd1 Rxb2? -0.03/19
[25...Bxc3 26.Rxc5+ Kb8 27.bxc3∓ *(27.Rxc3 Rxg2 28.Rac1 Rxb2∓)*]
[25...Rxg2-+ -1.78/24 White must now prevent ...c4! 26.a3 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Kd7 *(27...Rxh2 28.Rxc5+ Kd7 29.Rc1∓)*]
26.a3!= Bxc3 A strong pair of Bishops.
[Don't blunder 26...Bc2+? 27.Kc1 Rb3 28.Nd5 *(28.Kxc2 Rxc3+ 29.Kb2 Ba5±; 28.Na4 Bg6+-)* 28...Bxa3+ *(28...Bc3? 29.Nxc3 Bg6 30.Rxc5+ Kb8 31.Ne2+-)* 29.Kxc2+-]
27.Rxc5+ Kb8 28.Rxc3 Rxg2 Endgame. ...Rg1+ is the strong threat. KRR-KRB **29.Rac1 Rxh2 30.Rc8+ Ka7 31.R8c7 Rg2 32.R1c3 h5 33.Ke1**
[33.Rxg7 Bc2+ 34.Rxc2 Rxg7∓]
33...Bf5 Black wants to play ...h4.
34.Re7 -1.23/25
[34.R3c4= -0.07/24]
34...Rb2 -0.01/31
[Better is 34...h4∓ -1.23/25 Hoping for ...h3. 35.Rcc7 Rb2]
35.Rxg7 The position is equal. **35...Bg4 36.Rh7 a5 37.Rh8 Re2+ 38.Kf1 Rb2 39.Ke1 Re2+ 40.Kf1 Re7 41.Kf2 Kb6 42.Rb3+ Ka7 43.Rh6 Re2+** Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

C92
□ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
■ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
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C92: Closed Ruy Lopez: 9...Be6, Karpov and Flohr-Zaitsev Variations **1.e4 e5**

2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.a3 Bf8 12.d5 Ne7

[12...Na5 13.Ba2 c6 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nfd2 d5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rad8 20.b4 Nb7 21.c4 bxc4 22.Nxc4 e4 23.Nbd2 Qd4 24.Ne3 a5 25.Ndc4 Qxd1 26.Rexd1 axb4 27.axb4 1-0 Duda,J (2732)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (4.4)]

[12...Nb8 13.c4 h6 14.Nc3 c6 15.dxc6 Bxc6 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Be3 Nbd7 18.Nd2 Nc5 19.Bc2 Qc7 20.b4 Ne6 21.Nf1 Rec8 22.Ng3 Qb7 23.Bb3 g6 24.Qf3 Qe7 25.h4 Nd4 26.Bxd4 exd4 27.Nce2 0-1 Ter Sahakyan,S (2652)-Bok,B (2599) Chess.com Play In Match Div 3 Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.2)]

13.c4 White is slightly better. **13...c6N**

[13...Nd7 14.Nc3 bxc4 15.Bxc4 h6 16.b4 g6 17.a4 Bg7 18.a5 f5 19.Nd2 Nf6 20.b5 Kh8 21.bxa6 Bxa6 22.Qe2 Qc8 23.Rd1 c6 24.Ba3 cxd5 25.Nxd5 Nexd5 26.exd5 Nxd5 27.Rac1 Nf4 28.Qf1 0-1 Garrido Outon,A (2398)-Liang,A (2649) Maia op 2023 (3) d5 29.Bb5 Qe6 30.Rc7 Reb8 31.Rb1 Rxb5 32.Rxb5 Qe8 33.Rcc5 Bf8 0-1 Gottwald,B (2398)-Veselsky (2649) SLO-chT sf Skofja Loka 1997 (3)]

14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Nc3 h6 16.Qd3 Rb8 17.Bd2 0.20/20

[17.Ba2± 0.58/18 is superior.]

17...Ng6 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Rac1 Nd7 0.54/25

[Black should play 19...b4= 0.04/24 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 bxa3 22.bxa3 Nxd5 23.Qxd5 Ra8]

20.Bd5± Nc5 21.Qb1 Bd7 22.Ba2 Ne7 1.03/22

[22...Be6± 0.40/23]

23.Be3 Nc6 1.17/22

[⌓23...Na4 0.81/20]

24.b4± Ne6 25.Red1 g6 1.54/18

[⌓25...Nc7 1.17/19 26.Nd5 Nxd5 27.Rxd5 *(27.Bxd5 Ne7±)* 27...Qe7]

26.Qd3 White is much more active. **26...Ncd4 27.Nxd4 exd4 28.Bxd4 Nxd4 29.Qxd4 Ra8** 2.18/22

[29...Qg5± 1.59/20 was worth a try.]

30.Qd5 Be6 31.Qxb5 Bxe6 is the strong threat. **31...Bxa2 32.Nxa2 Rxa3** Black is weak on the light squares **33.Nc3 Ra8** 2.90/21

[33...Bg7 1.82/20 is a better defense.]

34.Qd3 Bg7 35.Nd5

[35.Qxd6 Qxd6 36.Rxd6 Rec8∓]

35...Qh4 36.Re1 Ra2 37.Rc2 Rxc2 3.51/23

[⌓37...Rea8 2.19/19 38.b5 R2a3]

38.Qxc2+- Bd4 39.Re2 Ra8 40.Kh2 Ra3 And now ...Be5+ would win. **41.g3 Qg5** 2.01/20

[41...Qh5± 1.47/21]

42.Qd2! Qh5? 4.42/21

[42...Qxd2 1.65/21 was called for. 43.Rxd2 Be5]

43.Re1 2.43/22

[⌓43.Re3 4.42/21 Ra1 *(43...Bxe3? 44.Nf6+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kg7 45.Nxh5+ gxh5 46.Qb2++-)* 44.Qxd4]

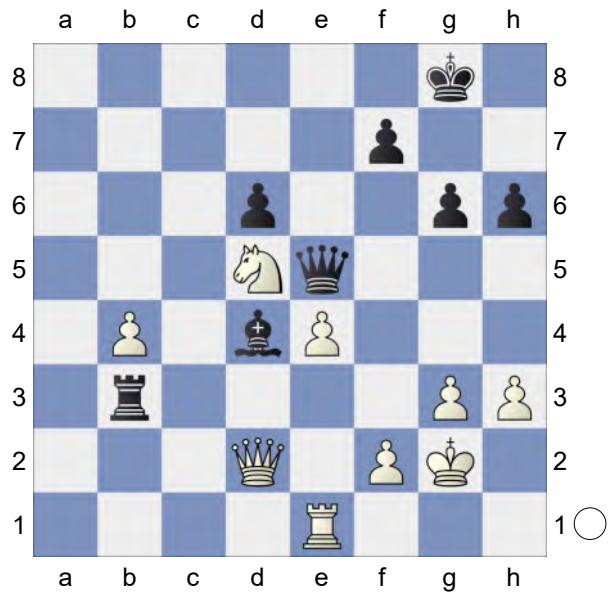
43...Qe5 44.Kg2 0.04/18 Against Rf3

[44.Qxh6? Bxf2 45.Kh1 Bxe1-+]

[44.Rd1+- 2.01/20 Ba7 45.f4 *(45.Qxh6?* is the wrong capture. *Bxf2-+)*]

44...Rb3!=

(Diagram)

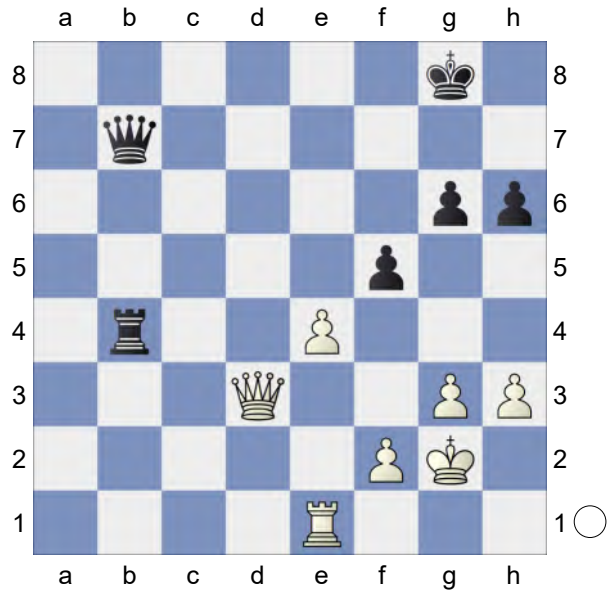


Strongly threatening ...Rb2. **45.Ne7+!** Deflection **45...Qxe7** **46.Qxd4** Endgame. KQR-KQR **46...Qb7** **47.Qxd6** **Rxb4**

[47...Qxb4 simplifies 48.Qxb4 Rxb4 49.g4 Rb3]

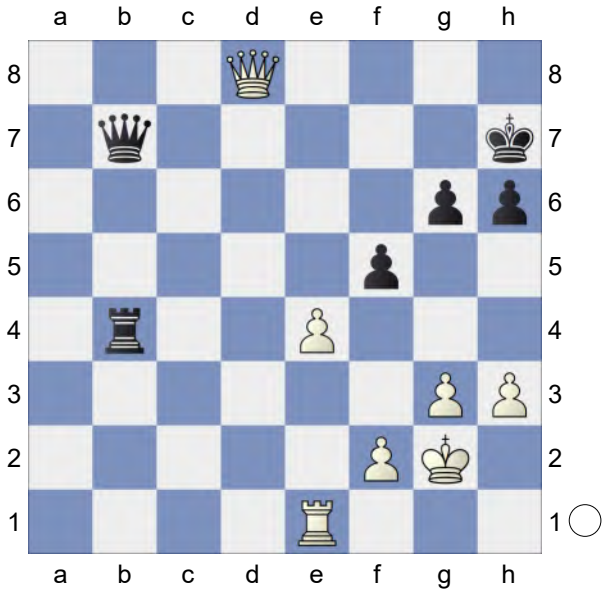
48.Qd3 **f5?** 4.17/23

[48...Qc6= 0.05/23 and Black is okay.]



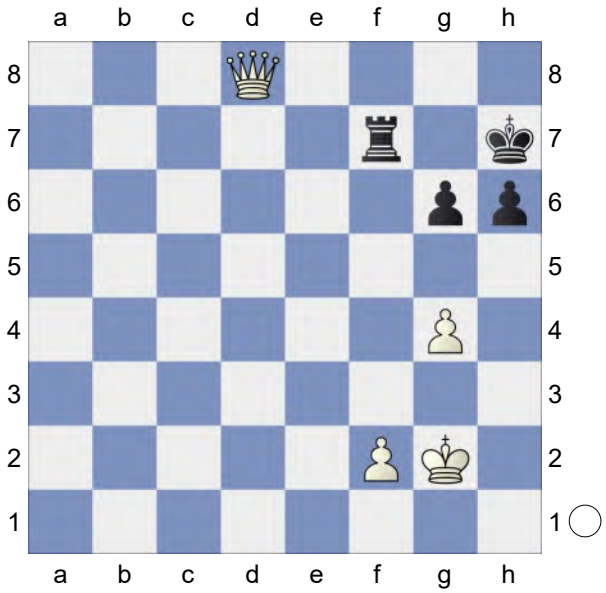
A mistake that costs the game. **49.Qd8+!+-** **Kh7** 6.89/20

[⌓49...Kf7 4.56/19 50.Rc1 *(50.Qh8 Qc6±)* 50...Qxe4+ 51.Kh2 Rb7]



50.Rc1! Rc7+ would now be deadly.

50...Rxe4 (→ ...Re1+) **51.Rc7+** **Re7+** **52.Rxb7** **Rxb7** **53.g4** **fxg4** **54.hxg4** **Rf7**



55.f4! **Kg7**

[55...Rb7 56.Qf6]

56.Kg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.50

1-0

D02
□ **Socko,Monika** 2402
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** 2703
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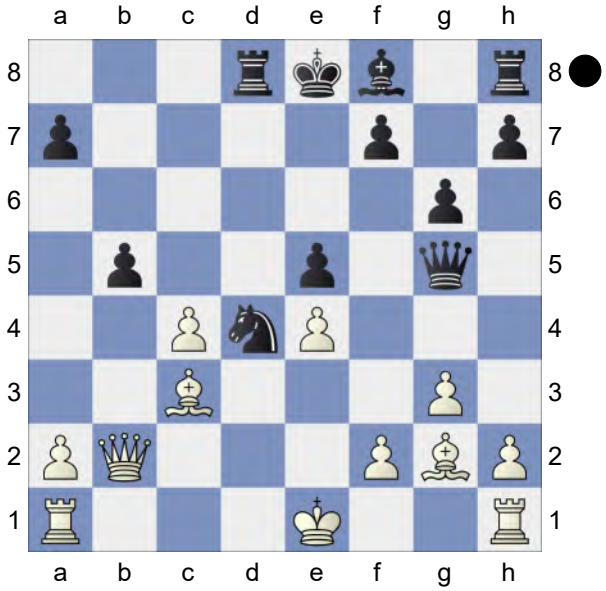
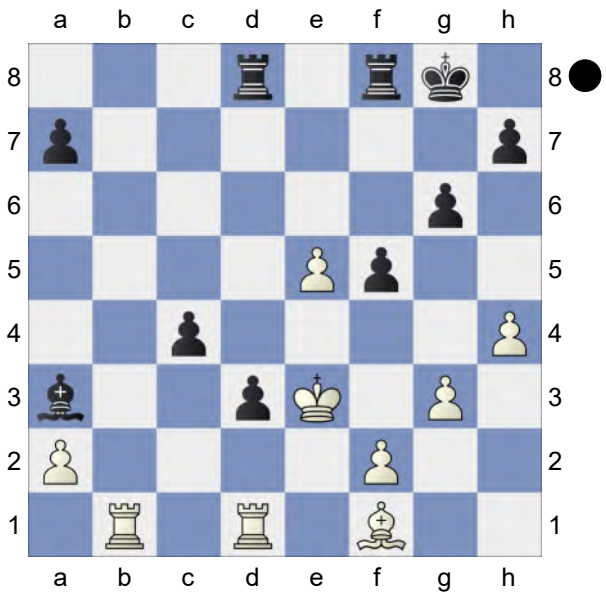
[Kitty Kat]

D23: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 sidelines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3**
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
3...c5 4.c4N
[4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qf6 ½-½ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
4...dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.dxc5 e5 7.Bg2 Bd7 8.Qxc4 White wants to play Ng5. The position is equal. **8...Qa5+! 9.Bd2 Qxc5 10.Na3 Be6 11.Qa4 Nd7** 1.26/18
[11...Qd5= 0.26/19]
12.Ng5± And now Nxe6 would win.
12...Bd5 13.e4 0.21/20
[White should play 13.Rc1± 1.20/22 aiming for 0-0. Qxc1+ 14.Bxc1 Bxg2 15.Rg1]
13...Nb6= 14.Qd1 Bc4 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Bc3 -0.19/22
[16.Rc1 0.23/19 might be stronger. Qd4 17.Bc3 Qxd1+ 18.Kxd1]
16...Rd8 17.Qh5 -0.74/23
[17.Qc1= -0.20/23 keeps the balance.]
17...g6∓ 18.Qf3 Qe7 19.Qe2 White is weak on the dark squares **19...b5 20.b3** -0.90/22
[20.Nf3∓ -0.54/25 deserves consideration.]
20...Qxg5 21.bxc4 Nd4 Black is more active. **22.Qb2** -3.15/20
[Better is 22.Qd1!∓ -0.61/19]



White does not recover from this.
22...Ba3!-+ Decoy **23.Qb1 bxc4 24.h4 Qe7 25.Bxd4** Hoping for Qb5+.
25...Qb4+
[Not 25...exd4 26.Qb5+ Kf8 27.Qxc4∓]
[25...Rxd4 26.Qb8+ Rd8 27.Qb5+ Kf8 28.Qxc4∓]
[Don't take 25...Bb4+ 26.Kf1 exd4 *(26...Rxd4? 27.a3-+)* 27.a3-+]
26.Ke2 Threatens to win with Qxb4.
26...exd4
[Less strong is 26...Rxd4 27.Qxb4 Bxb4 28.Rhd1-+]
27.Qxb4 d3+ 28.Ke3 Bxb4 29.Rhd1 Ba3 30.Bf1 0-0 31.Rab1 f5 32.e5

(Diagram)



f4+! 33.gxf4
[33.Kf3 fxg3+]
33...Bc5+ Skewer **34.Kd2 Rxf4 35.Kc3 a5 36.e6 Bb4+ 37.Rxb4 axb4+ 38.Kxb4 Kf8 39.a4 Rc8 40.Kb5 Rxf2** (→ ...Rb2+) **41.a5 Rb2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

A13
□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
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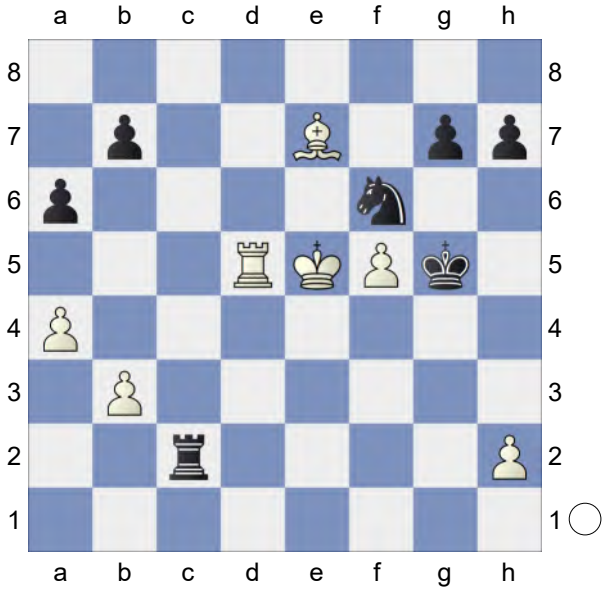
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 Quick Tricks and Traps 1) W3: The game Cu. Hansen-E.Lobron, played in Germany's 'Bundesliga' on 29 January 2000, was an English Opening that began with the moves **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qb3 c5 4.Nb5 Nf6**
[4...Nc6 5.Nd6+ Kf8 6.Nf3 Qe7 7.Nxc8 Rxc8 8.e3 e5 9.Qc2 e4 10.Ng1 Nf6 11.Ne2 Ba5 12.a3 h5 13.b3 Rd8 14.Bb2 d5 15.cxd5 Rxd5 16.0-0-0 Ng4 17.Ng3 Nxf2 18.Bc4 Nxd1 19.Rxd1 ½-½ Svidler,P (2768)-Carlsen,M (2834) Tata Steel-A 80th Wijk aan Zee 2018 (6)]
5.Nd6+N
[5.a3 Ba5 6.Nd6+ 1 c4 e6-N,N Flank Openings ChessPub Guide 2020 Ke7 7.Nxc8+ Qxc8 8.g3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Rb8 10.Bg2 a6 11.0-0 b5 12.d3 d6 13.Rd1 Rd8 14.Qc2 h6 15.b3 Rd7 16.Bb2 Bd8 17.d4 cxd4 18.c5 dxc5 19.Qxc5+ Rd6 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Hansen,C-Lobron,E Bundesliga 2000]
5...Ke7 6.Qg3 White is more active.
[6.Nxc8+ simplifies Qxc8 7.e3 Re8 8.Be2]
6...Nc6 7.Nf3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **8...cxd4 9.Nb5 d5 10.a3 Bd6 11.Qd3** -0.32/23
[11.Qxg7 Bf4 12.d3 *(12.Nxd4? Rg8-+)* 12...Bxc1 *(12...Rg8 13.Qxg8 Qxg8 14.Bxf4∓)* 13.Rxc1 dxc4 14.Rxc4 Rg8=]
[White should play 11.Nxd6± 0.39/24 Qxd6 12.e3 *(12.Qxg7 Rg8∓)*]
11...e5∓ 12.cxd5 a6 0.18/25
[12...Nxd5∓ -0.39/24 13.Nxd6 Qxd6]
13.Nxd6= Qxd6 14.e4 dxe3 15.dxe3 Threatens to win with e4. **15...Qxd5 16.Bd2 Rd8 17.Qxd5 Nxd5 18.Be2 Bd7 19.g3 Bb5 20.e4 Nc7 21.Ba5 Bxe2 22.Kxe2**
[22.Bxc7 Rdc8 23.Kxe2 Rxc7]
22...Rd7 23.Rhd1 Nb5 24.Bb4+ Ke6 25.Rxd7 Kxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.Rd1+ Ke6 27.Ke3 Rc8 28.f4 exf4+ 29.gxf4 f5 30.Rd5** Re5+ is the strong threat. **30...fxe4 31.Re5+ Kf6 32.a4!** White has compensation.
[32.Kxe4 Rc2=]
32...Nc7 33.Rc5 Ke6! 34.Re5+
[34.Kxe4 Kd7]

34...Kf6 35.Rc5 Ke6! 36.Kxe4 And now Bc3 would win. **36...Kd7! 37.Rh5 Ne8** 0.73/28
[37...Ne6!= 0.06/22 38.f5 *(38.Rxh7? Rc4+ 39.Ke5 Rxb4∓)* 38...Rc4+ 39.Kd5 Rd4+ 40.Ke5 Rxb4 41.fxe6+ Ke8]
38.Rd5+±
[38.Rxh7? Nf6+ 39.Kf5 Nxh7-+]
38...Ke6 White must now prevent ... Nf6+. **39.f5+** 0.26/23
[39.Re5+!± 0.86/26 Kf6 40.b3]
39...Kf6= 40.Bc3+ Ke7 41.Bb4+ Kf6 42.b3 Kg5 aiming for ...Nf6+. **43.Be7+ Nf6+ 44.Ke5** Rd3 would now be deadly. **44...Rc2** 0.51/26
[44...Rc3!= 0.06/26 feels stronger. 45.h4+ Deflection Kxh4 46.Bxf6+ gxf6+ 47.Kxf6 Rc6+ 48.Ke5 Kg5]



45.h4+! 0.06/28 **Kh5**
[45...Kxh4 46.Bxf6+]
46.Bxf6 KRB-KR **46...Re2+ 47.Kf4 gxf6** KR-KR **48.Rd7 Rf2+?** 2.26/22
[Black should try 48...h6± 0.62/24]

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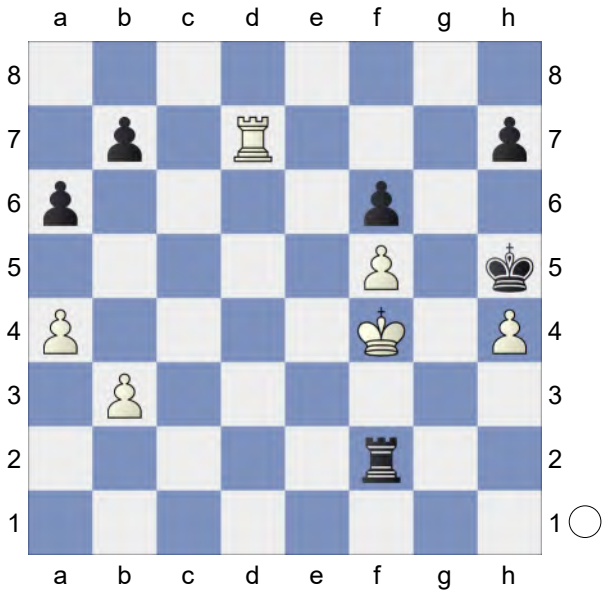

This move loses the game for Black.
49.Ke4!+- b5 5.14/23
[49...h6 1.94/20 is more resistant. 50.Rxb7 Rh2]
50.a5
[50.Rxh7+ Kg4±]
50...h6 51.Rd6 Re2+ 52.Kd3 Ra2 53.b4
[53.Rxf6 Rxa5 54.Ke4 Ra2=]
53...Kxh4 5.88/25
[⌓53...Rh2 4.13/20 54.Rxa6 Rxh4]
54.Rxf6 White is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 54.Rxa6 Kg5=]
54...Kg5 55.Rxa6 h5 56.Rb6 h4 57.f6 h3 Hoping for ...h2. **58.Rxb5+**
[58.f7 Rf2±]
58...Kxf6 59.Rh5 Kg6 60.Rh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
[And not 60.Rxh3 Ra3+ 61.Kc4 Rxh3=]
1-0

C84
□ **Ashraf,Artin** 2388
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** 2668
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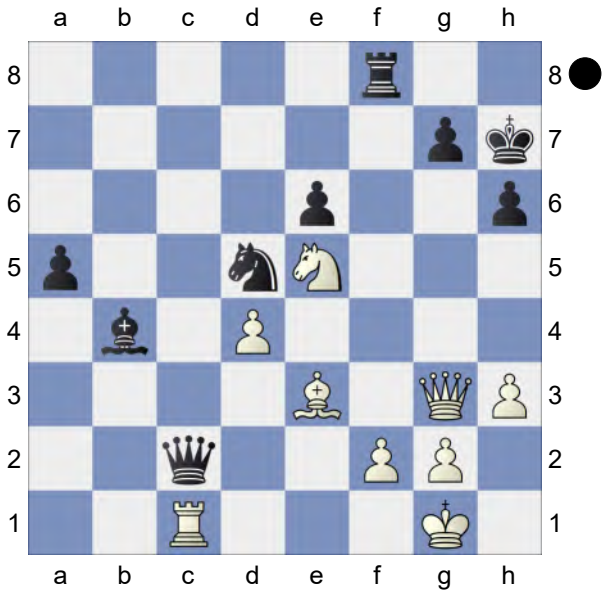
[Kitty Kat]

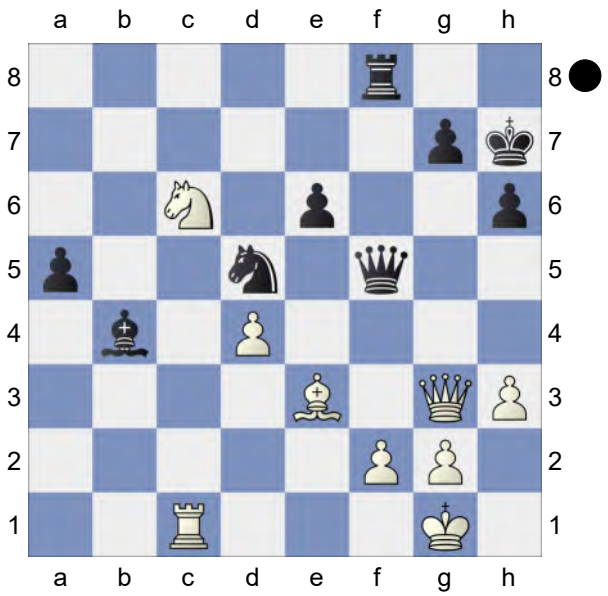
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bd2N** Prevents Na5.
[8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 *(9...Nb8 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 21.bxc3 cxd4 22.cxd4 exd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4* ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1) *)* 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 *(11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 f5* Modern Line 8. a3 Part 1-B3 *)* 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Ng4 *(13...Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 Nd4 17.Ne3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bg5 19.Nd5 Rfb8 20.Qg3 Qd8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Rc2 Rc8 23.Rc6 Rxa3 24.Qg4 Rxd3 25.g3 Ra8 26.h4 Rxd5 27.exd5 Bd2 28.Rd1* ½-½ Novik (2668)-Delmarko,D (2706) (ol) 34/66 Luzern 1982 (8)*)* 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Bg5 Ng4 16.Bd2 Nf6 ½-½ Fieberg,S (2151)-Kastanieda,G (2160) Copenhagen 2002 (9)]
8...0-0 9.h3 a5 10.a4 The position is equal. **10...b4 11.Be3 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nbd2 h6 14.c3 Rb8 15.Qc2 d5 16.Rfe1 Qe8 17.Rac1 Nd7 18.d4 bxc3 19.bxc3 exd4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Nb6 22.Qxc7 Ba3 23.Ra1**
[But not 23.Bxh6 Qg6 24.Be3 Bxc1 25.Qxc1 *(25.Rxc1? Rfc8-+* Skewer *)* 25...dxe4∓ *(25...Nxa4 26.Qa1=)*]
23...Bb4 24.exd5 Nxd5 25.Qg3 Kh7 26.Rf1 Bc3 27.Rab1 Rxb1 28.Rxb1 Qxa4 White must now prevent ...Nxe3!
29.Nf3 -1.07/25
[29.Rb7!= -0.11/23 remains equal. Bxd4 30.Bxd4 Qxd4 31.Rd7]
29...Bb4!∓ 30.Ne5 Qc2 31.Rc1



Qf5 The board is on fire. Black is much more active. **32.Nc6?** -4.81/22
[32.Ra1∓ -1.14/24 is more resistant.]

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for White.
32...Nc3!-+ 33.Rxc3 Bxc3 34.Qd6 Be1 35.f3 Bh4 Hoping for ...Qb1+.
36.Kh2 Ra8 37.Ne5 Bf6 38.Ng4 -5.13/21
[⌓38.Nd7 -3.52/19]
38...Bg5 39.f4 h5 40.Nf2 Bf6 41.Qc6 Rd8 42.Ne4 Kh8



[42...Bxd4 43.Bxd4 Qxf4+ *(43...Rxd4 44.Ng5+ Kh6 45.Nxe6∓)* 44.g3=]

43.Nd6 Qg6 44.Nb7 Ra8 45.d5 -5.23/22

[45.Nc5 -3.46/22 was worth a try. Qe8 46.Qb7]

45...Qe4 Black is clearly winning.

46.Nxa5 Qxd5

[Stronger than 46...Rxa5 47.Qe8+ Kh7 48.Qxh5+ Kg8 49.Qe8+ Kh7 50.Qh5+ Kg8 51.Qe8+ Kh7 52.Qh5+=]

47.Bd2 h4 aiming for ...Rxa5! **48.Qc2 Rxa5 49.Bxa5 Qxa5 50.Qc8+ Kh7** ...Qf5 is the strong threat. **51.Qxe6 Qh5 52.Qe4+ Qg6 53.Qe1 Qf5 54.Qe3 Bd8** And now ...Bc7 would win. **55.Qf2 Bg5 56.g3 hxg3+ 57.Kxg3 Qd3+ 58.Kg4 Bf6** ...Qd1+ would now be deadly. **59.h4 Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/Black=0.17 (very precise)

0-1

D85

□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son 2646**

■ **Nazari,Arad 2401**

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D90: Grünfeld: 4 Nf3 Bg7 sidelines **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bd2 Nb6 6.Nf3**

[6.e3 Bg7 7.f4 0-0 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 c6 11.h4 N8d7 12.h5 e6 13.hxg6 hxg6 14.e4 f5 15.g4 Nf6 16.gxf5 exf5 17.e5 Ng4 18.d5 cxd5 19.0-0-0 d4 20.Nb5 Qd5 0-1 Radjabov,T (2793)-Aronian,L (2809) Candidates Tournament London 2013 (6)]

6...Bg7!

[6...Nc6 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.e3 0-0 9.Bb5 Be6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Nc4 14.b3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 c5 16.Rc1 c4 17.bxc4 Bxc4 18.Re1 Qxd1 19.Rexd1 Rfd8 20.h4 c5 21.Rxd8+ 1-0 Lobanov,S (2536)-Fier,A (2599) Chessable Masters Div 3 W chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1.2)]

7.Qc1N next Bh6 is good for White.

[7.Bg5 0-0 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 c5 10.dxc5 N6d7 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Bb5 Nxc5 13.0-0 g5 14.Bg3 Bf5 15.Qd5 Qxd5 16.Nxd5 Nd3 17.Bxc6 Nxc1 18.Rxc1 10 Chapter-Games Chapter 6 (2) Game]

7...Bg4 8.Bh6 Bxh6

[8...Bxd4? 9.Nb5 Bxf3 10.Nxc7+ Kd7 11.Nxa8+-]

9.Qxh6 aiming for Qg7. White is slightly better. **9...Bxf3 10.Qg7 Rf8 11.gxf3 Qd6 12.e3**

[12.Qxh7 Qxd4 13.Qh3 N8d7∓]

12...N8d7 13.0-0-0 Nd5 ...Nxc3 would now be deadly. **14.Ne4**

[14.Qxh7 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qa3+ 16.Kb1 Nf6 *(16...Qxc3 17.Qh4∓)*]

14...Qe6 15.a3 Inhibits Nb4.

[15.h4 is more complex. Nb4 16.d5 Nxd5 17.Bh3]

15...N5f6 16.Nc3 -0.47/22

[16.Bd3= 0.11/19]

16...Qf5!∓ 17.Qh6 Prevents Qh5

17...Qxf3 18.Be2! Qc6 19.e4 0-0-0

[19...Nxe4? 20.Bb5 Qe6 21.Rhe1+- *(21.Qxh7? Nxc3 22.bxc3 c6-+)*]

20.Bb5 -0.76/21

[20.Qe3∓ -0.38/19]

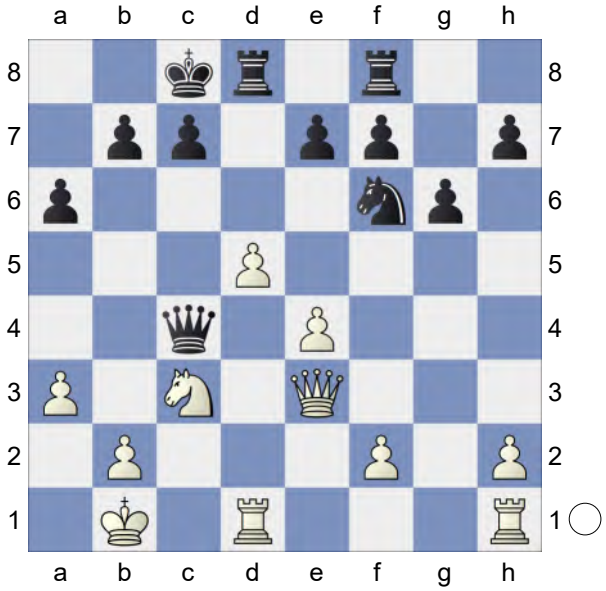
20...Qe6!∓ 21.Qe3 a6 22.Be2 Qb3 23.Kb1 Nb6 0.00/25

[23...e5∓ -0.51/22]

24.d5 Nc4? 2.62/23

[24...e5!= 0.00/19]

25.Bxc4+- Qxc4



26.Rd4! Qc5

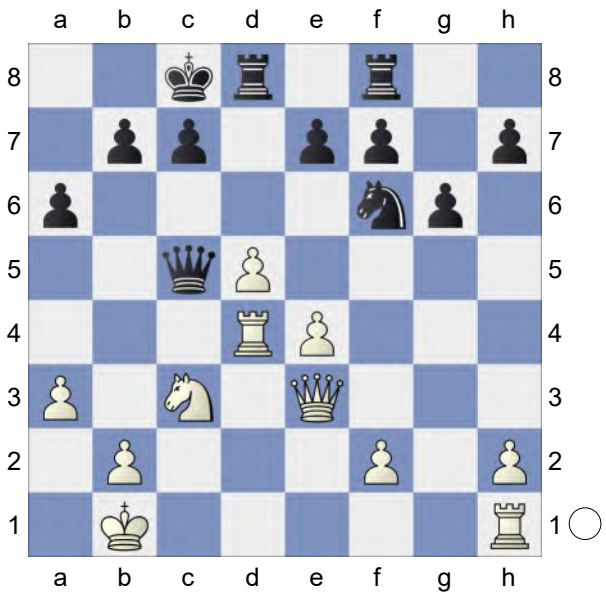
(Diagram)

27.Na4! White has strong compensation.

27...Qa7 28.Rhd1 0.54/21

[28.Rc1+- 1.94/20]

28...Kb8



[28...e5? 29.dxe6 Rxd4 30.Rxd4+-]

29.Qc3 Hoping for Rc1. **29...Nd7**

30.Rc1↑ White fights for an advantage.

30...b5! 31.Qb4 Black must now prevent Rdc4! **31...Kc8** 1.20/20

[31...f5± 0.48/21]

32.Nc5± White is much more active.

32...Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Threatens to win with a4. **33...e5?** 3.82/22 This move loses the game for Black.

[33...f6± 1.50/20]

34.Rd2+- Rd6 35.Rdc2 And now Rxc7+ would win. **35...Rfd8**

36.Qc3

[36.Rxc7+ Qxc7 37.Rxc7+ Kxc7 38.Qc3+ Kb7 39.Qxe5 f6±]

36...R8d7 37.Qxe5 Strongly threatening Qe8+. **37...f6 38.Qd4 g5 39.f3**

[Resist 39.Rxc7+?! Qxc7 40.Rxc7+ Rxc7±]

39...h6 2.41/20

[39...Rc6 1.66/20 keeps fighting. 40.b4 h5]

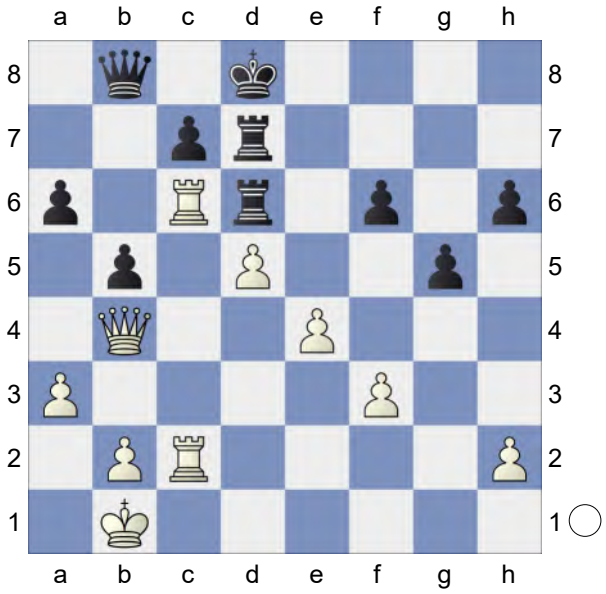
40.Qb4

[40.Rxc7+ Qxc7 41.Rxc7+ Rxc7+-]

40...Qb8? 4.21/19

[40...Qb7 2.20/18 41.Rxc7+ Qxc7 42.Rxc7+ Kxc7]

41.Rc6 White is clearly winning.
41...Kd8



42.Rxa6!! Ke8 43.Rcc6 Kf7 44.a4 Rxc6 45.Rxc6 Qa7 46.Qxb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

D31
□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**
■ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
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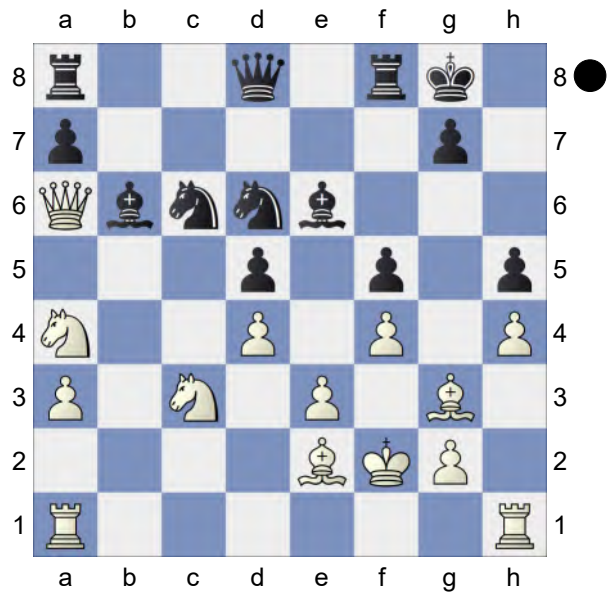
D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4**
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1) *)* 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...Bb4N
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c5 6.e3 c4 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.a3 Ba5 9.b4 cxb3 10.Qxb3 Be6 11.f3 Nge7 0.40/25
[11...Nf6= -0.09/21 might be stronger.]
12.Kf2 0-0 13.Qxb7 Bb6 14.Qa6 Ng6 15.Bg3 -0.31/19
[15.Qd3= 0.11/20]
15...f5 aiming for ...f4! Black has compensation. **16.f4** -0.51/22
[16.Na4= -0.04/22]
16...h5 17.h4 Nh8 18.Na4 Nf7 19.Nec3 Nd6 20.Be2

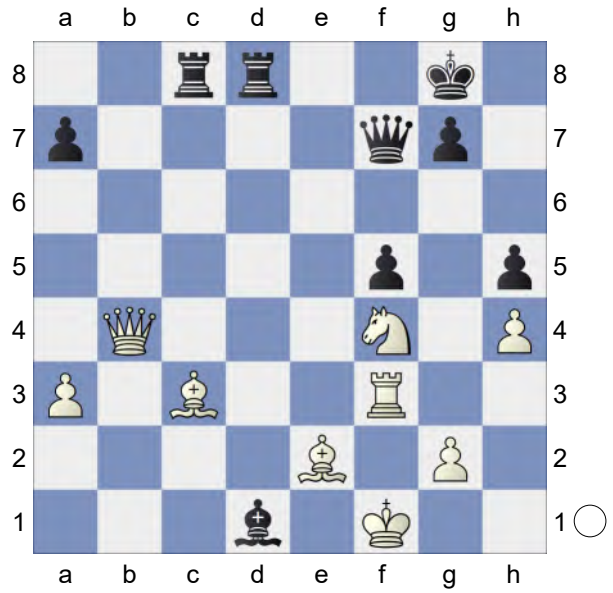
(Diagram)

Nxd4 0.84/21 **21.exd4± Bxd4+ 22.Kf1 Rc8 23.Be1 Qe7?** 2.60/20
[23...Bf6!± 0.53/18]
24.Rd1+-
[24.Bxh5 Bxc3 25.Nxc3 d4=]
24...Be3 25.Rh3
[25.Bxh5 d4 *(25...Bxf4 26.Nxd5 Bxd5 27.Rxd5+-)* 26.Ne2 Bc4∓]
25...Bxf4
[25...d4? 26.Rxe3 *(26.Bxh5? Bc4+-+)* 26...dxe3 27.Qxd6+-



(27.Rxd6 Bf7+-)]

26.Rf3 Be5 27.Nxd5 Qf7 28.Nf4 Bb3 29.Rxd6 Bxd6 30.Qxd6 Rxb3! would now be deadly. **30...Bxa4** Black is weak on the dark squares **31.Bc3 Rfd8 32.Qb4 Bd1**



33.Rg3! Bxe2+ 34.Nxe2

[34.Kxe2 Rb8 35.Qa5 *(35.Rxg7+? Qxg7 36.Bxg7 Re8+ 37.Kd3 Rxb4-+)* 35...Qc4+ 36.Nd3 Rd5 37.Rxg7+ *(37.Qxa7? Re8+ 38.Re3 Qxd3+ 39.Kf2 Qxe3+ 40.Qxe3 Rxe3-+)* 37...Kf8∓]

34...g6 35.Nf4 1.27/21

[35.Kg1+- 2.53/23]

35...Qc4+± 36.Qxc4+ 0.47/23

[White should try 36.Kf2± 1.30/21 Qxb4 37.Bxb4 *(37.axb4 Kf7±; 37.Rxg6+ Kh7±)*]

36...Rxc4± 37.Nxg6 Rg4 1.24/28

[Better is 37...Kh7!± 0.47/25]

38.Rxg4± fxg4 2.09/26

[38...hxg4± 1.26/26 39.h5 *(39.Ne7+ Kh7±)* 39...Kh7]

39.Ke2+- Rb8 40.Kd3 Black must now prevent Nf4. **40...Kf7** 2.28/23

[40...Rb3± 1.60/23]

41.Nf4 Rb3 42.a4

[42.Nxh5 Rxa3 43.Kc2 a5±]

42...a5 43.Nxh5? 0.28/24

[43.Kc2+- 2.34/25 Ra3 44.Bxa5 *(44.Nxh5 Rxa4 45.g3 Rc4±)*]

43...Ra3= 44.g3 Hoping for Nf6. **44...Rxa4 45.Nf6 Kg6 46.Nd5 Ra3! 47.Ne3** Threatens to win with Nc4! **47...a4 48.Nxg4 Ra2 49.Ne3 Rh2 50.Bb4 Rb2! 51.Kc4** Strongly threatening g4. **51...Re2 52.Kd4** And now g4 would win. **52...Rb2! 53.Bc5** g4 is the strong threat. **53...Kh5** 1.47/27

[53...Rb3= 0.00/26]

(Diagram)

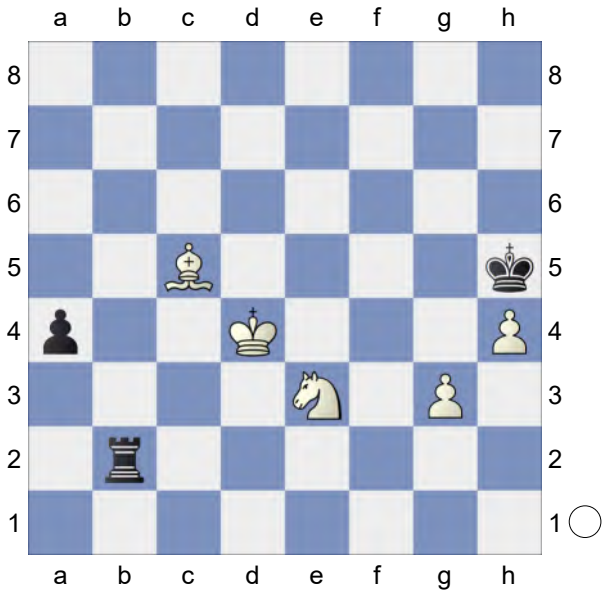
54.Kc4 0.00/35

[54.Ke4!± 1.47/27]

54...Rb3 The position is equal. **55.Bd4 Rb1 56.Nc2 Kg4 57.Be5 Rb3 58.Bd6 Rb2 59.Na3 Rd2 60.Kc5 Rd3 61.Kc6 Rc3+ 62.Kb5 Rd3 63.Kc6 Rc3+ 64.Kd5**

[64.Kb5!? Rd3□ 65.Kc6= *(65.Nc4 Rxd6* Deflection *66.Nxd6 a3=)*]

64...Rd3+ 65.Ke6 Re3+ 66.Kd7 Rb3



67.Kd8 Rd3 68.Ke7 Re3+ 69.Kd7 Rb3 70.Kc7 Rc3+ 71.Kb6 Rd3 72.Kc7 Rc3+ 73.Kd8 Rd3 74.Ke7 Re3+ 75.Kf7 Rd3 76.Ke6 Re3+ 77.Kd5 Rd3+ 78.Kc6 Rc3+ White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) / Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

A16

□ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
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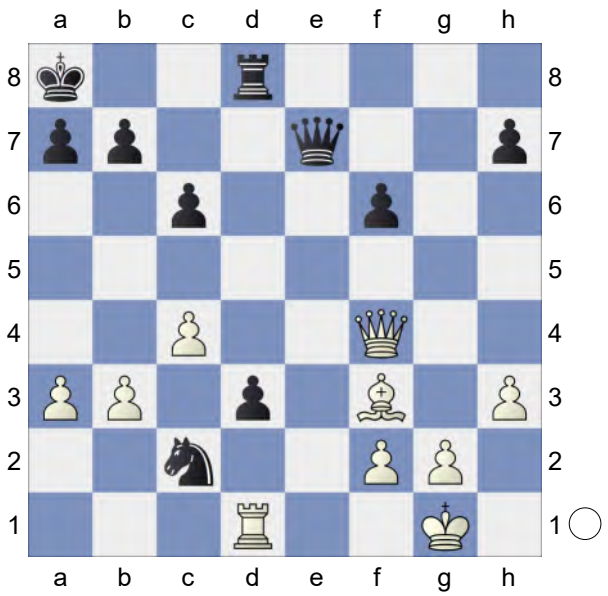
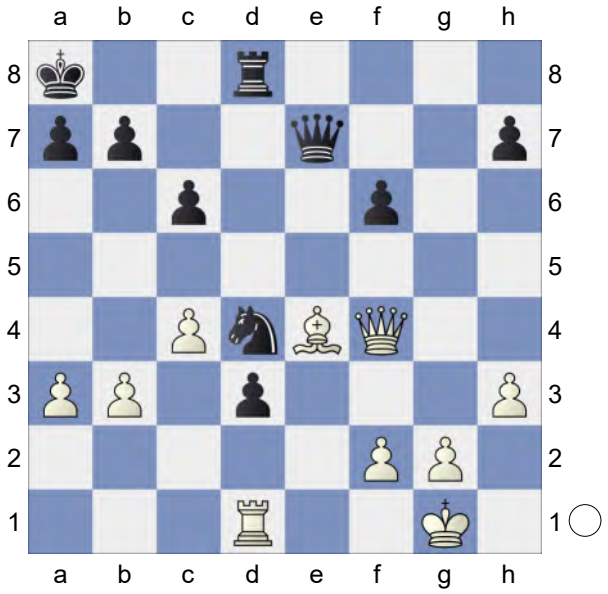
A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 d4 5.exf6 dxc3 6.fxg7 cxd2+ 7.Bxd2 Bxg7 8.Qc2 Prevents Bf5. **8...Na6**
[8...Nd7 9.Ne2 Nf6 10.Ng3 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Bc3 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 9.♘c3 ♘c6_70349-N,N olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr ICCF corr 1948]
9.Bc3N
[9.0-0-0 Qb6 10.Be3 Nc5 11.Qd2 Bf5 12.g4 Bxg4 13.Be2 Bf5 14.Nf3 Nb3+ 15.axb3 Qa6 16.Qc2 Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Qa5+ 18.Kc1 Bxc2 19.Kxc2 Qf5+ 20.Kc1 Rd8 21.Rhg1 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 Rg8 23.Rg3 c5 0-1 Chekhover,V-Cherepkov,A URS ch sf Riga 1952 (8)]
9...Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 f6 11.Bd3 Qb6 0.68/24
[11...Qd6!= 0.21/21]
12.Ne2 0.16/20
[White should try 12.a3!± 0.68/24]
12...Bg4 0.97/22
[12...Qb4= 0.16/20 keeps the balance.]
13.h3 0.54/19
[13.0-0± 0.97/22]
13...Bxe2± 14.Bxe2 Bh5+ is the strong threat. **14...0-0-0** 1.01/21
[14...Qb4!± 0.52/23 feels stronger.]
15.0-0± Qd4 16.Qa3 Kb8 17.Bf3 0.71/22
[17.Qxe7? Rhe8 *(17...Qxb2? 18.Rab1+-)* 18.Qxh7 Rxe2∓]
[Better is 17.Rab1 1.12/22]
17...Qc5 Inhibits b4. **18.Qc3 Rd4 19.b3 Rhd8 20.Rad1 e5! 21.Rxd4 exd4 22.Qd3 Qe7** 0.88/20
[22...f5= 0.29/21]
23.Qd2 0.40/21
[23.Rd1!± 0.88/20]
23...d3!± 24.Rd1 Nb4 0.84/23
[24...Qe5!± 0.45/21]
25.a3↑ White is on the roll. **25...Nc2** 1.54/20
[Black should play 25...Na6 0.87/24]
26.Qf4+! Ka8

(Diagram)

27.Be4 0.93/20
[⌓27.Qe4! 1.38/23 Qd6 *(27...Qxe4? 28.Bxe4 h6 29.Rxd3+-)* 28.Qxh7]
27...Nd4





28.Qe3
[28.Rxd3? is the wrong capture. Ne2+ *(28...Qxa3? 29.Qxf6 Qd6 30.Qxd6+-)* 29.Kh2 Nxf4-+]
[28.Bxd3 Nxb3 29.h4 Rd4+-]
28...Nxb3? 3.13/21
[28...f5± 0.96/20 29.Bxd3 Qxe3 *(29...Qxa3? loses. 30.Bxf5 Pin Qd6 31.Rd3+-)* 30.fxe3 Nxb3]
29.Rxd3+- Rxd3 30.Bxd3 Qxe3
[And not 30...Qxa3 31.Qe8#]
31.fxe3± Endgame. KB-KN **31...h6 32.Kf2 Nc5 33.Bc2** 0.02/30
[Only move: 33.Bf5+- 2.02/29]
33...Ne6= The position is equal. **34.Kf3 Kb8 35.Ke4** Threatens to win with Kf5.
[35.Kg4!? Ng7□ 36.Kf4=]
35...Ng7 36.c5 b6 37.cxb6 axb6 38.Bb3 Kc7 39.g4 Kd6 40.h4 b5 41.a4 bxa4 42.Bxa4 Kc5 43.Kf4 Kd6 44.Ke4 Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
■ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
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C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo During the event, in public interviews, Magnus complained both of a lack of motivation, and later food poisoning, leading to him forcing a draw with the white pieces in the 2. classical game of this match, but for the deciding playoff both the joy and energy-level seemed to be there: Während des Turniers klagte Magnus in öffentlichen Interviews über mangelnde Motivation und später über eine Lebensmittelvergiftung, die dazu führte, dass er in der 2. klassischen Partie dieses Matches mit den weißen Figuren ein Remis erzwang, aber im entscheidenden Playoff schienen sowohl die Freude als auch die Energie vorhanden zu sein: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.a4 a5**
[5...d6 6.a5 h6 7.0-0 a6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.d4 Ba7 11.Bd3 Ng6 12.Re1 Re8 13.Nbd2 Nf4 14.Bf1 Nh7 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Be3 exd4

17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.g3 Qf6 19.cxd4 Ng5 20.Nxg5 0-1 Leiva Rodriguez,J (2389)-Pichot,A (2628) Iberoamerican-ch 10th Linares 2024 (5)]

6.Be3N

[6.0-0 d6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Qe7 *(9...Ne7 10.Nh4 c6 11.Qe1 d5 12.Bb3 Qd6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg5 g6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 Kg7 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Nxf6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Rad8 22.Rf2 Rd4 23.Raf1 Neg8 24.c3* 0-1 Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Carlsen,M (2835) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (8.3)*)* 10.h3 Be6 11.Qe2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nb8 13.Qe1 b6 14.Qh4 Nbd7 15.g4 Nc5 16.b3 Rae8 17.Rf2 Nfd7 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Raf1 g6 20.Nfd2 Nb8 1-0 MPP (2699)-Moiseenko,A (2673) USSR Ch., (Game 48) Kiev 2004 (3) 21.Nb1 Nc6 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 Kg7 25.e4 Rh8 26.h4 h5 27.g5 Rf8 28.Na3 Ree8 29.Nb5 Rc8 30.Na7 Ra8 31.Nb5 Rac8 32.Rf6 Nd7 33.R1f3 Nxf6 34.Rxf6 Rfd8 35.Kf1 Kf8 1-0 Sjugirov,S (2699)-Matlakov,M (2673) Budapest Hetenyi Memorial 2023 (3)]

[6.Nc3 d6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe2 Nb4 10.0-0 Qe7 11.h3 Be6 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 13.Rf2 Nd7 14.d4 d5 15.Raf1 h6 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 dxe4 18.Rf5 Nc6 19.Nb5 Rac8 20.Qe1 Ne7 0-1 Alekseenko,K (2687)-Bluebaum,M (2651) Speed Chess Q1 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (13)]

6...Bxe3 7.fxe3 0-0 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qd2 Nb6 11.Bb3 Qe7 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.Nb5 Qe7 15.b3 Rad8 16.d4** -0.45/24

[16.Rae1= 0.19/24]

16...e4 17.Ne1 f5 18.c4 Nd7 0.66/23

[18...Nb4= -0.25/24]

19.Nxc7± Nf6 1.21/23 Inhibits Nd5.

[⌓19...Nb4 0.78/22]

20.Nb5± Ng4 21.Nc2 1.05/19

[⌓21.h3 1.47/23]

21...Qe5 22.g3! Qf6 23.h3 0.40/23

[23.Rad1± 1.02/20]

23...Nh6 1.35/22

[23...Nge5± 0.40/23]

24.Nc3 0.90/21

[Better is 24.Qf2 1.35/22]

24...Qg5 1.37/19

[⌓24...Nf7 0.90/21]

25.Qf2 Qh5 26.Kg2 g5 27.Qe2 Qg6 28.Kh1 0.99/22

[⌓28.Rg1 1.51/21]

28...Kh8 29.Nd5 Rxd5 1.62/19

30.cxd5+- Ne7 31.Na3 0.74/24

[⌓31.d6! 1.50/22 Qxd6 32.Kh2]

31...Nxd5 1.89/22

[31...f4± 0.74/24]

32.Nc4! f4 33.g4 0.08/26

[33.Nxa5 Nf5 *(33...Nxe3? 34.g4-+)* 34.Rg1 f3-+ *(34...fxe3 35.Raf1∓; 34...Ndxe3? 35.g4-+; 34...fxg3 35.Nc4=; 34...Nxg3+ 35.Rxg3 fxg3 36.Qg4-+; 34...Nfxe3 35.gxf4 Rxf4 36.Rg2∓)*]

[33.gxf4± 1.48/23 gxf4 34.Ne5 *(34.Nxa5? Nf5-+)*]

33...f3 34.Qh2

[34.Nxa5? fxe2 35.Rxf8+ Ng8-+ *(35...Kg7? 36.Rf2-+)*]

34...Nf7 Wards off Qe5+ **35.Rac1**

[35.Nxa5 Nxe3 36.Rfe1 Ng2∓]

35...Re8 Dodges Ne5 **36.Kg1**

[36.Nxa5 Nxe3 37.Rf2 *(37.Rfe1? Ng2-+)* 37...Nd5∓]

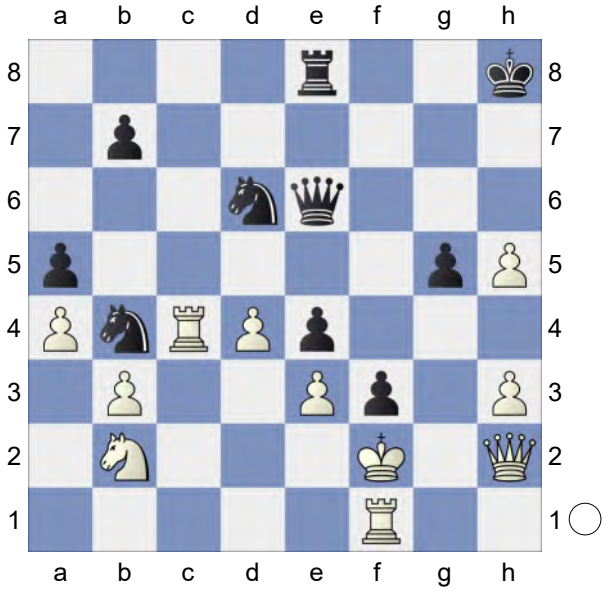
36...h5 0.70/21

[36...Kg7= 0.11/22]

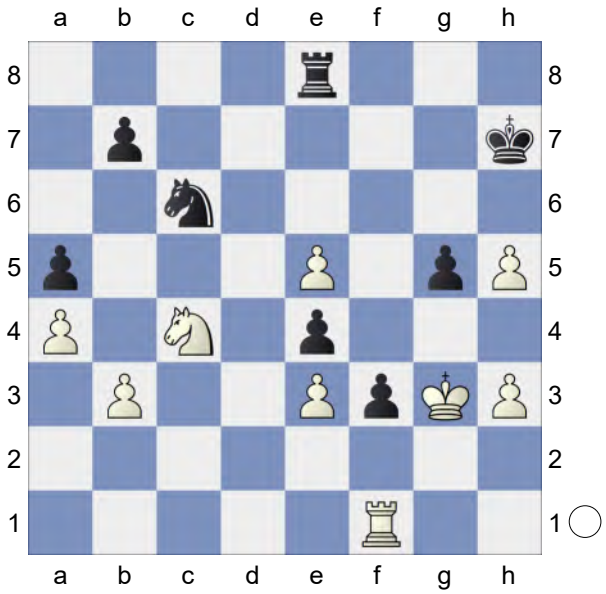
37.gxh5!±

[37.Nxa5 Nxe3 38.Rfe1 Ng2-+]

37...Qf6 1.35/21
[⌓37...Qxh5 0.94/19 38.Qg3 Qh6]
38.Kf2!±
[38.Nxa5 g4 *(38...Nxe3 39.Rfe1∓)* 39.h6 g3 *(39...Nxe3? 40.Nc4-+; 39...Nxh6 40.Nc4-+)* 40.Qxg3 Rg8-+ *(40...Nxe3 41.Qg7+ Qxg7+ 42.hxg7+±; 40...Nxe3 41.Qg7+ Qxg7+ 42.hxg7+±)*]
38...Nb4 1.60/20
[Black should try 38...g4 0.96/21 39.Rg1 *(39.Nxa5? g3+ 40.Qxg3 Rg8-+; 39.hxg4 Nh6=)* 39...Nh6]
39.Nb2? 0.01/22
[39.Nxa5? Nd3+ 40.Kg1 g4-+ *(40...Nxc1? 41.Rxc1 g4 42.Qg3-+)*]
[39.Rfd1± 1.60/20]
39...Qe6= 40.Rc4 Nd6 0.91/22
[40...Nd5= -0.11/18]



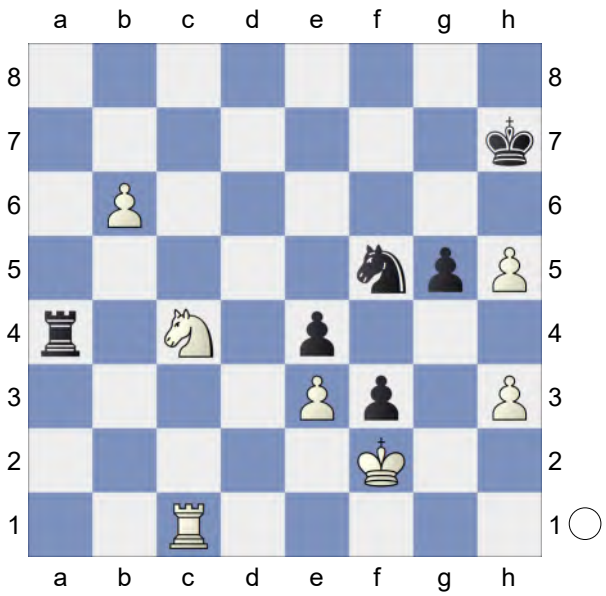
41.Qe5+ 0.04/21 **Qxe5 42.dxe5 Nxc4 43.Nxc4** Endgame. KRN-KRN **43...Kh7 44.Kg3**
[44.Nxa5 Rxe5 45.Nc4 *(45.Nxb7? Rd5-+)* 45...Rd5∓]
44...Nc6? 1.94/26
[44...Nd3!= 0.14/20 and Black is okay.]



45.Nd6 1.04/22
[45.Rd1!+- 1.94/26]
45...Rxe5± 46.Rc1! White is more active. **46...Re6** 1.88/26
[46...Kg7± 0.99/23 was called for.]
47.Nxb7 aiming for Nc5. **47...Ne7** 2.29/22
[47...Nb4± 1.54/22]
48.Nxa5+- Black must now prevent Rc5.
48...Nf5+ 49.Kf2 And now Rc7+ would win. **49...Rd6 50.Nc4** 0.68/21 Prevents Rd2+.
[50.Rc7++- 1.99/27 Kh6 51.Nc4]
50...Rd3± 51.b4 Rb3? 4.76/26
[51...Nd6± 0.93/21]
52.b5+- Rb4 53.b6 Rxa4

(Diagram)

54.Rc2 Dodges Ra2. Threatens to win with b7. **54...Ra8** 7.70/21
[⌓54...Rb4 4.09/19 55.Rb2 Rxb2+ *(55...Rxc4 56.b7+-)* 56.Nxb2 Ne7]
55.b7 Rb8 56.Na5 Nd6 57.Rc7+ Kg8 58.h6 Nxb7 59.Rg7+ Kh8 60.Nxb7 Rc8 61.Nd6 White mates.
[Stronger than 61.Rxg5 Rc2+ 62.Ke1



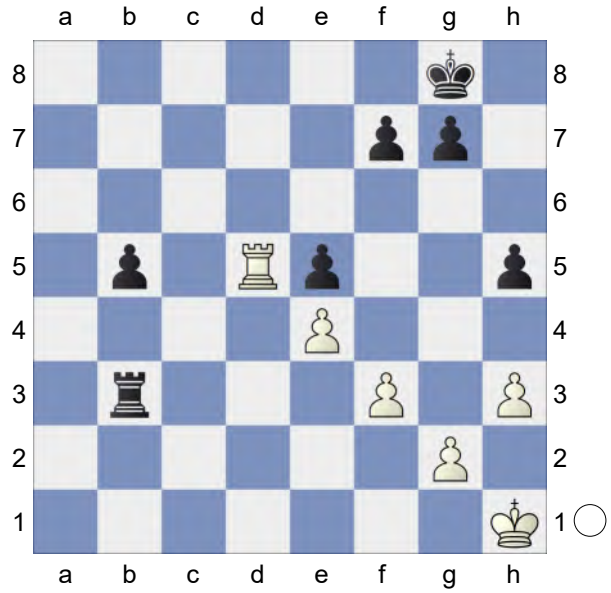
(62.Kg3? Rg2+ 63.Kf4 f2-+)
62...Rc1+ 63.Kf2 Rc2+ 64.Ke1
(64.Kg3? Rg2+ 65.Kh4 Rxg5-+)
64...Rc1+ 65.Kd2 *(65.Kf2 Rc2+=)*
65...f2=]
61...Rc2+ 62.Ke1 Rc1+ 63.Kd2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.48
1-0

B52

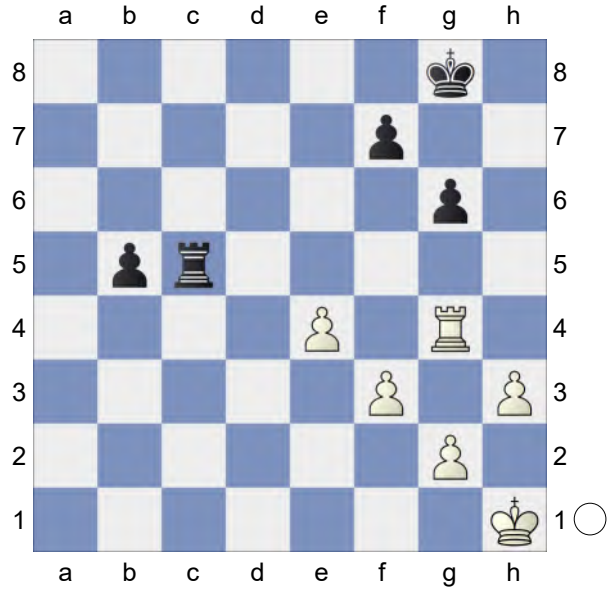
□ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.27) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Bd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 e6 6.Qe2 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **8...Ngf6 9.b3 Nc5 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Bb2 Rc8 12.c4 a6 13.Rac1 Re8 14.Rfd1 Qb6 15.h3 h6 16.Ba1 Qa7 17.Rc3 Ncd7 18.Nf1 Bf8 19.Ng3 Qc5 20.Kh2 Qa5** 0.35/22
[20...h5= -0.07/20]
21.Re3 -0.01/20
[21.f4± 0.35/22 deserves consideration.]
21...Qc7 22.Kh1 e5 23.Nc2 b5 24.Rc3 Qb7 25.cxb5 axb5 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Nb4 Nc5 28.f3 Ne6 0.44/23
[28...Na6= 0.00/21 29.Nd3 Nc5]
29.Nf5 Nf4 30.Qe1 Qb6 31.Ne3 h5 32.Bc3 Qb7 33.Ned5 -0.06/29
[33.Bd2± 0.46/21]
33...N6xd5= 34.Nxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5 Qa6 36.Qa1 Be7 37.Rd1 Ra8 38.Bb4 The position is equal. **38...Qxa2**

39.Qxa2 Rxa2 40.Bxd6 Bxd6 41.Rxd6 Endgame. KR-KR **41...Rb2 42.Rd5 Rxb3**



Hoping for ...f6. **43.Rxe5 h4 44.Rh5 g6 45.Rxh4 Rc3 46.Rg4 Rc5**



Repels Rg5. ...b4 would now be deadly. **47.e5 Rxe5 48.Rd4 Kf8 49.Kg1 Ke7 50.Kf2 Ke6 51.h4 Rc5 52.Ke3 Rc3+ 53.Kf4 Rc8 54.g4 Rc5 55.Rd8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

C11

□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**

■ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.28) 5.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nce2 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.f4 a5N**

[7...Qb6 8.Nf3 f6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ng3 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 12.Bd3 fxe5 13.fxe5 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxe5 15.Rf1 Bd7 16.b4 Ba4 17.Bc2 Bxc2 18.Nxc2 Rxf1+ 19.Nxf1 Rf8 Ardelean,G (2477)-Manole,V (2360) 90/(223) Romania 2004]

[7...Be7 8.Nf3

A) 8...0-0 9.g3 b5 *(9...b6 10.Bh3 Ba6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.cxd4 Re8 13.Rf2 Rc8 14.f5 Nf8 15.Be3 Qd7 16.Qb1 Rc7 17.a3 Na5 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.b3 Bxe2 20.Rxe2 Rc3 21.Nd2 Nxb3 22.Nxb3 Qb5 23.Nc1 Rxc1+ 24.Qxc1* ½-½ Hogervorst,P-De Weert,S NED M-288 corr Netherland 1999*)* 10.a3 a5 11.Bh3 b4 12.0-0 bxc3 13.bxc3 Ba6 14.Rf2 g6 15.g4 f5 16.gxf5 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 gxf5 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.fxg5 Rf7 20.Bf1 cxd4 21.cxd4 Qb6 22.Be3 Rb8 23.Rc1 ½-½ Moussard,J (2676)-Handler,L (2442) Oesterreich 156/109 2023;

B) 8...f6 9.Be3 0-0 10.g3 Qb6 11.Qd2 cxd4 12.Nfxd4 Nc5 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Nb3 Ne4 15.Qd3 Qc7 16.Bg2 Nd6 17.Bf2 Nc4 18.Qc2 Ne7 19.0-0 e5 20.fxe5 Bf5 21.exf6 Bxc2 22.fxe7 ½-½ Corfield,J (2762)-Ernst,H (2777) EU-ch 14th Legnica 2013]

[7...f6 8.Nf3 fxe5 9.fxe5 Be7 10.Nf4 Nf8 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Nh5 Rg8 13.0-0 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qb6 15.Be3 0-0-0 16.Rf2 Kb8 17.Bf1 Ka8 18.a3 Ng6 19.Qd2 Na5 20.Qd3 Nb3 21.Rd1 Rc8 22.Nd2 1-0 Tatarinov,D (2180)-3. Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 Nc6 (1968) Match, Stockholm 2013 (1)]

8.Nf3 a4 9.Kf2 Be7 The position is equal. **10.g4 Qc7 11.Ng3 cxd4 12.cxd4 a3 13.bxa3 Nb6** 0.65/20

[13...f6= 0.16/20 should be considered.]

14.Nh5 0-0 1.06/18

[14...g6!± 0.31/23 15.Ng3 0-0]

15.g5!± Bxa3 16.Qc2 0.18/21 Inhibits Nc4.

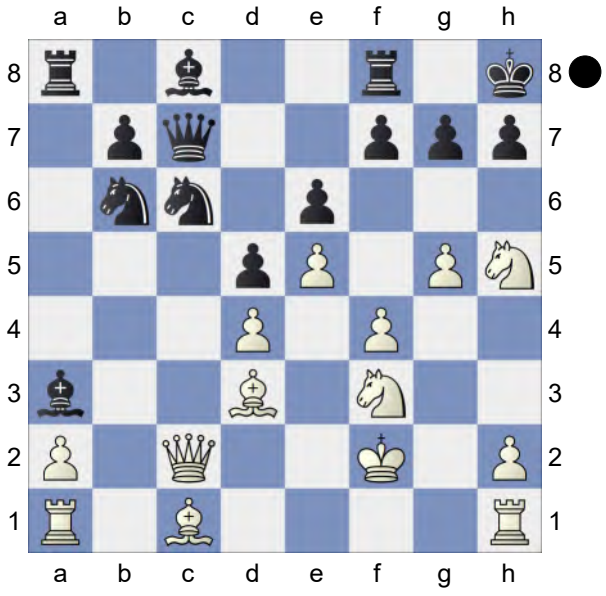
[16.Nf6+± 0.94/20 gxf6 17.gxf6]

16...Kh8 0.77/21

[16...Bxc1= 0.18/21 remains equal. 17.Rxc1 Ra3]

17.Bd3 -0.72/18

[17.Rg1± 0.77/21 and life is bright.]



17...Nc4! 18.Bxh7 -1.58/21

[⌓18.Rd1 -0.74/18]

[18.Rb1 Nb4]

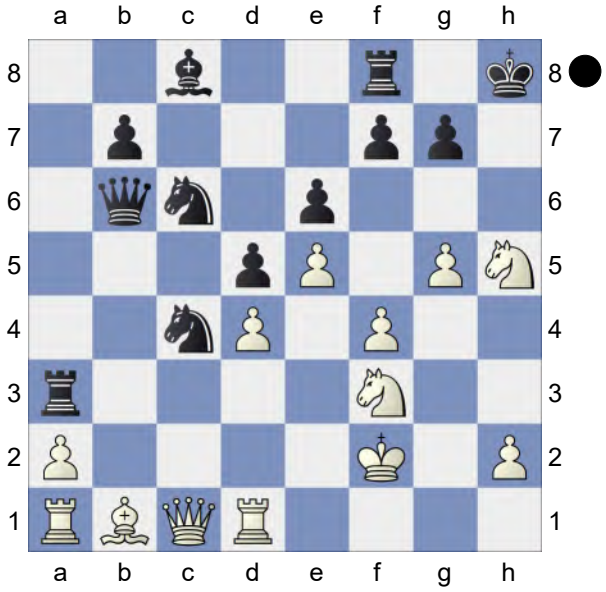
18...Bxc1!∓ 19.Qxc1

[19.Rhxc1? Ra3 20.Rd1 *(20.Bd3? Nb4-+)* 20...g6-+]

19...Ra3! White must now prevent ... Rxf3+.

[19...Kxh7? 20.a3 Qb6 21.Qc2+ Kg8 22.Qc3-+]

20.Bb1 Qb6 21.Rd1



Rxf3+ -0.48/19 **22.Kxf3∓** Kg2 is the strong threat. **22...Nxd4+ 23.Rxd4** -1.70/18 **Qxd4-+ 24.Bc2?** -3.85/21

[24.Qe1 -1.87/20 Nd2+ *(24...Qxa1 25.Qh4=)* 25.Kg4]

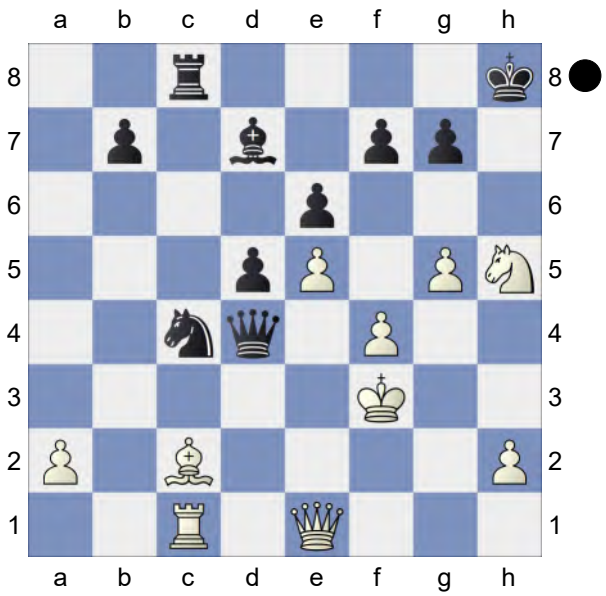
24...Bd7 25.Qe1 Rd1 would now be deadly. **25...Rc8** Strongly threatening ... Nd2+. **26.Rc1** -3.85/20

[26.Rd1 -2.36/19 was the only defense. Nxe5+ Discovered Attack 27.fxe5 Rc3+ 28.Rd3 Rxd3+ *(28...Rxc2? 29.Rxd4 Bb5 30.Nf6+-)* 29.Bxd3 Qxd3+ 30.Qe3 Qd1+ 31.Qe2]

(Diagram)

26...Nxe5+? -0.21/21 **27.Qxe5=**

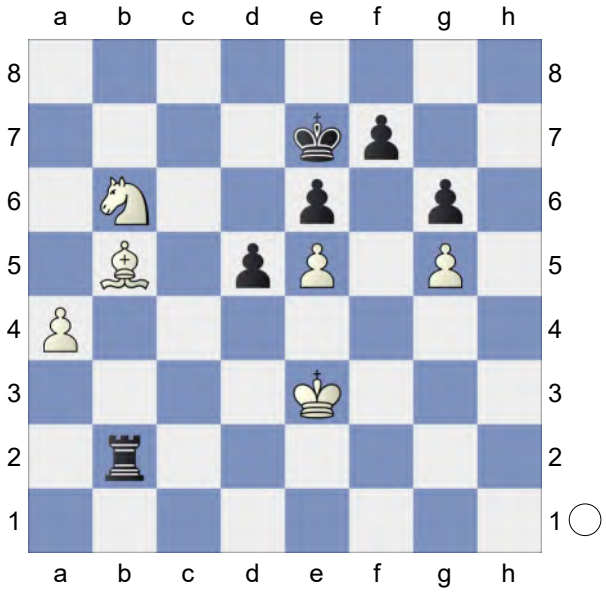
[27.fxe5? Rxc2 28.Rxc2 Qd3+ 29.Qe3 Qxc2-+]



27...Rc3+ 28.Kg4 Qxe5 29.fxe5 Ba4 30.Bxa4 Rxc1 31.Be8 g6 Black has compensation. **32.Nf6 Kg7 33.Bb5 Rc2 34.a4 Rxh2 35.Ne8+ Kf8 36.Nd6 b6 37.Nc8 Rg2+ 38.Kf4 Rf2+ 39.Kg4 Rg2+ 40.Kf4 Rf2+ 41.Ke3 Rb2** 3.68/28

[41...Rc2!± 0.57/24 42.Nxb6 Ke7]

42.Nxb6 Ke7



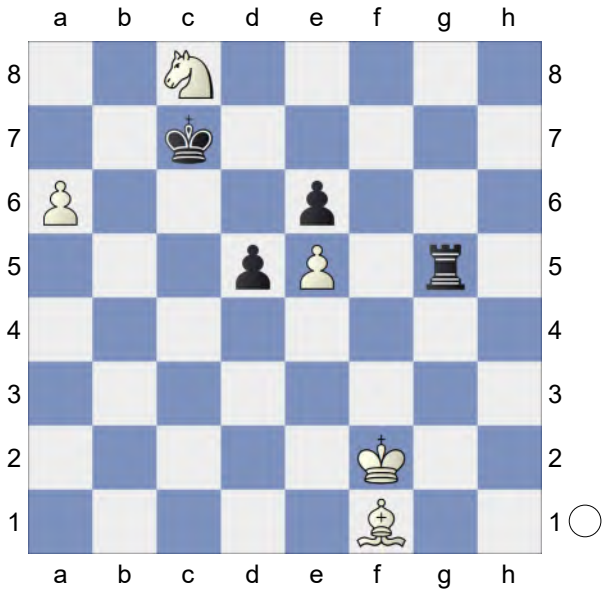
43.Nc8+! Kd8 44.Nd6 Kc7 45.Be8

[Weaker is 45.Nxf7 Ra2 46.Bd3 Rxa4 47.Bxg6 Kd7+-]

45...Rg2 46.Nxf7

[46.Bxf7 Rxg5 47.Kf4 *(47.Bxe6? perishes. Rxe5+ 48.Kd2 Rxe6-+)* 47...Rg1±]

46...Rg4 47.a5 Rg3+ 48.Kf4 Rg1 49.Bb5 White is clearly winning. **49...Ra1 50.a6 Ra3 51.Nh8 Kb6 52.Bf1 Ra4+ 53.Kf3 Ra3+ 54.Kf2 Ra4 55.Nxg6 Rg4 56.Ne7 Rxg5 57.Nc8+ Kc7**



58.a7! Rf5+ 59.Kg3 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.43

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B90

□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**

■ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.29) 5.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N**

[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6*

Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7 ½-½ 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 ICCF (2.6)) 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

7...Be7 8.Rg1 With the idea g4. **8...h5** 0.58/21

[8...Ng4= 0.20/25]

9.h3± Be6 10.Qf3 White is slightly better. **10...h4 11.Nd5 Nbd7** Inhibits Bb6. **12.0-0-0 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb6** 0.89/23

[13...Nh5!± 0.38/24]

14.g3 White is more active. **14...e4 15.Qe2 Nbxd5 16.Bd4 hxg3 17.Rxg3** 0.10/23

[17.fxg3± 0.55/23 was preferrable. Rc8 18.Bg2]

17...Nf4= 18.Qe3 N6h5 Excellent horsemanship. **19.Rg4** And now Bb6! would win. **19...f5!** Strongly threatening ...Nd5. **20.Bb6!**

[20.Rxf4 Bg5∓]

[20.Bxg7 Rg8 21.Bc3 *(21.Rxf4 Bg5∓* Pin *)* 21...fxg4-+]

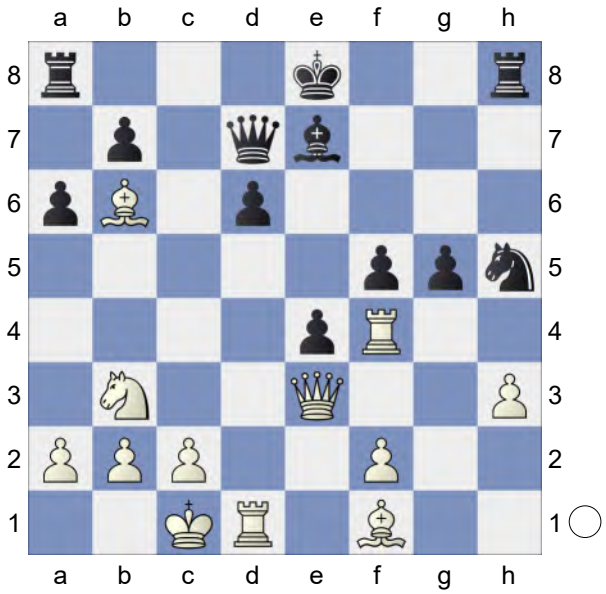
20...Qd7 2.39/18 This costs Black the game.

[20...Bg5!= 0.12/22 and Black is okay. 21.Bxd8 Ne2+ 22.Kb1 *(22.Bxe2 Bxe3+ 23.fxe3 fxg4=)* 22...Bxe3]

21.Rxf4+- Black must now prevent Nd4!

21...g5

(Diagram)

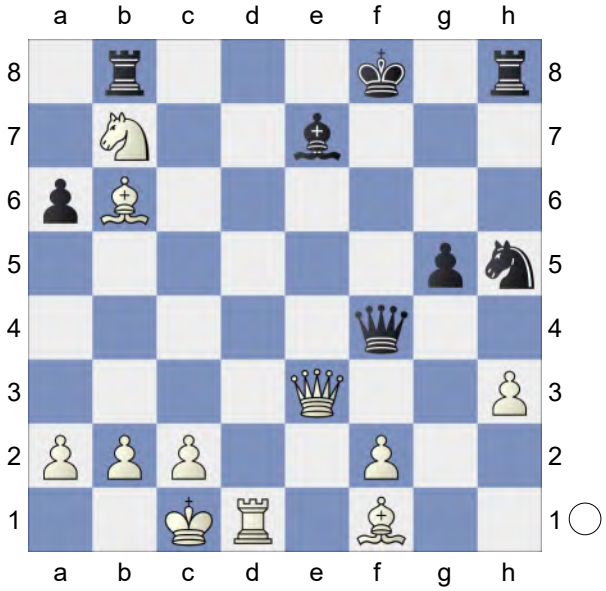


22.Rxe4 fxe4 23.Nc5↑ Pin, Double Attack. White is on the roll.

[23.Qxe4?! Nf4±]

23...Qf5 24.Nxe4 Qf4 25.Nxd6+ Kf8 26.Nxb7 Rb8 2.88/20

[26...Rh6± 1.54/18 27.Kb1 Rb8]



27.Nc5! Hoping for Ne6+. **27...Qxe3+**

[27...Rxb6 28.Nd7+ *(28.Nxa6? Rhh6-+)* 28...Kg7 29.Qxf4 *(29.Nxb6 Bc5+-* Pin *)* 29...Nxf4 30.Nxb6=]

28.fxe3 Nf6

[28...Rxb6?! 29.Nd7+ *(29.Nxa6?*

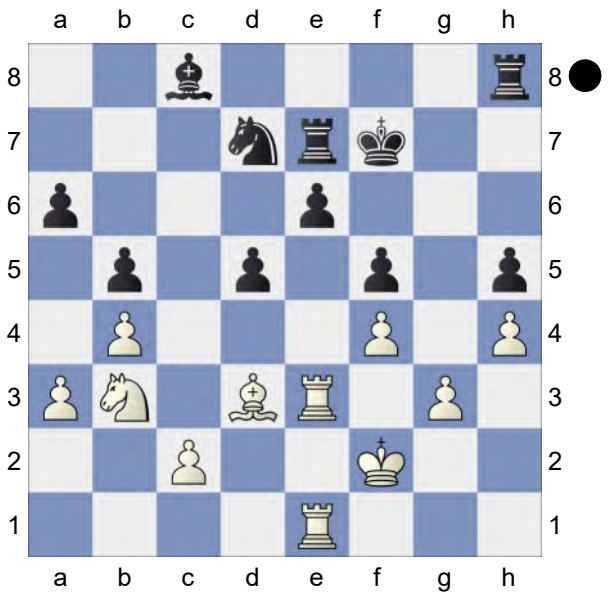
Ng3-+) 29...Kf7 30.Nxb6+-]
29.Bc7
[29.Nxa6? Rxb6 30.Nc7 Bc5-+]
29...Rc8 30.Ne6+
[30.Nxa6 g4 31.hxg4 Nxg4±]
30...Kf7 31.Nxg5+ Kg6 32.Bf4 Nh5 33.Bd3+ Kg7 34.Be5+ Skewer **34...Bf6 35.Bxf6+ Kxf6 36.h4 Ke7 37.Bxa6 Ra8 38.Bc4 Ng3 39.Rd4 Nf5 40.Re4+ Kf6 41.Nf3**
[Less strong is 41.Re6+ Kg7 42.Nf3 *(42.Bd5 Rac8+-)* 42...Ra4±]
41...Kg7 42.Rg4+ Kh6 43.Ne5
[Not 43.e4 Ne3+-]
43...Nxe3 44.Rg6+ Kh7 ...Nxc4 would now be deadly. **45.Bd3** Intending Rg5+ and mate. **45...Rhf8 46.Rg3+** Discovered Attack (Check) **46...Kh6 47.Rxe3 Rxa2 48.Rg3 Kh5 49.Rg7 Rh8 50.Rg5+ Kxh4 51.Nf3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.39
1-0

C11
□ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
■ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.30) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.a3 b5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5** White has an edge. **11.b4 Nd7 12.Bd3 Qb6**
[12...f6 13.0-0 0-0 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Ne2 h6 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Rae1 Bd7 18.Qe3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Nfd4 Ne7 21.Ng3 Rae8 22.c3 Ng6 23.Rf2 Qh4 24.Ref1 Rf6 25.Nge2 Rff8 26.Nf3 Qf6 27.Ne5 ½-½ Panesar,V (2387)-Iskusnyh,S (2440) Aimchess Play In op Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (8)]
13.Qd2 Bb7N
[13...h6 14.h4 *(14.Ne2 a5 15.Rb1 axb4 16.axb4 0-0 17.Ned4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Bh7+* Chapter French Steinitz-7...a6 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1.e *)* 14...0-0 15.g4 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.g5 Ng4 18.gxh6 Nxh6 19.Rg1 Ra7 20.0-0-0 Nf5 21.Rde1 Ncd4 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Rg5 Raf7 24.Re5 Rc7 25.Nb1 Rd8 26.c3 Kf8 27.Kb2 Qb6 28.Bxf5 ½-½ Soumya,S (2273)-Chitlange,S (2250) IND-ch (Women) 49th Ahmedabad 2023 (9)]
14.Qf2 Rc8 15.Ne2
[15.Qg3 keeps more tension. Nd4 16.Qxg7 Rxc3 17.Qxh8+ Ke7 18.Kd2]
15...Qxf2+ 16.Kxf2 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Ned4 -0.05/21
[18.Rhe1± 0.38/20]
18...Kf7 0.48/19
[18...e5= -0.05/21 19.Nxc6 Bxc6]
19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Rhe1 Nb6 0.58/22
[20...h5= 0.19/21]
21.Nd4 0.04/24
[White should play 21.g4± 0.58/22]
21...Bd7= 22.Nb3 Na4 23.Re3 h5 24.h4 Rce8 25.Rae1 Bc8 26.g3 Bd7 27.Bf1 Nb6 28.Nc5 Bc8! 29.Bh3 f5 30.Bf1 Re7 31.Nb3 Nd7 32.Bd3

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Bxf5! **32...Rhe8 33.Nd4 Nf6 34.Kf1 Ne4 35.Bxe4 dxe4 36.Nc6 Rc7 37.Rc3 Kf6** Wards off Ne5 **38.Ree3 Bb7 39.Ne5 Rec8 40.Rxc7 Rxc7∓** Endgame. KRB-KRN **41.c3 Bd5 42.Ke2 Ke7 43.Kd2!**

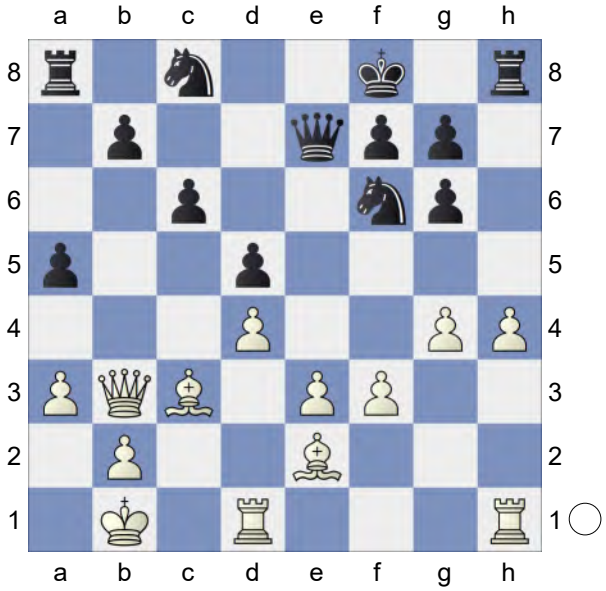


Rc8 44.Kc2 Kd6 45.Kb2 Kc7 -0.18/26
[45...Rg8∓ -0.55/26 deserves consideration.]
46.Re1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

D12

□ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2365**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.31) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

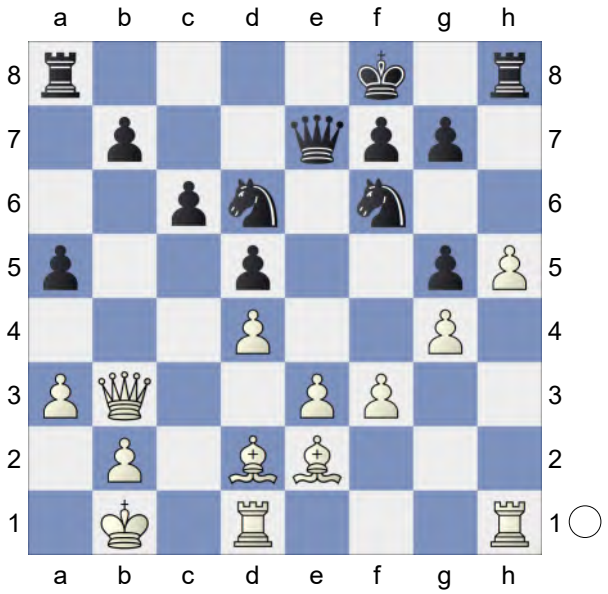
D12: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.Qb3 Qc7 10.cxd5 White is slightly better. **10...exd5 11.h4**
[11.0-0-0 a5 12.f3 *(12.Qc2 Be7 13.h4 0-0-0 14.Be2 Ne8 15.g3 Kb8 16.Kb1 Ndf6 17.g4 Nd6 18.f3 Nd7 19.Be1 Rde8 20.Bg3 Qd8 21.e4 Nb6 22.Qb3 Ka7 23.g5 Ndc8 24.a3 Bd6 25.Bf2 Bc7 26.Bd3 Qd6* 1-0 Gedajlovic,M (2378)-Johnson,J (2277) Budapest One Week GM-B 08 2024 (1)) 12...a4 13.Qc2 a3 14.b3 Bb4 15.Kb1 Qb6 16.g4 0-0 17.h4 Rfe8 18.Rc1 Qa5 19.Bd3 Nf8 20.h5 g5 21.Bf5 Rad8 22.Qd3 b6 23.Rc2 c5 24.Rd1 Re7 25.Bc1 Rc7 1-0 Mu,K (2687)-Ernst,H (2728) Germany corr 1988 (6)]
11...Be7N
[11...g5 12.h5 Rxh5 13.Rxh5 Nxh5 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 g4 16.0-0-0 Ndf6 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.Re1+ Be7 19.Qe3 Kf8 20.Bc4 Rd8 21.Rh1 Kg8 22.Qg5 Rxd4 23.Bb3 Ch.6: Slav : 4...Bf5 Nh4 Bg6 2021]
12.Be2 Nb6 13.0-0-0 a5 14.Kb1 Bb4 0.98/20
[14...a4= 0.21/18 15.Qc2 Nc4]
15.f3 Kf8 1.84/21
[15...Qg3± 0.76/18]
16.g4+- Qe7 17.a3 Bxc3 18.Bxc3 Nc8



19.h5 1.18/19 **g5** 2.63/20
[19...gxh5± 1.18/19 20.g5 Ne8]
20.Bd2 Nd6

(Diagram)

21.e4 1.43/21 **dxe4± 22.Bxg5** d5! would now be deadly. **22...Qe6**



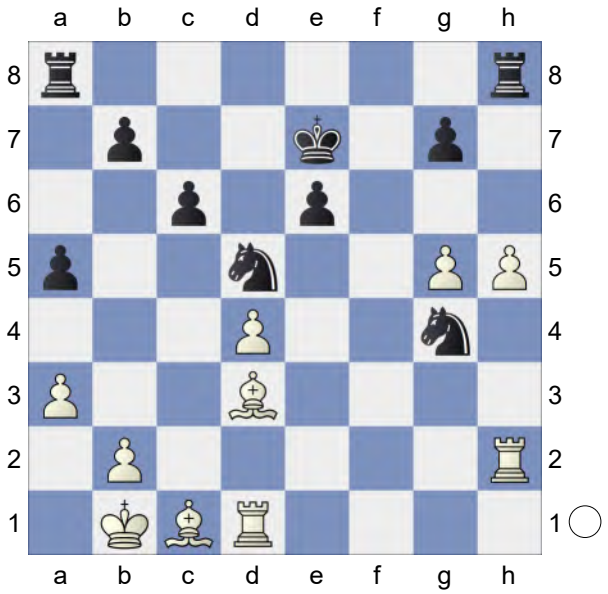
23.Qxe6 fxe6 24.Rh2 1.16/23
[24.fxe4+- 1.64/19 Threatens to win with e5. Ndxe4 25.Bh4]
24...Nd5 2.08/24
[24...exf3± 1.16/23 keeps fighting. 25.Bxf3 Ke7]
25.fxe4 Nxe4 26.Bc1 This pair of bishops is nice. **26...Ke7 27.Bd3 Nef6** 2.29/18
[27...Nd6± 1.48/22 was necessary. 28.Re2 Nb5]
28.g5!+- Ng4
[Reject 28...Nxh5 29.Rdh1+-]

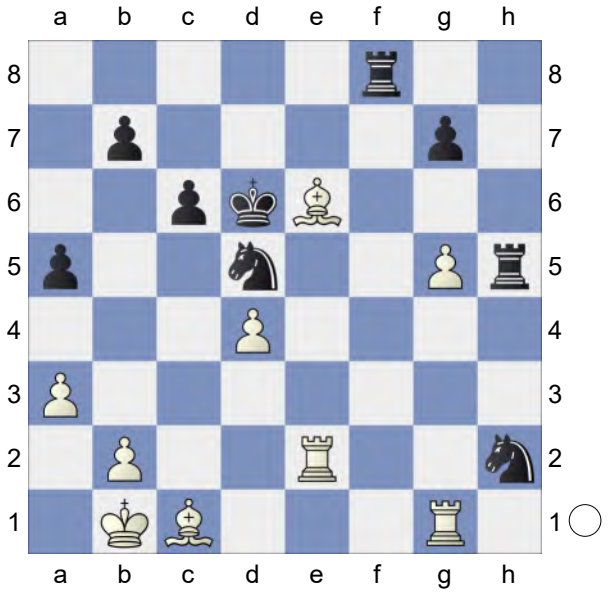
(Diagram)

29.Re2 Rxh5 30.Rg1 0.89/24
[30.Rde1+- 2.29/24 Rah8 31.Rxe6+ Kd8 32.Bf5]
30...Nh2 31.Bf5 Rf8 32.Bxe6 Kd6

(Diagram)

33.Rh1 0.12/19
[33.Bxd5!± 1.56/26 Kxd5 34.Rh1]
33...Re8? 2.22/24
[33...Nf4= 0.12/19 34.Bxf4+





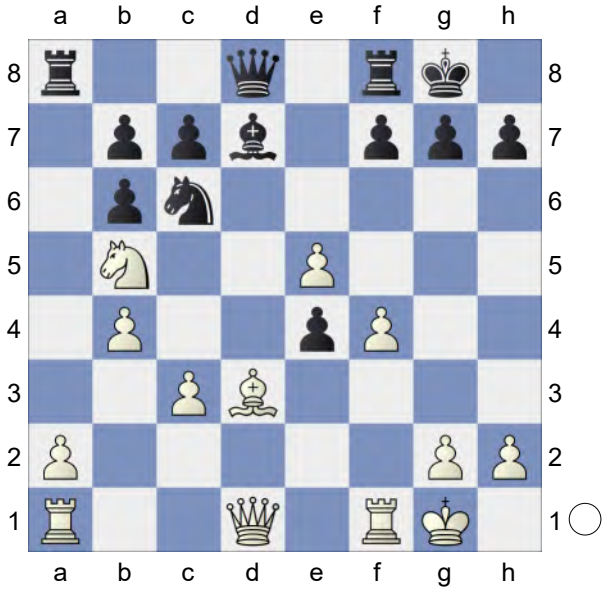
(34.Rexh2 Rxh2 35.Bxf4+ Rxf4∓)
34...Rxf4]
34.Rexh2 Rxh2 35.Bxd5 Rxh1 36.Bxh1 Black must now prevent Bf4+.
36...Ke6? 3.19/25
[36...Re1± 1.54/24 37.Bf3 b6]
37.Be4 Rh8 38.Kc2 Rh3 39.a4 Rh4 40.Kd3 Rh3+ 41.Be3 Kd6 42.Bf5 Rh4 43.Bf2 Rh5 44.Bg3+ Ke7 45.Bf4 Kd8 46.Ke4 Rh4 47.Kf3 Ke7 48.Be5 Kf7 49.g6+ Kf8 50.Be6 Rh1 51.Bf7 Ke7 Dodges Bd6+ **52.Bxg7 Rb1 53.Be5 Rxb2 54.Bc4** White threatens

g7 and mate. **54...Rb4 55.g7 Rxc4 56.g8Q** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.71
[Less strong is 56.g8R Rxa4 57.Rg7+ Ke6 58.Rxb7 Ra1+-]
1-0

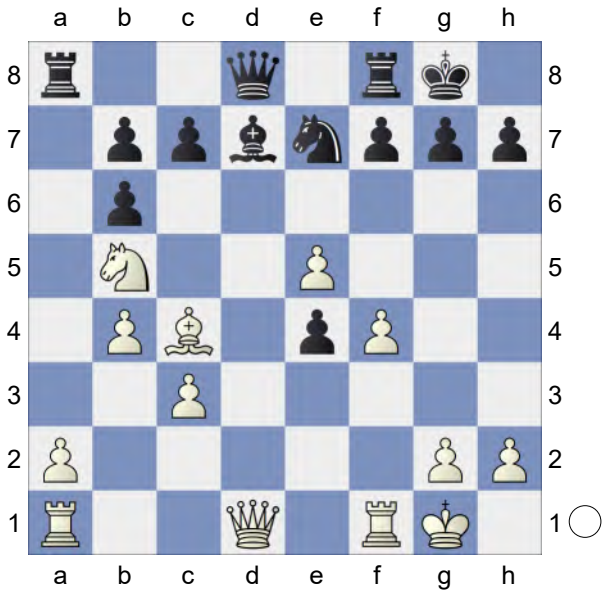
C45

□ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.32) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C45: Scotch Game **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bb4+ 5.c3 Bc5 6.Be3!** Black must now prevent Nxc6.
6...Qf6
[6...Bb6 7.Qg4 Nf6 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qh6 d5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.e5 Rg6 12.Qh4 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ng4 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Kd2 Rb8 16.b3 Nxe5 17.c4 dxc4 18.Kc3 cxb3 19.axb3 Ng4 20.Bd3 Rg5 21.Re1 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2729)-Najer,E (2638) ch-RUS Rapid Olginka RUS 2011 (9)]
7.Be2N
[7.Na3 Bxa3 8.bxa3 Qe7 9.Bd3 Qxa3 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Nb5 Qa5 13.Rb3 Qxa2 14.Ra3 Qe6 15.Nxc7 Malaniuk Variation-Malaniuk Variation]
[7.g3 Nge7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.Nxc6 *(10.Nc2 Bxe3 11.Nxe3* #3 Chapter Scotch Sidelines-4...Bb4+*)* 10...Nxc6 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.f4 17) Malaniuk Variation 4...Bb-Malaniuk Variation 4...Bb4+ 5 Starting Out: The Scotch 2023]
7...d6 1.15/20
[⌓7...Nge7 0.72/21]
8.0-0± Bd7 White is better. **9.b4! Bb6 10.Nb5** 0.56/23
[10.a4± 1.09/20]
10...Qd8!± 11.Bxb6 axb6 12.f4 Nf6 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Bd3 d5 0.96/21
[14...Ne7± 0.41/23]
15.e5± Ne4 1.38/20 **16.Nxe4 dxe4**



17.Bc4
[17.Bxe4 Nxe5 18.Qh5 *(18.fxe5 Bxb5 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8=)* 18...g6 19.Qxe5 Re8 20.Qxc7 Bxb5 21.Qxd8 Raxd8=]
17...Ne7



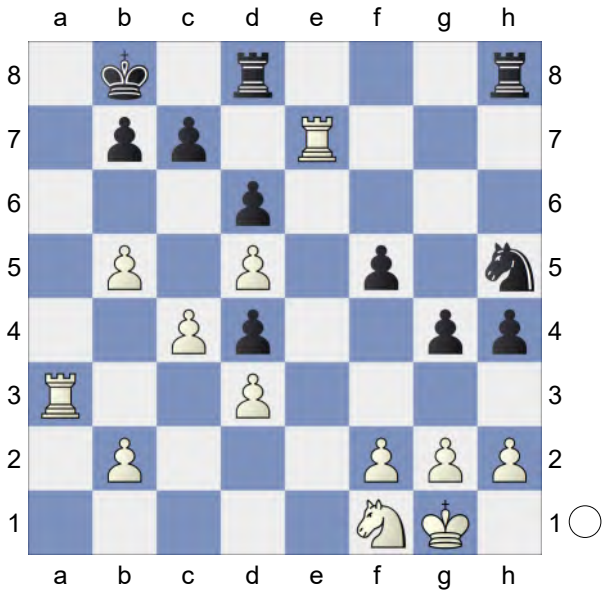
18.Nd4 0.08/21 White is much more

active.
[18.Qe1!± 1.34/20]
18...c5= 19.Nb3 -0.31/22
[19.bxc5= 0.05/20 bxc5 20.Nb5]
19...Ra4 0.24/21
[19...cxb4∓ -0.31/22 20.cxb4 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6]
20.a3 Bc6 21.Qe2 Nd5 22.Bxd5 -0.38/19
[22.Qe1= 0.19/22]
22...Qxd5∓ 23.c4 Qd3 24.Qxd3 exd3 25.b5 -1.29/25
[25.Nd2∓ -0.48/19]
25...Bd7∓ 26.Nd2 Rfa8 -0.15/27
[26...Bg4∓ -0.88/22 Threatens to win with ...f6. 27.Rfc1 Be2]
27.Kf2 -0.97/23
[27.f5= -0.15/27]
27...Be6 -0.56/23
[Much weaker is 27...Rxa3?! 28.Rxa3 Rxa3 29.Ne4=]
[27...Bf5∓ -0.97/23 28.Rfd1 Kf8 *(28...Rxa3 29.Rxa3 Rxa3 30.Nb1=)*]
28.Rfc1 Rd8 -0.12/26
[Black should play 28...Rxa3∓ -0.64/24 29.Rxa3 Rxa3]
29.Ke3= Rd4 30.Rc3 The position is equal. **30...Bxc4 31.Nxc4 Raxc4 32.Rxc4 Rxc4** Endgame. KR-KR **33.Rd1 Rc3** ...c4 is the strong threat.
[Reject 33...g5?! 34.fxg5 Rg4 35.Rxd3 *(35.Kxd3 Rxg5 36.Ke4 Rxg2±)* 35...Rxg5 36.Rd7±]
34.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 35.Kxd3 KP-KP **35...f6 36.Ke4** Strongly threatening e6. **36...Kf7 37.g4 Ke7 38.Kd5 fxe5 39.Kxe5 Kf7 40.h3 h6 41.f5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

C55
□ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
■ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.33) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

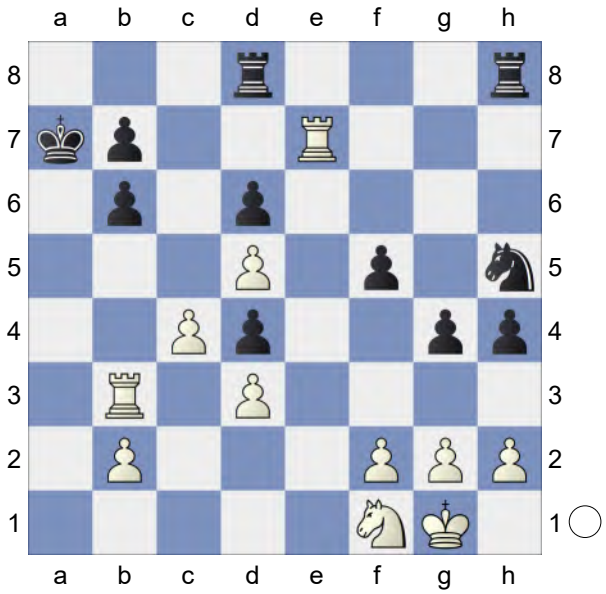
C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.c3N**
[5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Be3 *(6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7* 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana, F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2)*)* 6...Bb6 7.0-0 *(7.Qd2 d6 8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Qe7* ½-½ Pattrick,G-Douven,R Sofia ch-BUL 1977 (5)*)* 7...0-0 8.h3 d6 9.Nd5 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Be6 12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.Nd2 d5 14.f4 d4 15.Bf2 exf4 16.Ra4 b5 17.Rb4 a5 18.Rxb5 Qd7 19.c4 dxc3 0-1 Duran Lopez,A (1546)-Ocampo Arredondo,L (1203) Manizales op 28th 2023 (5)]
5...d6 6.Nbd2 g5 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Bb3 a5 White is slightly better. **9.a4 Bd7 10.Nc4 Be6! 11.Re1 g4 12.Nfd2 h5 13.Ne3 Qd7 14.Ndf1 0-0-0 15.Bd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Ne7 17.c4 h4 18.Qd2 Bh6 19.Qxa5 Kb8** Against Qa8+ **20.Qb5**
[20.Ra3 seems wilder. Nh5 21.Rb3 g3 22.fxg3 hxg3 23.h3]
20...Qxb5 1.27/19
[20...c6= 0.11/24 remains equal. 21.dxc6 Nxc6]

21.axb5± Kc8 1.83/22
[21...Rhg8± 1.17/24 22.Ra3 Nh7]
22.Ra7↑ White is in control. **22...Kb8**
23.Ra3 Kc8 24.Nc2 1.19/21
[White should play 24.d4+- 1.68/19]
24...Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Nh5 26.Re1 f5 1.63/22
[26...Kd7± 1.14/20]
27.Nd4 0.25/27
[White should try 27.Ra7+- 1.63/22]
27...exd4 0.82/20
[27...Kd7!= 0.25/27 28.Ne6 Ra8]
28.Rxe7 Kb8



Against Ra8+ **29.b6** 0.00/28 White is more active. **29...cxb6=** Strongly threatening ...Rde8. **30.Rb3** -0.44/28
[30.g3= 0.00/28]
30...Ka7 0.00/27
[30...Rde8!∓ -0.44/28 is more appropriate. 31.Rf7 Nf4 32.Rxb6 Re1 33.Rbxb7+ Kc8]
31.Ra3+ Kb8 And now ...Rde8 would win. **32.Rb3 Ka7**
[32...Rde8!? 33.Rf7□ Nf4 34.Rxb6 Re1 35.Rbxb7+ Kc8=]

(Diagram)



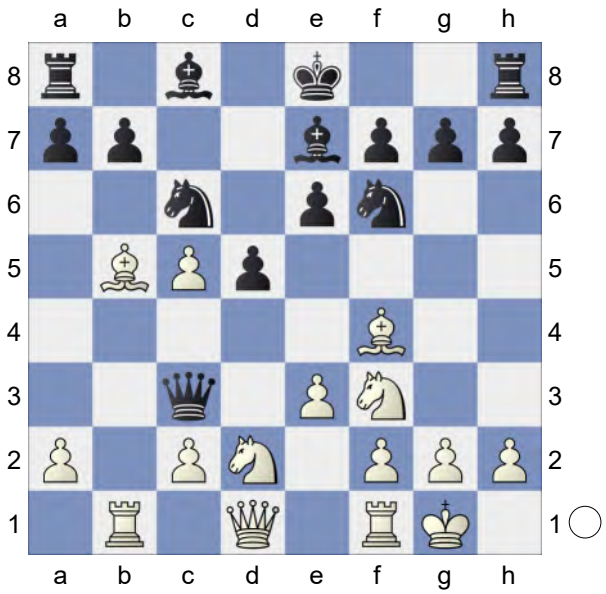
White must now prevent ...Rde8. **33.Ra3+ Kb8** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

D02
□ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.34) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

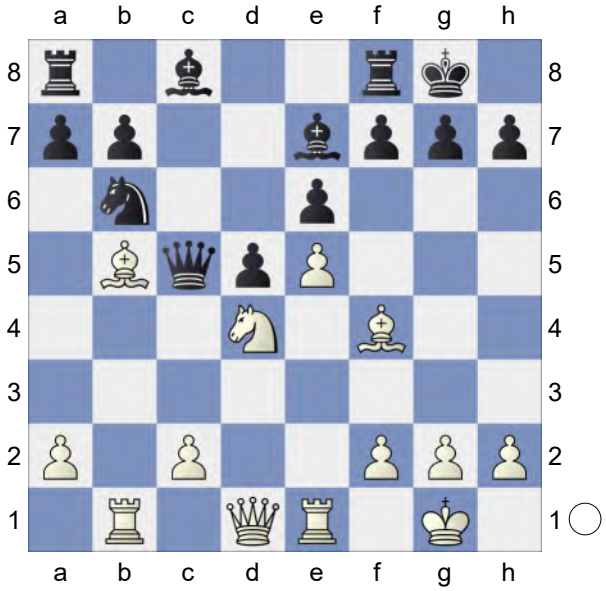
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**
[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th

Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Qb6 6.dxc5 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qc3 8.Bb5 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.0-0 Be7**



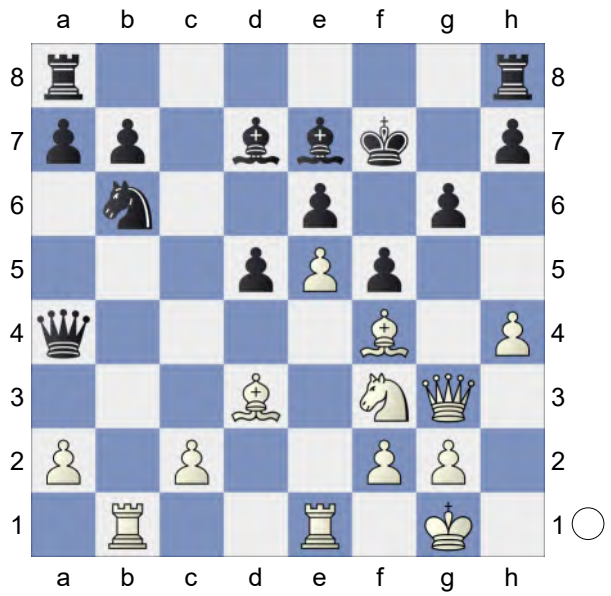
10.e4! 0-0
[10...a6 is interesting. 11.Rb3 Qxc5 12.Be3 Qxb5 13.Rxb5 axb5 14.Bg5 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Ng5 h6]
11.e5 Nd7 12.Nb3! Hoping for Bd2.
12...Qb4
[12...Ndxe5? 13.Nxe5 Na5 *(13...Nxe5? 14.Bd2+-)* 14.Bd3+-]
[12...Nxc5? 13.Bd2+-]
[12...Ncxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxc5 *(13...Nxe5? 14.Bd2+-)* 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Bd3+-]
13.Nfd4 Nxd4
[13...Ndxe5?! 14.Re1±]
14.Nxd4 Qxc5 15.Re1!↑ White has some pressure. **15...Nb6**



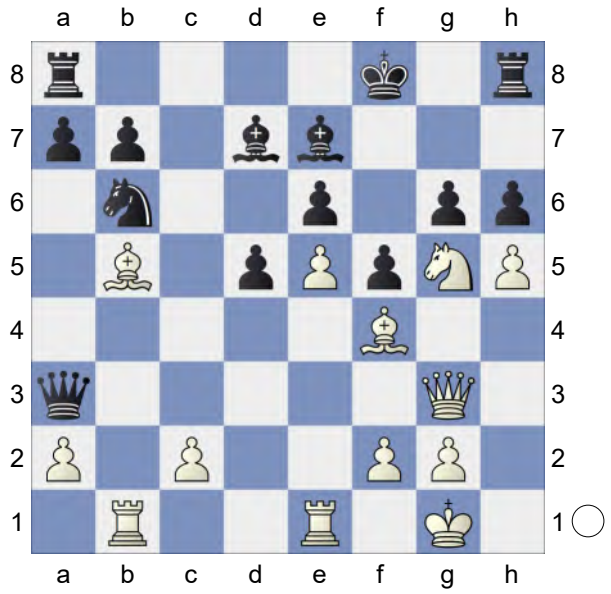
16.Bd3! Rb5 is the strong threat. White has compensation. **16...g6**
[16...Bd7 17.h4]
17.Nb3 0.27/23 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[17.Be3± 0.69/22]
17...Qb4= 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qg3
[19.exf6 Rxf6 20.g3 e5∓]
19...Bd7 20.h4 Kf7 0.86/20
[20...Rf7= 0.22/22 remains equal.]
21.Nd2± Qa4 22.Nf3 Inhibits h6.
22...Rh8 2.16/20
[22...Kg8± 0.76/20]

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for Black.
23.Ng5+!+- Kf8 2.71/22
[⌓23...Bxg5 1.99/20 24.Qxg5 Raf8]



24.h5 aiming for Bb5! **24...h6?** 3.66/23
[24...Rc8 1.80/17 25.Rb3 Bc5]
25.Bb5 Deflection **25...Qa3** 5.38/20
[25...hxg5 2.44/17 26.Bxa4 gxf4 27.Qxg6 Bxa4]



26.Nxe6+! Bxe6 27.Qxg6
[27.hxg6? too greedy. Qxg3 *(27...Qxa2? is the wrong capture. 28.g7+ Kf7 29.gxh8Q+-)* 28.Bxg3 Rg8-+]
27...Bg5 28.Bxg5 Threatening mate with Qf6+. **28...hxg5 29.Qf6+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.64
1-0

C42
□ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
■ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2466**
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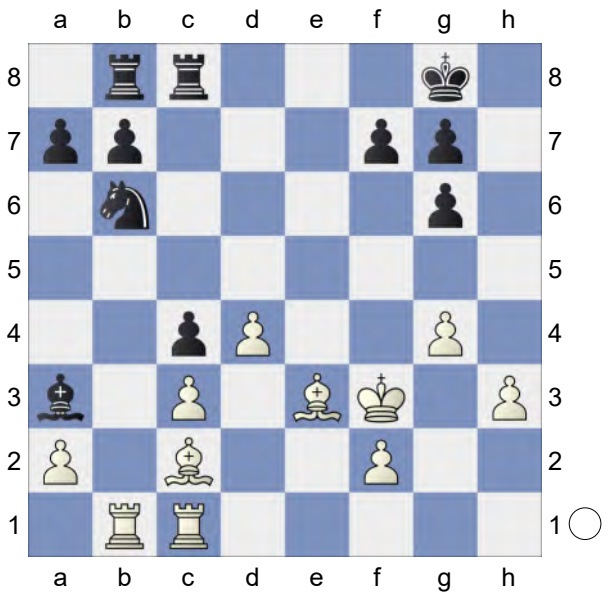
[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Ne5 Nd7** White is slightly better. **15.Nxg6**
[15.f4 Be4 16.Qb3 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Qh4 18.Kh2 Nb6 19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Ba3 Bd5 21.Bxd5 Rxf1 22.Rxf1 Nxd5 23.c4 Nb6 24.Bd6 Re8 25.a4 h5 26.a5 Nc8 27.Qg3 Qg5 28.Rf5 Qd2+ 29.Qf2 Qd3 1-0 Popov,K (2376)-Atoyan,A (2120) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (7)]
15...hxg6 16.Qf3 Qf6 17.Kg2 Nb6N
[17...Qxf3+ 18.Kxf3 b5 19.Bd3 Nb6 20.h4 Rfe8 21.Bd2 Re6 22.Rfe1 Rae8 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Rc1 Rf6+ 25.Ke2 Re6+ 26.Kf3 Petroff Defence-12.h3 ♗h5 13.g4 Survey 2023]
18.Bb3 Qxf3+ 19.Kxf3 c5 20.Be3 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Rab8 0.71/19
[21...c4± 0.33/21 might be stronger. 22.Bc2 Rab8]
22.Rab1 c4 23.Bc2 And now Be4 would win. **23...Ba3**

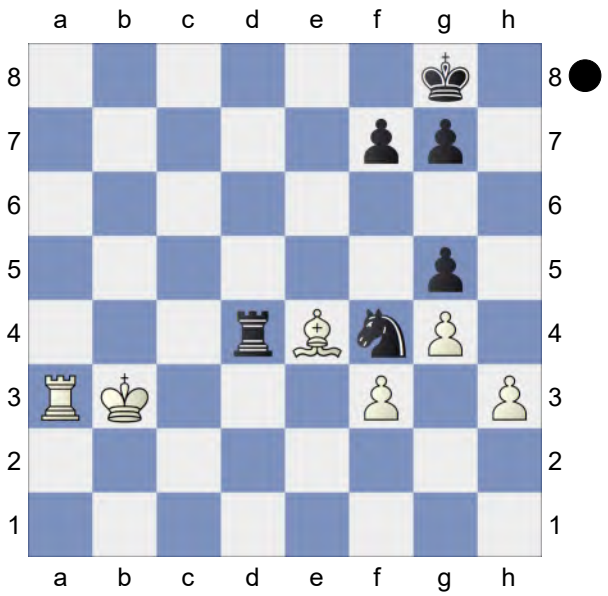
(Diagram)



24.Bf4! Bxc1
[24...Nd5 25.Bxb8]
25.Bxb8 Rxb8 26.Rxc1= Endgame. KRB-KRN **26...g5 27.Ke3 Nd5+ 28.Kd2 b5 29.Be4 Nf4 30.Rh1 b4** 0.22/23
[⩲30...Rb6 -0.18/23]
31.Rb1 a5
[31...Nxh3?! 32.f3 a5 33.cxb4 axb4 34.a3±]
32.cxb4 axb4
[32...Nxh3? 33.bxa5 c3+ 34.Kxc3 Rc8+ 35.Kb3+-]
33.a3 Re8
[33...Nxh3 34.Rxb4 Rd8 *(34...Rxb4? 35.axb4 Nxf2 36.Bf3+-)* 35.Rxc4 Nxf2 36.Bf3±]
34.f3 bxa3
[34...Nxh3? is the wrong capture. 35.axb4 *(35.Rxb4 Nf2+-)* 35...g6 36.b5+-]
35.Ra1 Rd8 36.Kc3 Ne2+ 37.Kxc4 Rxd4+ 38.Kb3 Nf4 39.Rxa3

(Diagram)

Ra8+ would kill now. **39...g6**
[Worse is 39...Nxh3 40.Ra8+]



40.Kc3 Rd6 41.Kc4 Kg7
[Don't do 41...Nxh3 42.Ra7∓]
42.Kc5 Rd7 43.Kc6 Re7 44.Bd5 Nxh3 45.Kd6 Kf6 46.Ra6 Nf4 47.Bc4 Ne6 48.Bd5 Re8 49.Ra8 Re7 50.Ra6 Nc7 51.Rb6 Ne8+ 52.Kc5+! Ke5 Threatens to win with ...Rc7+. **53.Rb1 Rc7+ 54.Bc6 Ng7** Hoping for ...Ne6+. **55.Re1+ Kf6 56.Ra1 Ne6+ 57.Kd6** The position is equal. **57...Rc8** Strongly threatening ...Rd8+. **58.Ra8 Rc7 59.Ra6 Re7 60.Bd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) / Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

D38
□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
■ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
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[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 Re8 8.Bd2 e5**
[8...Bf8 9.a3 e5 *(9...h6 10.cxd5*

exd5 11.h3 a6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.g4 b5 14.Rg1 b4 15.Nxd5 Bb7 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.Be2 Qxf3 18.Bxf3 Nxd4 19.Qc4 Nxf3+ 20.Ke2 a5 21.Rgc1 Ne5 22.Qf4 Ba6+ 23.Kd1 Rad8 24.axb4 0-1 Ponomariov,R (2647)-Antipov,M (2585) Chessable Masters Div 3 Lose Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (2.2)) 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.h4 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qd5 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qa4 Bd7 17.Rd1 Qxf3 18.Bxf3 Bxa4 19.Bxb7 Bxd1 20.Bxa8 Bg4 21.Bc6 Rd8 22.f3 Be6 23.Bd4 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) chess24.com (Int.-m/3-rapid) 145/125 2020]

9.dxe5 White has an edge. **9...Nxe5**

10.Nxd5N -0.67/21

[Better is 10.cxd5± 0.31/19 Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Bxc3 *(11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxb4 Qxf3 14.Rg1 Bf5 15.Qe2 Qe4 16.Bc3 Bg6 17.Qc4 Qe7 18.h4 b5 19.Qd4 f6 20.h5 Bxh5 21.Qxf6* 12 Chapter-Games Chapter 5 Game*)* 12.Bxc3 Qxd5 13.Rg1 Qxf3 14.Be2 Qc6 15.Qd3 12) Ragozin Defense-Ragozin Defense,O]

10...Bxd2+∓ 11.Qxd2 Ne4 12.Qc2 -1.03/20

[12.Qd1!∓ -0.59/23 was preferrable.]

12...Ng4↑ Black is in control. Black is more active. **13.Bd3 Ngxf2**

[13...Nexf2 keeps more tension. 14.Bxh7+ Kh8 15.0-0 c6]

14.Bxe4 Nxe4

[14...Nxh1 15.0-0-0± *(15.Bxh7+ Kh8±)*]

15.0-0-0 -1.65/21

[15.0-0∓ -1.21/19]

15...Bd7 -1.24/21

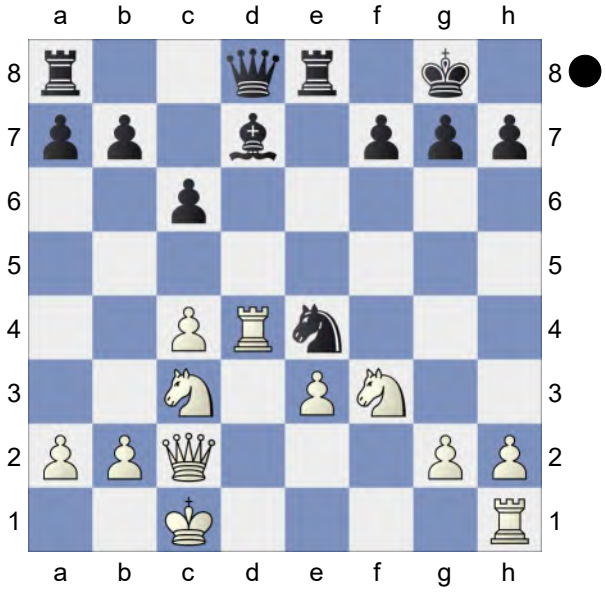
[15...Bf5-+ -1.65/21 Strongly threatening ...Ng3! 16.Qe2 Qc8]

16.Rd4 -1.66/22

[16.Rhe1∓ -1.24/21]

16...c6 17.Nc3

[17.Rxe4 cxd5 18.Rd4 *(18.cxd5? Rc8-+* Pin *)* 18...Rxe3∓]



17...Nxc3 18.Qxc3 Qe7 19.Rhd1 Bf5

[19...Qxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Rxe3 21.Rxd7+-]

20.Rf4 Be4

[20...Qxe3+? 21.Qxe3 Rxe3 22.Rxf5+-]

21.Rd4

(Diagram)

f5 Hoping for ...c5. **22.h4** -2.59/20

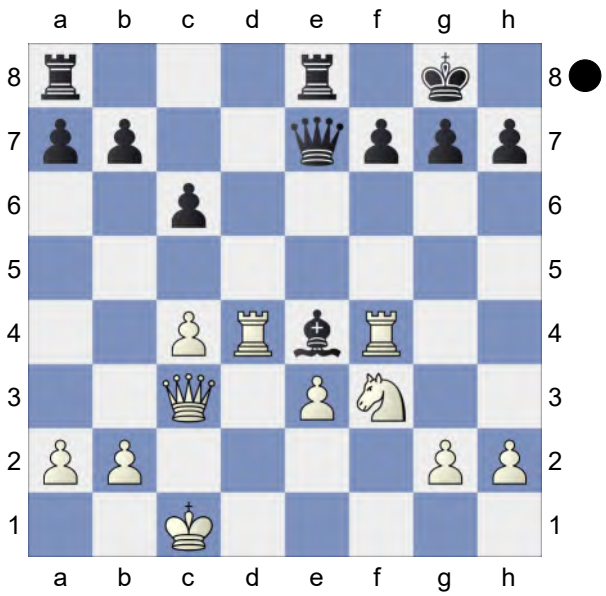
[⌓22.c5 -1.65/17]

22...c5-+ 23.Rd2 Rad8 24.Ng5 Rxd2 25.Qxd2 Rd8 26.Qe1 Bd3 27.g4 h6 28.Nf3 fxg4 29.Rxg4 Qe6 30.Qg1 Rd7

[30...Bxc4 31.Rxg7+ Kh8 32.Rxb7=]

31.Nd2 b5 32.e4 bxc4 33.Rg6 Qe5 34.Qg4 Re7 White must now prevent ... c3. **35.Qc8+?** -5.59/21

[35.Qg3 -3.23/22 was necessary.]



35...Kh7 And now ...c3! would win.
36.Nf3 -#13/21
[36.Rg1-+ -5.08/17]
36...Qf4+ -9.42/18 White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.10 (very precise)
[⌓36...Qxe4 -#13/21 37.Qg4 Qe3+ *(37...Qxg6? 38.Qxg6+ Bxg6 39.Kd2-+)* 38.Nd2 Bxg6 *(38...Qe1+* is a self mate. *39.Qd1 Bxg6 40.h5 Bxh5* Pin *41.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 42.Kc2 Bg6+ 43.Ne4 Rxe4 44.Kc3 h5 45.b4 cxb3 46.axb3 h4 47.Kd3 h3 48.Kc3 h2 49.b4 h1Q 50.bxc5 Qf3+ 51.Kd2 Re2+ 52.Kd1 Qf1#)* 39.h5 Bd3 *(39...Qe1+* leads to mate. *40.Qd1 Bf5 41.Nf3 Qf2 42.Qd2 Qxf3 43.b4 c3 44.bxc5 Qf1+ 45.Qd1 Qf4+ 46.Qd2 Qxd2#)* 40.a4 Rf7 *(40...Qe1+* gets mated. *41.Qd1 Qf2 42.Nf3 Re2 43.Nd2 Re1* Pin *44.a5 Rxd1+* Back Rank *45.Kxd1 Qe2+ 46.Kc1 Qe1#)* 41.Qd1 Rf2 *(41...Rf1 42.Qxf1 Bxf1 43.Kb1 Bd3+ 44.Ka2 Qxd2 45.Ka3 Qb4+* Deflection *46.Ka2 Qxa4#)* 42.a5 Re2 *(42...c3 43.bxc3 c4 44.a6 Rh2 45.Qe2 Rxe2 46.Kb2 Rxd2+ 47.Ka3 Qc5+ 48.Ka4 Bc2#)* 43.Qxe2 Qxe2 44.b3 c3 45.Nb1 Qf1#]
0-1

A13
□ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
■ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
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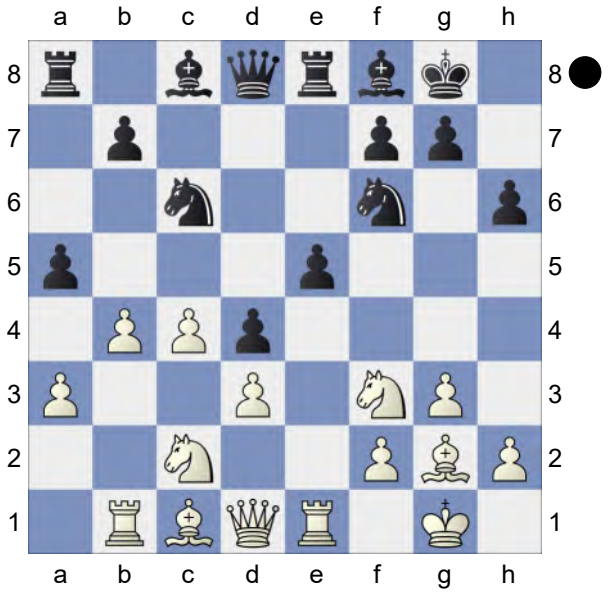
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 d4 5.0-0 c5 6.d3 Nc6 7.e3 h6 8.Re1** -0.43/20
[White should try 8.exd4= 0.18/23 cxd4 9.Bd2]
8...Bd6!∓ 9.exd4 Black is slightly better.
9...cxd4 10.Na3 0-0 11.Nc2 a5!
[11...Re8 12.Rb1 e5 13.b4 a6 14.a4 Bf5 15.c5 Nd5 16.Nfxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd5 Bxc5 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Qf3 Re7 20.Bxb7 Bxd3 21.Bxa8 Bxb1 22.Bxh6 e4 23.Qg4 Bd3 24.Rc1 Re6 25.Bb7 Qe7 26.Rc8+ 0-1 Ermakov,V (2515)-4.Da4 ---(2575) Sarajevo 1981]
12.a3 e5 13.b3N
[13.Rb1 a4 14.b4 axb3 15.Rxb3 Re8 16.Nd2 Na5 17.Rb1 Bf5 18.Qe2 Qd7 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Bc5 22.Nb4 b6 23.Nd5 f5 24.Qf3 Qf7 25.g4 e4 26.Qxf5 Qxf5 27.gxf5 exd3 0-1 Hausner,I (2370)-Delchev,A (2571) Eisenstein 141/6 2019 28.Rd1 Nxc4 29.Nc7 Re2 30.Nxa8 d2 31.Bxd2 Nxd2 32.Rxb6 d3 33.Rc6 Bxf2+ 34.Kg2 Be1+ 35.Kh3 Ne4 36.Rb1 Ng5+ 37.Kg4 Re4+ 38.Kh5 Nf7 39.Rxe1 Rxe1 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Nb6 d2 6 Chapter A00-Games Chapter A00 Game]
13...Re8 14.Rb1 Bf8 -0.12/19

[Black should play 14...Bg4∓ -0.79/20]
15.b4=

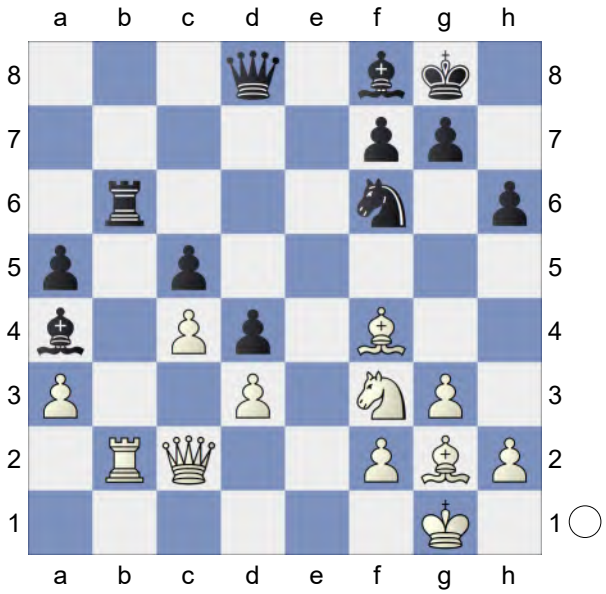


b5 would now be deadly. The position is equal. **15...e4 16.b5!** Threatens to win with dxe4. **16...exf3 17.bxc6 Rxe1+ 18.Nxe1 bxc6**

[18...fxg2 19.cxb7 Rb8 *(19...Bxb7 20.Rxb7 Rb8 21.Rxb8±)* 20.bxc8R *(20.bxc8N?* is the wrong capture. *Rxb1 21.Qc2 Rb8-+; 20.bxc8Q Qxc8 21.Rxb8 Qxb8±)* 20...Qxc8 21.Rb2 *(21.Rxb8 Qxb8 22.Bd2 Qe5±)*]
19.Nxf3 Ra6 20.Qe2 c5 21.Bf4 Rb6 22.Qc2 Bd7 23.Rb2 Ba4

(Diagram)

Deflection **24.Qb1 Rxb2 25.Qxb2 Bd6 26.Bd2 Qc7 27.Ne1 Bd7 28.Qb7 Qxb7 29.Bxb7 Bc7 30.Bf3 Ba4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½



B32
□ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**
■ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
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[Kitty Kat]

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Nc4 b5 9.Ne3 Nf6 10.Bd3 0-0** White is slightly better. **11.0-0 Nd4**

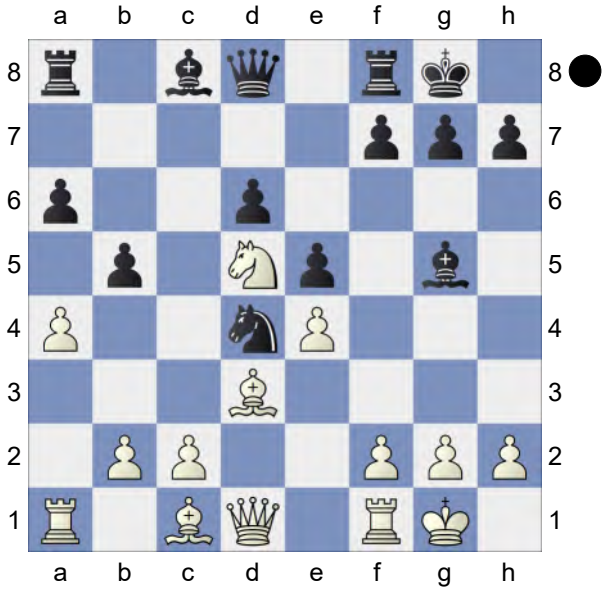
[11...Nb4 12.Be2 Bb7 13.a3 Nc6 14.Nf5 Bc8 15.Nxe7+ Nxe7 16.Bg5 Bb7 17.Qd3 Ne8 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.a4 bxa4 20.Nxa4 h6 21.Be3 Nf6 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Rd2 Bxe4 24.Rxd6 Ned5 25.Bc5 Nf4 26.Rc1 1-0 Tarun,K (2346)-Nemeth,Z (2246) Dublin Irish New Year GM 2023 (3)]
12.Ned5N 0.33/20

[⌓12.a4 0.69/20]

[12.Ncd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 b4 14.a4 bxa3 15.Rxa3 Bd7 16.Rxa6 Rxa6 17.Bxa6 f5 18.c3 Nb5 19.Bxb5 Bxb5 20.c4 Bd7 21.f3 Qb6 22.Kh1

Rc8 23.Qd3 Qd4 24.Qb3 f4 25.Qb7 fxe3 26.Qxd7 Qxc4 0-1 Mamantov,M (1961)-Aung,T (1927) WchT U26 01 fin-A Mexico City 1978 (8) 27.Kg1 e2 28.Re1 Qc5+ 29.Kh1 Qxc1 0-1 Redondo,M (1961)-Alonso Gimenez,M (1927) Mislata op 56th 2023 (8)]

12...Nxd5± 13.Nxd5 Bg5 14.a4



Threatens to win with Bxg5. **14...Bxc1 15.Qxc1** axb5 is the strong threat. **15...Bb7 16.Qd1 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Ne6 18.Ra3 Bxd5 19.exd5 Nc5 20.b4 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb6 22.c3** Strongly threatening Rfa1. **22...Qb5 23.Qd2 Rfc8 24.Rfa1 h6 25.Ra5 Qc4 26.b5 Qxc3** 0.46/19

[26...Rc5!= 0.00/27]

27.Qxc3 Rxc3 28.bxa6= Endgame. KRR-KRR **28...Rb3** Wards off Rb1 **29.g3** 0.03/24

[White should play 29.R5a3± 0.54/23 Rb2 30.a7]

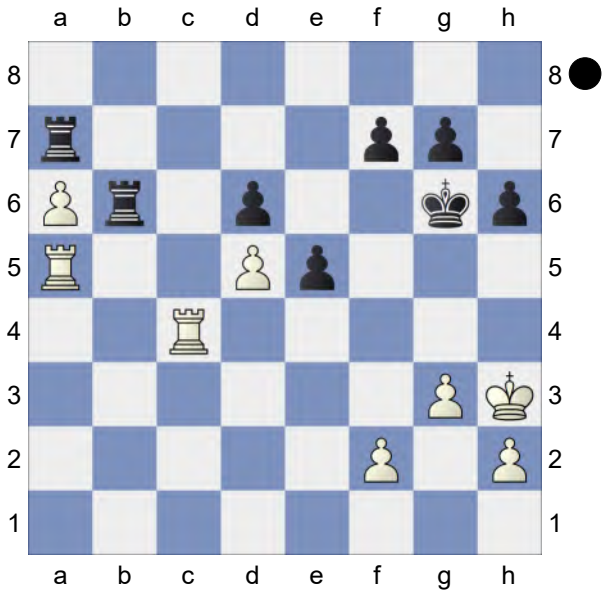
29...Rb6 0.60/26

[29...Ra7= 0.03/24]

30.Kg2 0.00/26

[30.a7± 0.60/26]

30...Ra7 The position is equal. **31.Kh3 Kh7 32.R1a4 Kg6 33.Rc4**



And now Rc6 would win. **33...Raxa6 34.Rxa6 Rxa6** KR-KR **35.Rc6! Ra2 36.Rxd6+ f6 37.Kg2 e4 38.Re6 Rd2 39.Rxe4 Rxd5 40.Rg4+ Kf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

D11

□ **Shyaam Nikhil P** **2445**

■ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**

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[Kitty Kat]

D11: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nbd2N**

[4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 *(9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 18.Bb1 Red8 19.a3 Na6 20.b4 Rd5 21.Qe2 Rcd8 22.Ncd2 Nc7 23.Nf3 R5d7* 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st

2022 (1)) 9...0-0 10.Ne5 Qc7 (10...c5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Rfd1 b5 18.e4 Bb7 19.Qe2 Rfd8 20.Qe3 a6 21.Nf3 e5 22.b4 Na4 23.Bxa4 bxa4 24.a3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 ½-½ Vincent,L (2412)-Schofield,A (2262) World Championship Match, 43rd Game Moscow 1985 (8)) 11.f4 c5 12.Qe1 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Ne4 16.Qe3 f6 17.Rac1 Qd8 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 Savchenko,B (2569)-Caruana,F (2620) Plovdiv 102/(304) 2008]

4...Bf5 5.Nh4 Be6 6.Qb3 -0.17/21

[⩲6.e3 0.22/20]

6...Qb6 7.e3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 White has an edge. **8...Bxc4 9.Nxc4 Qxb3 10.axb3 Nbd7** Prevents Nb6 **11.Nf5** -0.01/22

[11.Ke2± 0.41/23]

11...g6 12.Ng3 c5 13.0-0

[13.dxc5 is interesting. Nxc5 14.Nb6 Nxb3 15.Ra3]

13...e6 14.Ne2 Be7 15.Na5 Rb8 16.Bd2 0-0 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.f3 b6 19.Nc4 a5 20.Nc3 a4 21.bxa4 And now Nb5 would win.

[21.Rxa4 b5 22.Nxb5 Rxb5-+]

21...cxd4 22.Nb5 dxe3 23.Nxe3 Nc5 24.Rc3 Repels Nb3 **24...Rd8 25.Be1 Nd3** 0.36/20

[25...Nd5∓ -0.38/23 26.Nxd5 Rxd5]

26.Bg3± Rb7 27.Rc7

[27.Nd6!? Rbd7 28.Ndc4= (28.Rxd3 Bxd6 29.Bxd6 Rxd6±)]

27...Rd7 28.Rxb7 Rxb7 29.Nc4 Nd5 30.b3 Bc5+ 31.Kf1 f6 32.Rd1 N3b4 33.Nbd6 Rd7 34.Ne4 Be7 35.Nc3 Bc5 36.Ne4 Be7 37.Bf2 Bd8 0.42/18

[37...Rd8= 0.00/20 should be considered.]

38.Nc3 Kf8 The position is equal. **39.Nxd5 Nxd5 40.Rc1 Rc7 41.g3**

[41.Bxb6 Nxb6 42.Rd1 Nd5-+ (42...Nxc4? 43.Rxd8+ Ke7 44.Rb8-+)]

41...Be7 42.Rd1

[42.Bxb6? loses. Nxb6 43.Ke2 Nxc4 44.bxc4 Ke8-+]

42...Bc5 43.Rd3 Ke7 44.Ke2 Bxf2 45.Kxf2= Endgame. KRN-KRN **45...Rc5 46.Ne3 Nxe3 47.Kxe3 Rc2 48.Rd4 Rc3+ 49.Rd3 Rc2 50.Rd4 Rc3+ 51.Rd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

½-½

B29

□ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl 2308**

■ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc 2445**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.40) 5.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B29: Sicilian: 2 Nf3 Nf6 (Nimzowitsch Variation) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5**

[3.Nc3 d5 4.e5 (4.exd5 Nxd5 5.d4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 e6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Qh5 f5 14.Bd2 b6 15.Re1 Bb7 16.Qe2 Bd6 17.a4 Rf6 18.f3 h6 0-1 Suarez,W (1764)-Giazzi,G (2073) European Championship, (Game 23) Warsaw 2005 (6)) 4...Nfd7 5.Nxd5 Nxe5 6.Ne3 Nxf3+ 7.Qxf3 Nc6 8.Bc4 e6 9.Qg3 a6 10.c3 g6 11.0-0 Bg7 12.f4 0-0 13.Be2 Ne7 14.d3 b6 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Qh4 Kh8 ½-½ Kritz,L (2578)-Paehtz,E (2456) Bundesliga 0607 Germany 2006 (2.8)]

3...Nd5 4.Nc3 e6N

[4...Nxc3 5.bxc3 d5 (5...Nc6 6.d4

d5 7.exd6 Qxd6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Bf4 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Qb6 11.Bd3 e6 12.0-0 Be7 13.Rab1 Qd8 14.Bb5+ Kf8 15.d6 1-0 Finnie,D-Burridge,R SCO-chT1 Scotland 1994*)* 6.d4 Nc6 7.Bf4 *(7.Be2 Bg4 8.Be3 e6 9.0-0 Qa5 10.Qb1 Rb8 11.Qb5 c4 12.Rfb1 Qxb5 13.Rxb5 a6 14.Rb6 Kd7 15.Rab1 Kc8 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Be7 18.Bd2 Bd8 19.R6b2 Ba5 20.Be1 Kc7 21.g4 Na7* 0-1 Le Pen,S (2022)-Stephan,V (2356) Sautron op 16th 2016 (8.13)*)* 7...Bg4 8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Qd2 0-0 11.Be3 Rc8 12.Rab1 b6 13.Ne1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qd7 15.f4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Nb4 17.a3 Na2 18.Rb3 Nc3 19.Qg4 0-1 Marinelli,F (2100)-Malksirits (2490) (ol) 62/486 Moscow 1994 (5)]

5.Ne4 f5 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.dxc3 Nc6 8.Bf4 White is more active. **8...Qb6** White is better. **9.b3 Qa5 10.Qd2 Ne7! 11.c4 Qxd2+ 12.Bxd2 b6 13.Bc3** -0.40/23

[13.0-0-0= -0.04/22 might be stronger.]

13...Bb7∓ 14.Be2 h6 15.h4 Rg8 16.h5 g5 Repels Nh4 **17.hxg6 Nxg6 18.g3 Bg7 19.0-0-0! 0-0-0 20.Bb2 Rh8 21.Rde1** -0.49/20

[21.Nh4!= 0.00/25 Bxh1 *(21...Nxe5 22.f4±)* 22.Nxg6]

21...h5! 22.Rh3

(Diagram)

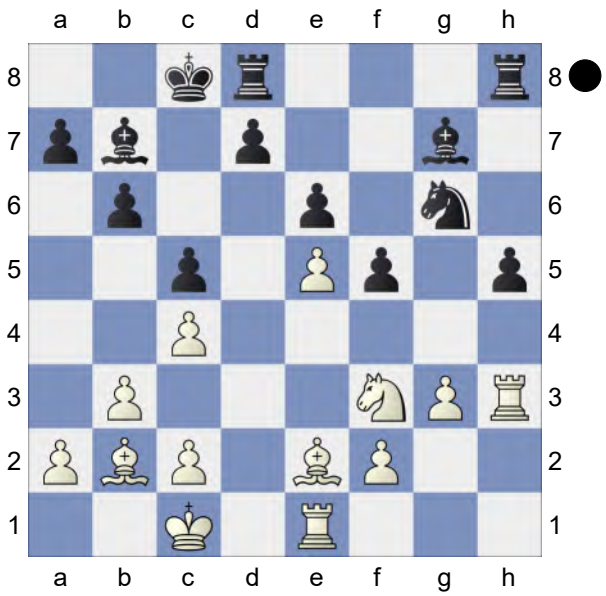
h4! 23.Kb1

[23.gxh4 Nf4]

23...Rdg8 24.Nxh4 -1.10/22

[24.gxh4∓ -0.58/24 Nf4 25.Rg3]

24...Nxe5∓ 25.Bf1 Ng4 26.Bxg7 Rxg7 27.Nxf5 Rxh3 28.Nxg7 Rh1



Strongly threatening ...Bg2. **29.Rc1 Nxf2 30.Be2 Rh3 31.Rf1** -1.76/24

[31.Nh5∓ -1.16/25]

31...Ne4!-+

[31...Rxg3 32.Nxe6 dxe6 33.Rxf2=]

32.Rf8+ Kc7 33.Bd3

[33.Ne8+? Kd8 34.Bd3 Ke7-+ *(34...Nxg3? 35.Rg8-+; 34...Rxg3 35.Nd6+ Ke7 36.Nxb7∓)*]

33...Rxg3? 0.00/26

[Black should try 33...Nxg3∓ -1.58/22 aiming for ...Kd6. 34.a3 Kd6]

34.Rg8 -1.14/25

[34.Nxe6+!= 0.00/26 was the only way to keep the balance. dxe6 35.Rf7+ Kc8 36.Rf8+ Kc7 37.Rf7+ Kc8 38.Rf8+ Kc7]

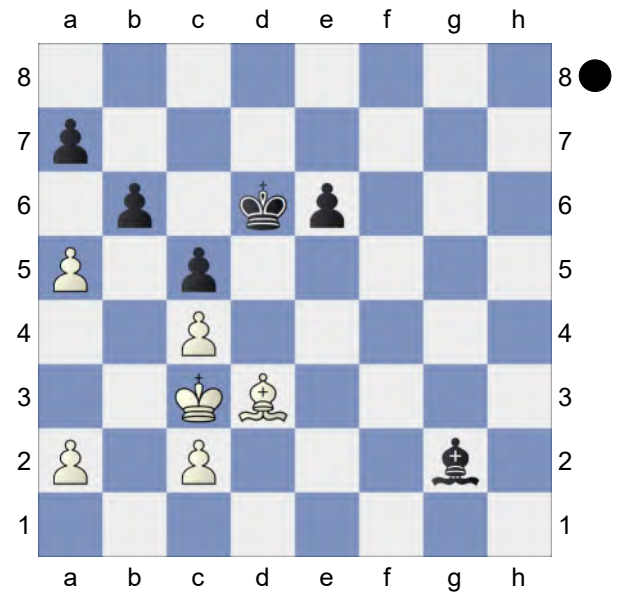
34...Rg2∓ 35.Nxe6+ Discovered Attack **35...dxe6 36.Rxg2** Endgame. KRB-KBN **36...Nc3+** Discovered Attack **37.Kb2 Na4+ 38.bxa4 Bxg2** KB-KB **39.a5?** -6.83/36 **Kd6!-+**

[39...bxa5 40.Kc3∓]

40.Kc3

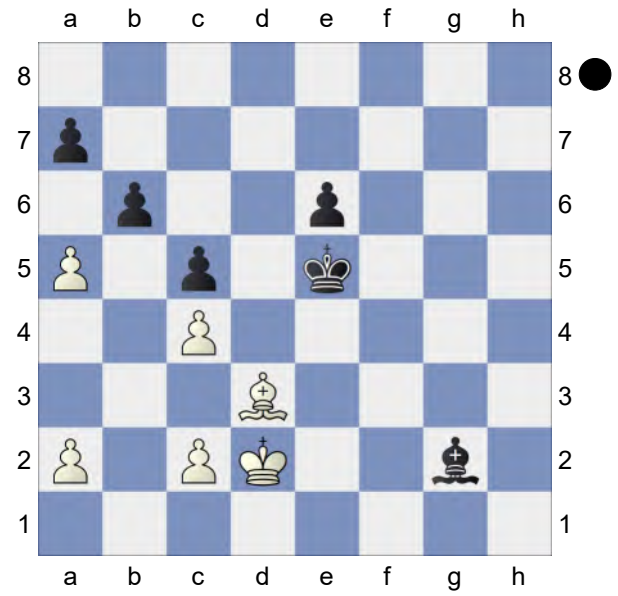
(Diagram)

Ke5!



[40...bxa5 41.Kd2∓]

41.Kd2



Kf4!

[Not 41...bxa5 42.Ke3∓]

42.axb6 axb6 43.Ke2 Bf3+ 44.Kf2 e5 45.c3 e4 46.Be2 Bh1? -2.97/36

[46...Bxe2 -14.80/28 47.Kxe2 e3]

47.Bh5 Bf3 48.Bf7 e3+ 49.Ke1 Be4 White must now prevent ...Bf5. **50.Bd5 Bb1?** -2.10/32

[50...Bd3 -8.55/38 51.Bf7 Bf5]

51.a3? -7.74/35

[51.Bc6 -2.10/32]

51...Bd3? -2.97/26

[51...Be4 -7.74/35 52.Bxe4 Kxe4]

52.Bf7? -4.82/32

[52.Bc6 -2.97/26]

52...e2? 0.00/57

[Better is 52...Bf5-+ -4.82/32 Threatens to win with ...Ke4. 53.Bh5 Bg4]

53.Kf2= The position is equal. **53...Ke5 54.Bg8**

[Of course not 54.Bh5 Bxc4 55.Bg6 Ke6∓]

54...Kd6 55.Bf7 Kc7 56.Bh5 Bxc4 57.Bxe2 Bxe2 58.Kxe2 Kc6 ...Kb5 is the strong threat. **59.c4** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.58

½-½

D51

□ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**

■ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy** **2299**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.41) 5.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2) Inf 78/(32) This game was played a month after the previous one. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5**

[3...c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d5 7.Bf4 e5 8.cxd5 exf4 9.dxc6 bxc6 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Rd1+ Bd7 12.Nd6 Bxd6 13.Rxd6 Rb8 14.b3 Rb4 15.g3 Ke7 16.Rd2 h5 17.Bg2 h4 18.0-0 Georgiev,K (2677)-Topalov,V (2702) Sarajevo 78/ (32) 2000]

4.Bg5N

[4.Nf3 c5 5.Bf4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nbd7 7.Qa4 Bc5 8.Nb3 0-0 9.Nxc5 Nxc5

10.Qa3 b6 11.Rd1 Bb7 12.e3 Qe7 13.Bg3 Rfd8 The Semi Tarrasch-5. Bf4 _5569 2021]
[4.Bf4 c6 5.c5 b6 6.b4 a5 7.a3 b5 8.e3 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.h3 Nbd7 11.Nf3 Re8 12.0-0 Nf8 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Qc2 Ng6 15.Bh2 Nf8 16.Rfb1 Rc8 17.a4 axb4 18.Rxb4 bxa4 1-0 Kamil'S Games-Plichta,K Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]

4...c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.f3 g6 12.Rad1 Ne6 13.Bh4 b5 14.Kh1 Qa5 15.e4 -0.29/21
[15.a3± 0.38/16]

15...b4 0.42/18
[15...Nxe4!= -0.29/21 16.Nxd5 *(16.Bxe7 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Rxe7∓)* 16...Bxh4 17.Qxc6 Nd6 18.Qxd6 *(18.Qxa8? Bb7-+)* 18...Bb7]

16.Na4± Bd7 0.81/21
[16...Ba6!± 0.34/23]

17.b3± dxe4 18.fxe4 Ng4 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Qd2 Inhibits Ne3. Hoping for e5. **20...Qg5 21.Nf4!**
[21.Qxb4 Rae8 *(21...Ne3 22.Ng3∓)* 22.Qe1 Ne3∓]

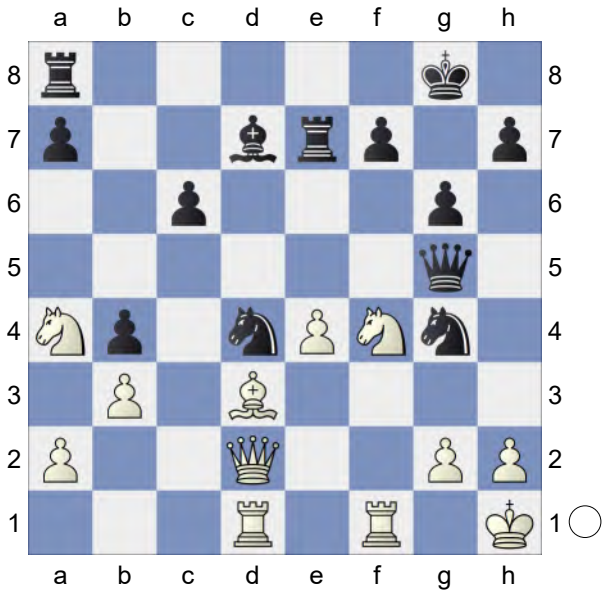
21...Nxd4 1.83/22
[21...Nxf4!± 0.64/22 22.Rxf4 Nf6]

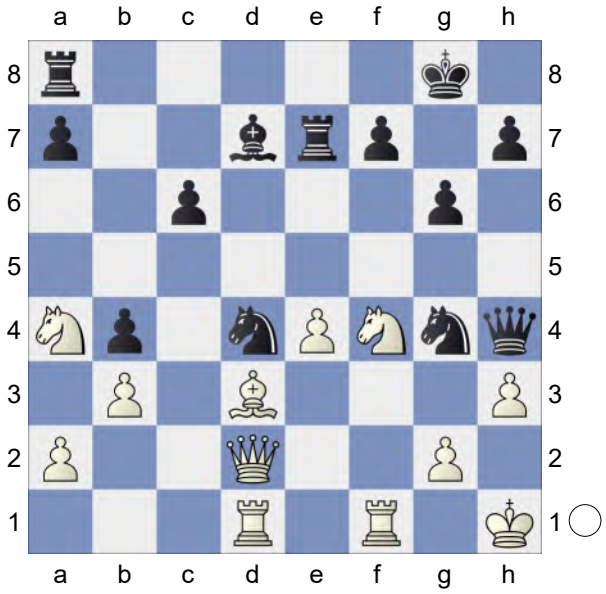
(Diagram)

22.h3!+- Qh4 2.02/21
[22...Rd8± 1.53/19]

(Diagram)

23.Bc4! Ne6
[23...Rxe4? 24.Nc5 *(24.Qxb4? Nf2+ 25.Rxf2 Qxf2-+)* 24...Re7





25.Qxd4+-]

24.Bxe6 Bxe6 25.Nxe6
[25.Qxb4 Ne3 26.Rc1 Nxf1 27.Rxf1 Rd8-+]

25...Rxe6
[25...fxe6 26.Qf4+- *(26.Qxb4 Ne3=)*]

26.Qf4 Against Nf6. Pin
[26.Qxb4? Ne3 *(26...Nf2+? 27.Rxf2 Qxf2 28.Qc4-+)* 27.Nb2 Rxe4-+]

26...f5 1.42/21
[Black should play 26...Rxe4+- 1.93/22 27.Qxf7+ Kh8]

27.exf5 0.10/19
[27.Nc5± 1.42/21 Re5 28.exf5]
27...Re4⇄ Decoy. Black is not keeping still **28.Qf3** Strongly threatening Nc5.
28...Ne5
[28...Rf8!? 29.Nc5□ *(29.Qxe4? is the wrong capture. Nf2+* Discovered Attack *30.Rxf2 Qxe4-+)* 29...Re5 30.Qxg4 Qxg4 31.hxg4 Rxc5=]
29.Qf2 Qxf2 30.Rxf2 gxf5 31.Rxf5 Black should prevent Nc5. **31...Rf8** 0.52/22
[31...Re2= 0.12/21 feels stronger.]
32.Rxf8+ 0.01/18
[32.Rg5+!± 0.52/22 Kh8 33.Rd2]
32...Kxf8± Endgame. KRN-KRN **33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.Ra8 Nd3 35.Rxa7+ Kg6 36.Rc7 Re6 37.Rd7 Nf4 38.Rd4 Nd5 39.Rc4 Kf5 40.Rc2 Kf4** Threatens to win with ...Kg3. **41.Nc5 Re3**
[41...Re1+ 42.Kh2 Ke3 43.Rc4±]
42.Rc4+ Kf5 43.Na6 Rc3 44.Rh4
[44.Nxb4? loses. Rxc4 45.bxc4 Nxb4-+]
44...Rc1+ 1.53/5
[44...Kg6= 0.27/21 remains equal.]
45.Kh2± Rc2 2.15/22
[45...c5± 1.49/19 might work better.]
46.Rxh7? 0.03/22
[46.Nxb4+- 2.15/22 Nxb4 47.Rxb4]
46...Rxa2= The position is equal. **47.Nc5 Rc2 48.Nb7 Ne3 49.Rg7 Rc3 50.Na5 Rc5 51.Ra7 Rc2 52.Kg3 c5 53.Re7 Rxg2+ 54.Kf3 Nd5 55.Rf7+ Ke6 56.Kxg2 Kxf7** KN-KN **57.Kf3 Nb6 58.Ke4** Black must now prevent Nb7. **58...Ke6 59.Kd3 Kf5 60.Nc4 Nd7 61.Nd6+ Kf4 62.Kc4 Ne5+ 63.Kxc5 Nd3+ 64.Kc4** Deflection **64...Nc1 65.Kxb4 Nxb3 66.Kxb3 Kg3 67.Kc3 Kxh3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise) ½-½

C79
□ **Kunal,M.. 2292**
■ **Sahib,Singh 2438**
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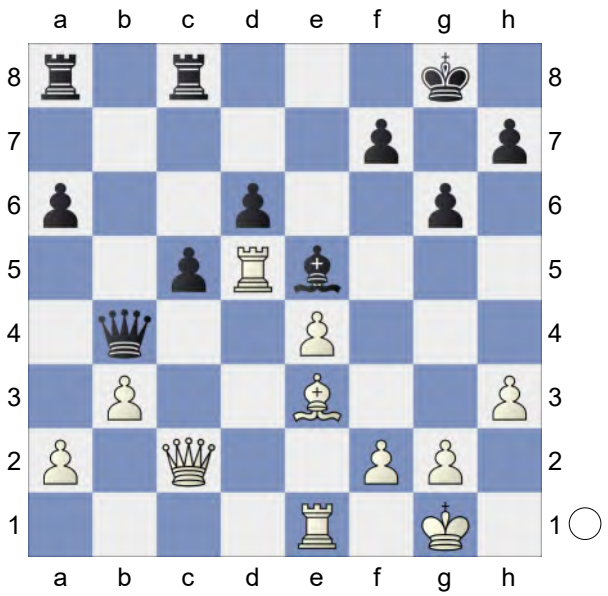
[Kitty Kat]

C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Re1N**
[7.d4 exd4 8.Qxd4 Be7 9.e5 *(9.Nc3 0-0 10.b3 c5 11.Qe3 Bb7 12.Bb2 Re8 13.Rfe1 Bf8 14.Qf4* C 79/08 2000*)* 9...c5 10.Qd3 dxe5 11.Qxd8+ Bxd8 12.Nxe5 Be7 *(12...Nd5)* 13.Re1 0-0 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Nd2 Rfe8 16.h3 h6 17.Bh4 Rad8 18.Ndf3 g5 19.Bg3 Bd5 20.Rad1 Kg7 21.c4 C 79/08 2000]
7...c5 8.c3! Bg4 9.d4 White is slightly better. **9...Nd7 10.Be3 cxd4** 0.72/21
[10...Be7± 0.34/23]
11.cxd4± g6 12.Nbd2 Bg7 13.Qc2 0-0 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Qb8 1.31/20
[15...exd4± 0.57/21 16.Bxd4 Nf6]
16.b3 0.49/21
[16.d5± 1.31/20]
16...Rc8 1.29/21
[16...exd4± 0.49/21 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Re8]
17.Rad1 0.61/20 White is more active.
[17.d5± 1.29/21]
17...c5 18.dxe5 0.33/19
[White should play 18.d5± 0.87/20]
18...Nxe5± 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rd5 Qb4

(Diagram)

21.Bd2 Qb6 22.Rd1 Rc6 23.Bc3



Bxc3 24.Qxc3 h4 is the strong threat. **24...Re8 25.Qf6 Re6** The position is equal. **26.Qf4 c4 27.bxc4 Rxc4 28.Rxd6 Rcxe4 29.Rxe6 Qxe6 30.Qb8+ Kg7 31.Qb2+ Qe5 32.Qxe5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

B90

□ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
■ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
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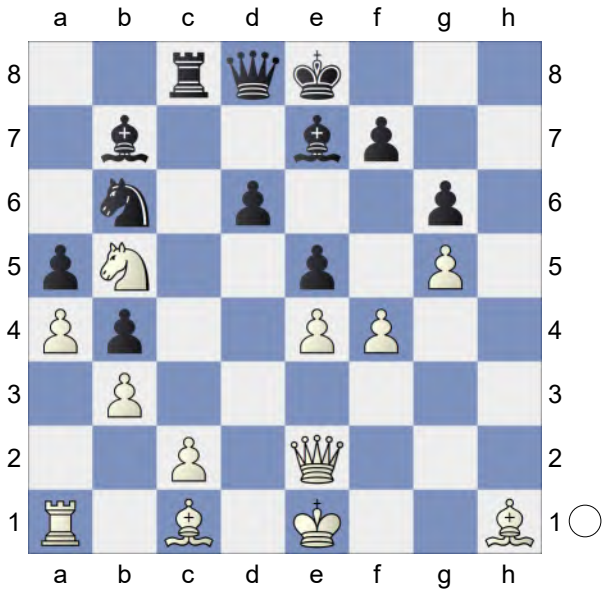
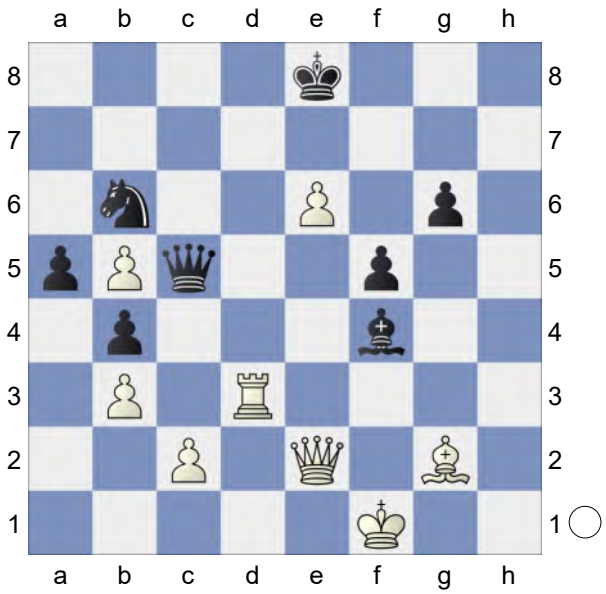
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nb3 e6**
[6...Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.g4 h6 9.h4 *(9.Qe2 b5 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.f4 b4 12.Na4 Rb8 13.Bg2 e5* 6.Qf3,6-Rare Lines Full Theory MODERN CHESS 2023 *)* 9...b5 10.Bg2 Ne5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 Nc4 13.Qe2 Nxb2 14.e5 Rb8 15.g6 Nc4 16.gxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ba7 Rb7 18.Bd4 Ndb6 19.0-0 d5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Nxd5 1-0 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2724)-C 10/13 (2655) VCC15 VCC 2003 (8.2)]
7.g4N
[7.a4 Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.f4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Nxa5 bxa5 #2 28) 6.h4,6-6.Nb3 e6 7.a4]
7...b5 8.a3 Bb7 The position is equal. **9.Bg2 Nfd7 10.g5 Nc6 11.f4 h6 12.h4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Rxh1+ 14.Bxh1 Nb6 15.a4 b4 16.Ne2 a5 17.Nbd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 g6** 0.03/19
[18...e5∓ -0.59/19 19.Nb5 Be7]
19.b3!= Rc8 20.Qe2 -0.64/21
[20.Be3= 0.11/21]
20...e5 0.31/21
[20...Qc7!∓ -0.64/21 21.c4 bxc3]
21.Nb5± Be7 1.06/20
[Black should try 21...Ba6± 0.39/21]

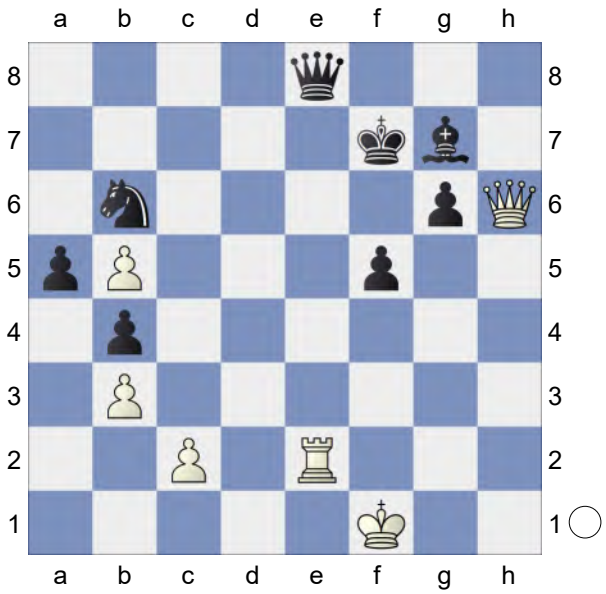


22.Bb2 0.58/19
[22.fxe5!± 1.06/20 Qh2 is the strong threat. Nd7 *(22...Bxg5 23.Nxd6+ Kf8 24.Nxb7+-; 22...dxe5 23.Qh2±)* 23.Be3 *(23.exd6 Bxg5 24.Bb2 Bh4+ 25.Kd1 Qg5±; 23.Nxd6+ Bxd6 24.exd6 Qb6±)* 23...Nxe5 24.0-0-0]

22...Ba6! 23.fxe5 0.00/23
[23.0-0-0± 0.49/20 Bxb5 24.axb5 *(24.Qxb5+ Nd7±)*]
23...Bxg5 24.Rd1 Bxb5 25.axb5 Qc7 2.82/20 White stays focused until the end.
[25...a4± 0.52/22]
26.exd6+- Qd7 27.Bg2 2.01/18 Wards off Qh3
[⌓27.Rd3 3.58/19]
27...Rc5 3.46/19
[⌓27...a4 2.01/18 28.e5 Rc5]
28.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops.
28...Qxd6 29.e5 Qc7 30.Bxc5 Qxc5 31.Kf1 Repels Qg1+ **31...Be3** 4.82/20
[⌓31...Kf8 3.03/21 32.Rd3 Kg7]
32.Rd3 Bf4 33.e6 f5 6.77/22
[⌓33...Bg5 4.20/20 34.Bc6+ Kf8]



34.e7! Deflection **34...Qxe7 35.Qf2 Qc7** Black is weak on the light squares **36.Bc6+ Kf7 37.Rh3 Kg8** Inhibits Rh7. **38.Qh4**
[Weaker is 38.Qd4 Be5 39.Qh4 Kf8+-]
38...Be5 Against Qh8+ **39.Rd3** Rd8+ would now be deadly. **39...Bg7?** 6.88/21
[39...Kf7 3.33/18 40.Qh6 Bf4 41.Be8+ Decoy Kxe8 42.Qxg6+ Ke7]
40.Qg5 Kf7 41.Qe3 And now Be8+ would win. **41...Bf6 42.Rd2** Black must now prevent Qh6. **42...Kg7 43.Re2 Qd8 44.Qd2** 1.02/20
[44.Rd2+- 2.25/26 Bg5 45.Rxd8 Bxe3 46.Re8]
44...Qc7 3.33/23
[44...Qxd2± 1.02/20 was worth a try. 45.Rxd2 Be5]
45.Rh2 1.83/19
[⌓45.Re6 3.33/23]
45...Qe5? 5.35/22
[45...g5 1.83/19 is a better chance. 46.Rf2 f4]
46.Qh6+ White is clearly winning.
46...Kf7 47.Re2 Bg7 48.Be8+ Qxe8

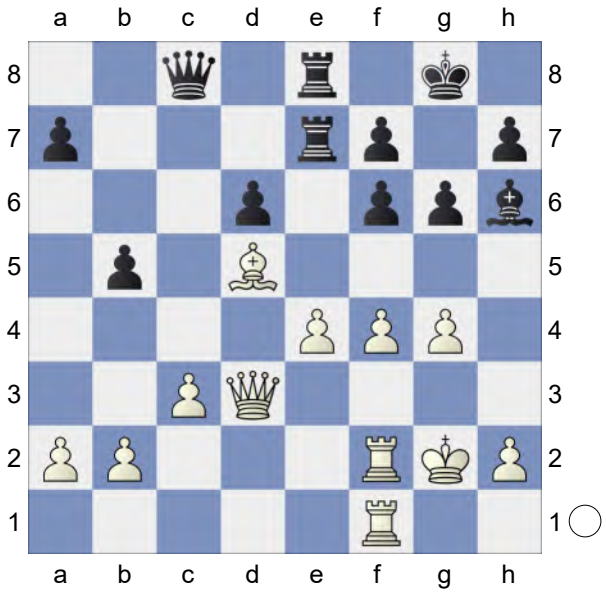


49.Qxg7+!! Kxg7 50.Rxe8 Endgame. KR-KN **50...Kf7 51.Rb8 Nd7 52.Ra8 Ke6 53.Rxa5 Kd5 54.Ra7 Ne5 55.b6** aiming for Ra5+. **55...Kc6 56.Re7 Nd7 57.Re6+ Kb7 58.Rxg6 Nxb6 59.Rd6 Ka6 60.Rf6 Kb5 61.Rxf5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.71
1-0

B57

□ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
■ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.44) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B57: Classical Sicilian: Sozin with 6...Qb6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Bd7 7.0-0 g6 8.Nxc6 Bxc6 9.Bg5 Bg7 10.Nd5 0-0 11.Bxf6 exf6 12.c3 Re8**
[12...Rc8 13.Qd3 Bd7 14.Ne3 Bh6 15.Bb3 Bc6 16.Rad1 Kg7 17.Ng4 Bf4 18.Qf3 Bg5 19.Qg3 h5 20.f4 hxg4 21.fxg5 fxg5 22.Rxd6 Qe7 23.Rdf6 Qxf6 24.Rxf6 Kxf6 25.e5+ Kg7 26.Qxg4 Rce8 27.Qxg5 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2770)-Henriquez Villagra,C (2596) CrunchLab Masters PlayIn Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1)]
13.Qd3 White is slightly better. **13...Qd7 14.Rae1N**
[14.Rfe1 Rad8 15.Re3 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.a3 Qa7 18.h4 h5 19.Rae1 Kh8 20.R1e2 Bd7 21.Re1 Kh7 22.Ba2 Bc6 23.R3e2 Re5 24.Qd4 Qd7 25.f4 Bxd5 26.Bxd5 Re7 27.f5 Re5 28.Rf1 Rde8 1-0 Yam,A-Llorente Zaro,A 74/334 Tilburg 1998 (9) 29.Ref2 Qe7 30.Qd3 Qa7 31.Kh1 Qd7 32.Rf3 Kh8 33.Kh2 R8e7 34.Rg3 Qe8 35.Rgf3 Rxe4 36.Bxe4 Rxe4 37.Rf4 Re2 38.R1f2 Rxf2 39.Rxf2 Qe5+ 40.g3 Kh7 41.Re2 Qc5 42.Rd2 gxf5 43.Qxd6 Qc8 1-0 Honfi,K-Gereben,E Monaco Grand Prix-02 Masters Monte Carlo 1968 (9)]
14...Bxd5 0.96/24
[14...Kf8± 0.48/20]
15.Bxd5± Re7 Black is weak on the light squares **16.Rd1** White is more active. **16...Rae8 17.f4 Qg4 18.Rd2 Bh6 19.Rdf2 Qc8 20.g3 Qc5 21.Kg2 b5 22.g4** 1.35/18
[22.h4+- 1.72/18]
22...Qc8? 3.28/20
[22...Kh8± 1.35/18 was called for. 23.h3 a5]



23.g5+-
[23.Qxb5 Qxg4+ 24.Kh1 f5±]
23...fxg5 24.fxg5
[24.Qxb5 gxf4 25.Qd3 Re5 26.Rxf4 Bxf4 27.Rxf4 Rf8-+]
24...Qg4+ 25.Qg3
[Don't do 25.Kh1 Qxg5 26.Bxf7+ *(26.Qxb5 Rf8±)* 26...Rxf7 27.Rxf7 Qh4+-]
25...Qxg3+ 26.hxg3 Bxg5 27.Bxf7+
[Weaker is 27.Rxf7 Kh8±]
27...Rxf7 28.Rxf7 a5 29.Rb7 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.37
1-0

A28

□ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**
■ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**
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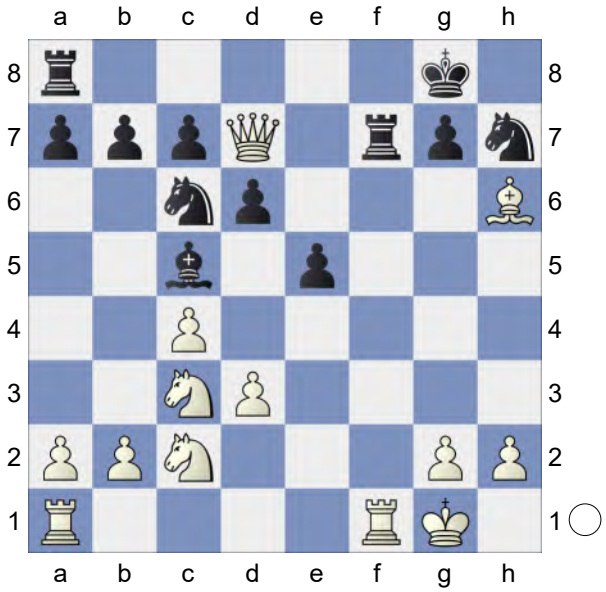
[Kitty Kat]

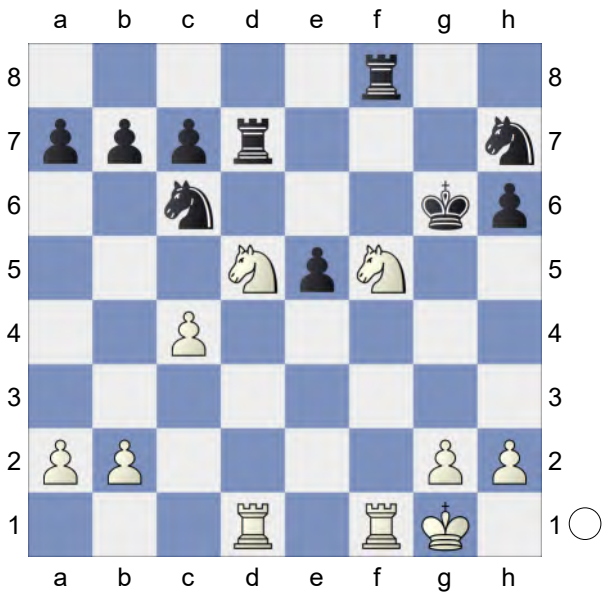
A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation Quite convincing indeed! I was certainly impressed and ready to try the idea myself. And the occasion came in the Reg Gillman Memorial against Fide GM Colin Mac Nab **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N**
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1) *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6
A) 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 *(13...Be6 14.Re1 Bd4 15.Rb1 Ba2 16.Ra1* ½-½ Mcnab,C-Geenen,M Reg Gillman Memorial A corr 1999 *)* 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 19.Qa6 Rb6 20.Qa5 Rb5 21.Qa6 Rb6 22.Qa5 ½-½ Ruck,R (2550)-Romanishin,O (2561) 11th GM Lippstadt GER 2003 (3);
B) 12.d3 Rb8 13.Rb1 Bf5 14.Rd1 c5 15.Be3 Bd4 16.Be4 Be6 17.Rd2 Bb3 18.Rc1 Re8 0-1 Marchal,N-Kuzmin,A 17th European Individual Championship 2016]
4...Bb4 5.d3 d6 6.Be2 h6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne1 -0.22/25
[⌓8.a3 0.16/21 Bxc3 9.bxc3]
8...Bc5= 9.Nc2 Nh7 0.17/20
[9...Nd4 -0.30/20 is more appropriate.]
10.Bg4 -0.22/18
[10.Be3 0.17/20 is superior.]
10...f5 0.20/27
[⌓10...Be6 -0.22/18]
11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Bxf5 Rxf5 13.Qg4! Wards off Qh4 **13...Qd7 14.Bxh6 Rxf2** 0.94/20 **15.Qxd7→** White has strong attack. Black is now going downhill. **15...Rf7+**



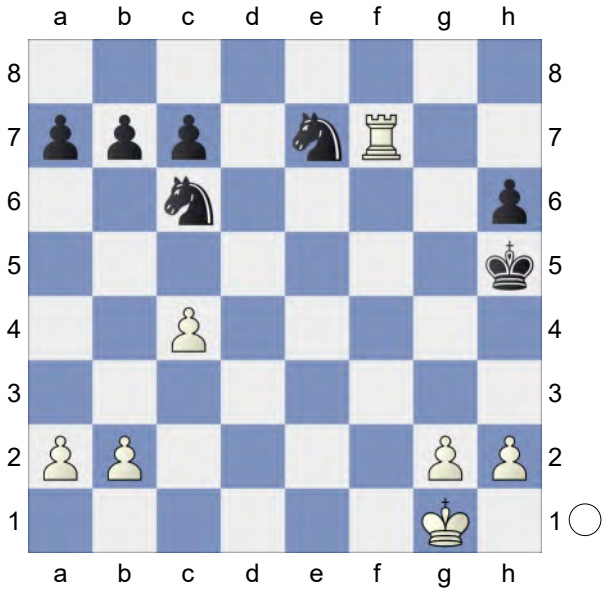
16.d4! Rxd7 17.dxc5 gxh6 18.cxd6 Rxd6 19.Nd5 Rd7 1.51/20
[Black should play 19...Rf8 0.87/20]
20.Nce3 White is much more active.
20...Kg7 2.51/23
[⌓20...Rf8 1.71/17 21.Nf5 h5]
21.Nf5++- Kg6 22.Rad1! Nf4+! is the strong threat. **22...Rf8** 3.36/18
[⌓22...Ng5 2.22/19 23.h4 Ne6]

(Diagram)

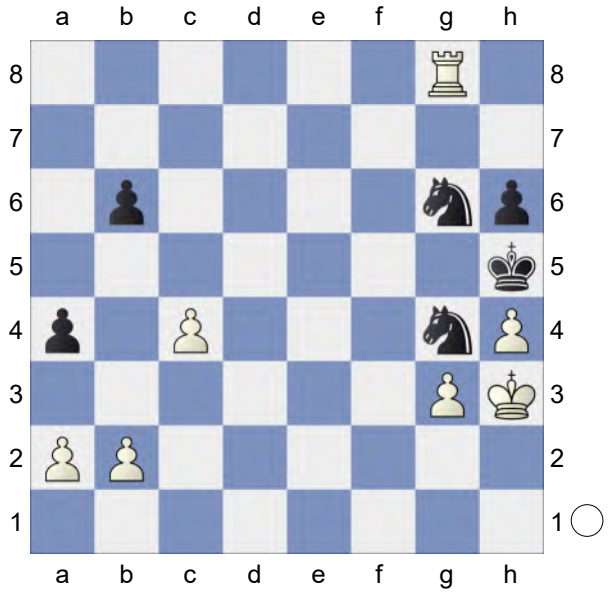
23.Nf4+! Discovered Attack **23...exf4 24.Nh4+**
[24.Rxd7 Rxf5 25.Rxc7 Ne5±]



24...Kh5 25.Rxd7 Nf6 26.Rg7
[Resist 26.Rxc7 Kxh4 27.Rxf4+ *(27.Rxb7 Nh5±)* 27...Kg5+-]
26...Ne8 27.Ng6 Rf5 28.Rg8
[Less strong is 28.Nxf4+ Rxf4 29.Rg8 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Nd6+-]
28...Nf6 29.Nxf4+ Rxf4 30.Rxf4 White threatens Rf5+ and mate.
30...Nxg8 31.Rf7 Nge7



32.Rg7 a5 33.g3 a4 34.h4 White is clearly winning. **34...b6 35.Kg2 Ng6 36.Kh3 Nce5 37.Rxc7 Nf8** 7.58/18
[⌓37...Ng4 4.76/19 38.Rb7 Nf2+ 39.Kg2 Nd3]
38.Rg7 Nfg6 39.Rg8 Ng4



40.Rxg6! Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.33
1-0

B08
□ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
■ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**
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[Kitty Kat]

B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System
1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0
[6.h3 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Bc4 c6 11.a4 Qe7 12.b3 Rd8 13.Ba3 Rxd1 14.Bxe7 Rd7 15.Ba3 b6 16.Rad1 a6 17.f4 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Nd7 19.f5 Ra7 20.g4 b5 0-1 Vachier Lagrave,M (2731)-So, W (2752) CCT Final playoff Toronto rapid 2023 (3.2)]
6...c6 0.75/20
[6...Bg4± 0.39/21 feels stronger. 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nfd7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.d5

Nde5 11.Qd1 Nxd3 12.cxd3 Nd4 B3-Accelerated Classical 5.h3/Be Play the Power Pirc 2023]

7.Re1 Bg4N

[7...Nbd7 8.Ne2 e5 9.c3 Re8 10.Ng3 Nh5 11.Nxh5 gxh5 12.Be3 Nf8 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bc4 b5 16.Be2 Be6 17.Qc2 Ng6 18.Ng5 Bg4 19.Nf3 Nf4 20.Bxf4 exf4 21.Nd4 Bxd4 22.cxd4 0-1 Golod,V (2592)-Greenfeld,A (2557) ISR-chT 1011 Israel 2010 (7.5) Qxe4 23.Qxe4 Rxe4 24.f3 Rxd4 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.Bxg4 Rad8 27.Rad1 a5 28.Rxd4 Rxd4 29.Re2 c5 30.Kf2 Kg7 31.Rc2 Kf6 32.Rxc5 Rd2+ 33.Kf3 Rxb2 34.Rf5+ Kg6 35.Kxf4 Rxg2 36.Bh5+ Kh6 37.Bxf7 ½-½ Ross,D (1348)-Winslow,E (2254) San Francisco TNM Jay Whitehead op 2014 (2) Rxh2 38.Be6 ½-½ Shirjaev (1348)-Nievergelt (2254) Jugoslavija 74/(424) 1999 (2)]

8.Be3 Nbd7 9.h3 White has an edge.

9...Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 11.Rad1 -0.19/19

[⌓11.a4 0.28/19]

11...Qb6!= 12.dxe5 Nxe5

[12...Qxb2? 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Ne2 Qxa2 15.Qg3+-]

13.Qxf6

[Reject 13.Bxb6 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 axb6∓]

13...Bxf6 14.Bxb6 axb6 15.Be2 Be7 16.f4 -0.42/21

[16.a4= -0.01/21]

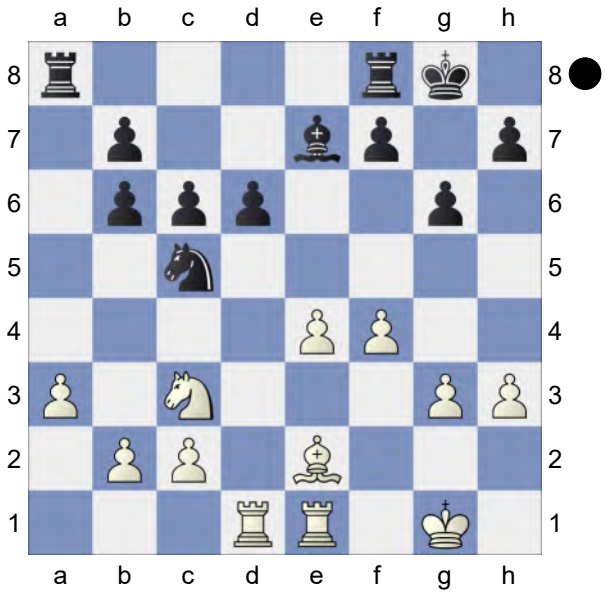
16...Nd7∓ 17.a3 Nc5 18.g3 -1.80/22

[18.Bf3∓ -0.36/19]

(Diagram)

18...Bf6!-+ 19.Bf3 -2.54/19

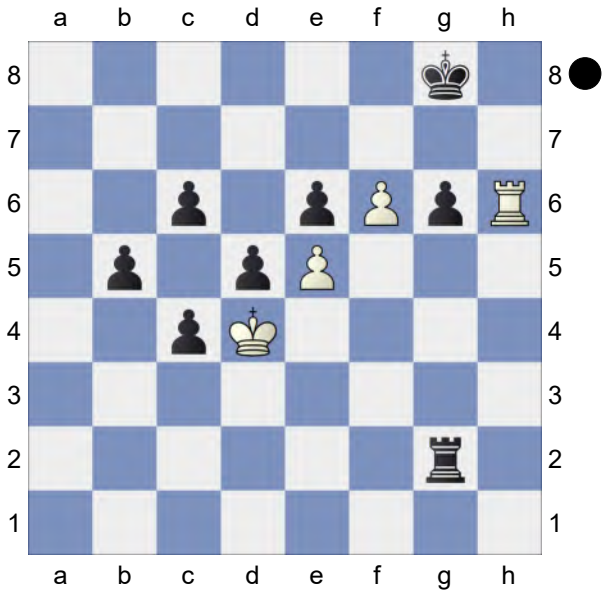
[⌓19.Rxd6 -1.89/20 Bxc3 20.bxc3]



19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 Rxa3 21.Re3 Rd8 22.Kf2 b5 23.e5 d5 24.c4 -4.14/20

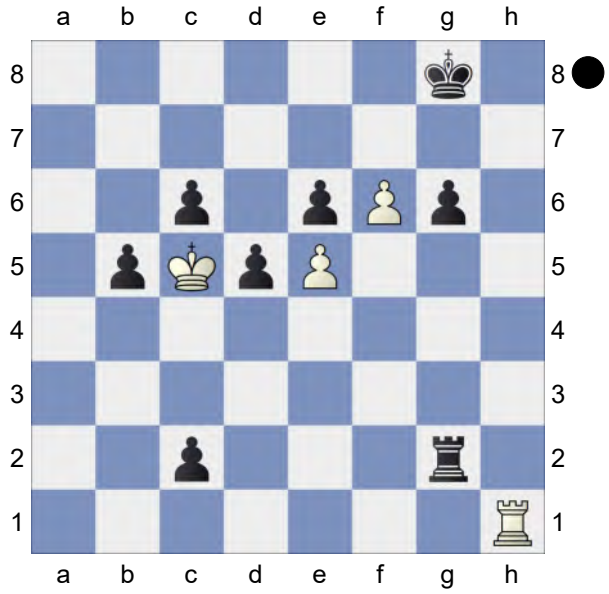
[⌓24.h4 -2.94/17]

24...Rxe3 25.Kxe3 bxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.g4 Ra8** aiming for ... Ra3+. **27.f5 Ra3+ 28.Kf2 Kf8 29.Rb1 Ke7 30.Re1 b5 31.h4 Ra2 32.f6+ Ke8 33.Ke3 Ne6 34.g5 Rxc2 35.Bg4 Rc3+ 36.Kf2 Ra3 37.Bxe6 fxe6** KR-KR **38.h5 gxh5 39.Rh1 Kf7 40.Rxh5 Kg8 41.g6 hxg6 42.Rh6 Ra2+ 43.Ke3 Rg2 44.Kd4**



c3! 45.Kc5

[45.Kxc3 c5]
45...c2 46.Rh1



d4! ...d3 would now be deadly. **47.Kd6 d3** White must now prevent ...d2. **48.Kxe6 Rf2** Strongly threatening ...d2. **49.Ke7 d2 50.e6 d1Q** -27.81/24
[⌓50...c1Q -#14/20 51.Rxc1 dxc1Q 52.f7+ Kg7 53.Kd6 Re2 54.Ke7 Qc5+ 55.Kd7 Kf8 *(55...Qd5+* gets mated. *56.Kc7 Rxe6 57.Kb7 c5+ 58.Kc7 Kxf7 59.Kc8 Re7 60.Kb8 Qd8#)* 56.Kc7 Rxe6 57.Kc8 Re7 *(57...Kxf7* leads to mate. *58.Kb7 Re7+ 59.Kc8 Qc3 60.Kd8 Qh8#)* 58.Kb8 Qb6+ 59.Kc8 Qc7#]
51.f7+ Kg7 White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

B40
□ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun 2416**
■ **Al Hosani,Omran 2239**
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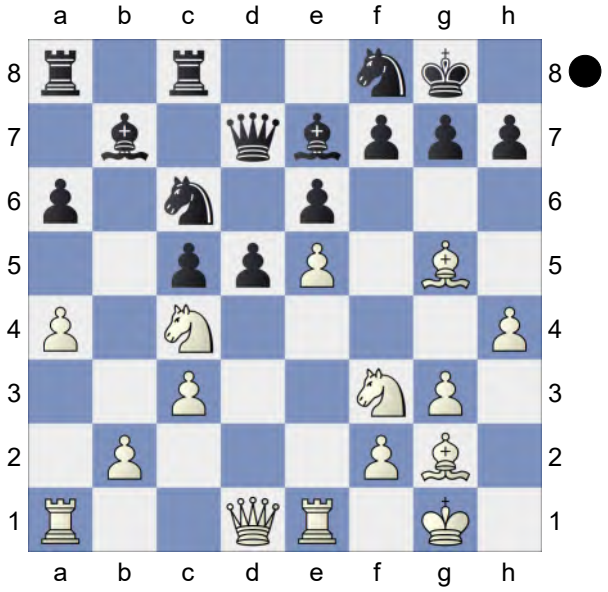
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines Inf 88/(132) **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 d5**
[5...Be7 6.0-0 d6 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.h3 Nd7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 b6 13.b3 Qc7 14.Bb2 Bf6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Rfd1 Be7 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Qd4 Bf8 Fridman,D (2621)-Svetushkin,D (2543) Silivri 88/(132) 2003]
6.0-0N
[6.Nbd2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 *(8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qc1 e5 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Nc3 Nde7 15.h4 Qd7 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Nh2 Bh3 18.Bh1 Nd4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nd1 h6 21.Ne3 g5 22.hxg5 hxg5* 0-1 Yingrui,L (2236)-Fuster,G (2633) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2009 (1.1) *23.c3 Ndc6 24.Qd1 Rh8 25.Qf3 Be6 26.Neg4 Ref8 27.Qe2 Ng6 28.Bg2 Bd5 29.Bxd5 Qxd5 30.Ne3 Qd7 31.Qg4 Rf7 32.Rad1 Qxg4 33.Nexg4 Rd8 34.f3 f5 35.Nf2 Kf6 36.Nf1 Rfd7 37.Ne3 f4* 0-1 Tagelsir,A (2236)-Yilmaz,M (2633) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open Batumi (1.1)) 8...0-0 9.c3 a5 10.Qe2 b6 11.c4 dxc4 12.dxc4 e5 13.Nb1 Bg4 14.Nc3 Nd4 15.Qd1 Ne8 16.h3 Be6 17.Nd5 Nd6 18.b3 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Qd7 20.Bb2 Rfc8 0-1 Rodriguez Arrieta,M-Prado Acebo,I (2189) Iberoamerican-ch 10th Linares 2024 (9)]
6...Be7 7.Bf4 Nh5 8.Bd2 The position is equal. **8...Nf6 9.Re1 0-0 10.a4 b6**

11.Na3 Bb7 12.e5 Nd7 13.h4 Re8 14.Bf4 Nf8 15.c3 a6 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.d4 Rec8 18.dxc5 -0.67/21
[White should play 18.Bxe7± 0.70/22 Qxe7 19.h5]
18...bxc5∓ 19.Nc4? -2.65/21



dxc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

B72
□ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula 2276**
■ **Klukin,Kirill 2413**
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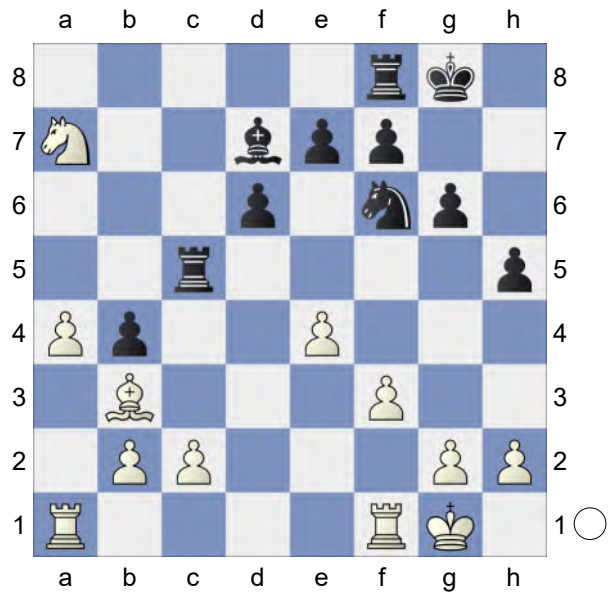
[Kitty Kat]

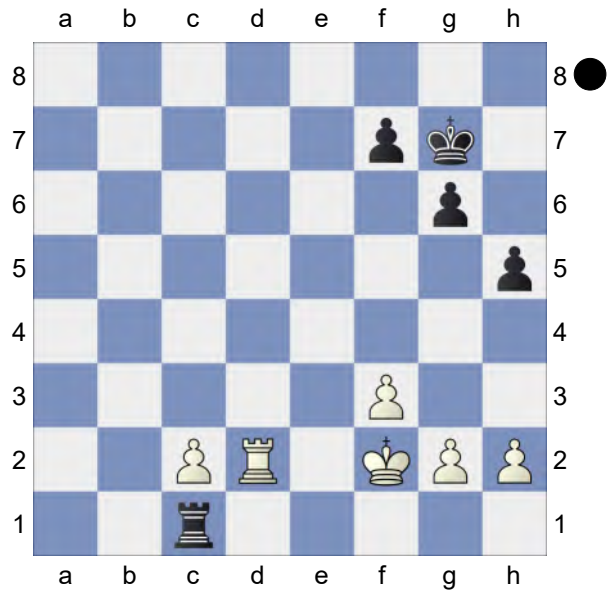
B72: Sicilian Dragon: 6 Be3, lines with h3+Bc4 and sidelines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.f3** Inhibits Ng4. **7...h5 8.Bc4 Bd7** White is slightly better. **9.Qd2** White is more active. **9...Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bh6 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 Qc7N**
[12...Qa5 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Bb3 Qc5 15.Qf4 *(15.Rhe1 b5 16.e5 Qxe3+ 17.Rxe3 dxe5 18.Rxe5 a6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Rexd5 Rb7 23.Kd2 e6 24.Rd4 h4 25.Kc3 Ke7 26.Kb4 g5 27.Ra1 Bc6 28.Rd3 Rd7 29.Rxd7+ Bxd7* ½-½ Firouzja,A (2760)-Carlsen,M (2830) Chessable Masters Div 1 W chess.com INT rapid 2024 (4.4)) 15...g5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Rhe1 Nd7 18.Kb1 h4 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Qxg5 Bxb3 21.cxb3 Kf8 22.f4 Ng6 23.f5 Ne5 24.f6 exf6 25.Qxf6 Rh5 26.Ka1 Re8 27.Rf1 1-0 3.g3 b5 4.♗g2_31338 (2632)-Grimm,S (2490) Complex Middlegames: Ding Liren: Bai Ji lichess.org 2020 Qc6 28.Nd5 Rh7 29.a3 Qd7 30.Qf4 Rg7 31.Nf6 Qe6 1-0 3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 (2632)-Grimm,S (2490) Complex Middlegames: Ding Liren: Bai Ji lichess.org 2020]
13.Bb3 b5 14.0-0 -0.28/18
[⌓14.0-0-0 0.23/20]
14...Rc8 0.33/21
[Black should try 14...a5= -0.28/18]
15.a4!± b4
[15...bxa4 feels hotter. 16.Bxa4 a5 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nb5 Qb8]
16.Nb5 Qc5 17.Qxc5 Rxc5 18.Nxa7 0-0!
[Much weaker is 18...Ra5?! 19.Nb5±]

(Diagram)

19.Nb5! Bxb5 20.axb5 Black must now prevent Ra7. **20...Rxb5 21.Ra7** Against Rb7 **21...e6 22.Rfa1 Rfb8 23.Rc7 R5b7 24.Ra7 Rxc7 25.Rxc7=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **25...Ra8 26.Kf2 Ra1! 27.Rc8+ Kg7 28.Rd8 d5 29.exd5 exd5 30.Rb8**
[30.Bxd5? too greedy. Rd1 31.Ke2 Rxd5-+]



30...Rb1 31.Rxb4 Rxb2 32.Rd4 Rb1 Against Rd1 **33.Bxd5 Nxd5 34.Rxd5** KR-KR **34...Rc1 35.Rd2**



aiming for Ke3. **35...Kf6 36.Ke3** Threatens to win with Kd4. **36...Ke5 37.Kd3** Kc4 would now be deadly. **37...Kd5 38.Kc3+ Kc5 39.Kd3** Strongly threatening Ke3. **39...Kd5 40.c3** 0.15/27

[40.Ke3+!± 0.60/21 was preferrable. Kc4 41.g4]

40...h4 41.Rc2 Re1 42.c4+ Kc5 43.h3 Rd1+ 44.Ke3 f6 45.Ra2 Rd6 Wards off Ra6 **46.Ra5+ Kxc4 47.Ra4+ Kc5?** 3.89/22

[47...Kd5= 0.03/18 and Black stays safe.]

48.Rxh4+- Rd8 49.Rg4 Rg8 50.Rd4 Re8+ 51.Re4 Rf8 52.Re7? 0.02/24

[White has to play 52.Re6+- 4.98/21]

52...Kd6!= The position is equal. **53.Rg7 g5 54.f4 gxf4+ 55.Kxf4 Ke6 56.Kg4 Ra8 57.h4 Ra4+ 58.Kh5 f5 59.g3 Kf6 60.Kh6 Ra3 61.h5 Rb3 62.Kh7 Ra3 63.h6 Rb3 64.Kh8 Ra3 65.h7 Ra8+ 66.Rg8 Ra3 67.g4 fxg4 68.Rf8+ Kg5 69.Kg8 Rh3 70.Rf7 g3 71.Rg7+ Kf4 72.h8Q Rxh8+ 73.Kxh8 Kf3 74.Rxg3+ Kxg3** White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)

½-½

		B88
□	**Rakhmatullaev,Almas**	**2410**
■	**Daakshin,Arun**	**2286**

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[Kitty Kat]

B88: Sicilian: Sozin Attack From CHESS vol.1, no.9 (14 April 1936) p321-322 said Braille CCA v BCF. Different notes in 'Mail Chess' 34 (Oct 48) p254 said v Kent; with a short profile of Bonham. Game played on board 2 of a CC match between the British Chess Federation and the Braille Chess Association. Annotations by one of England's leading players, (later Sir) Theodore Tylor. BCCA Yearbook 1947 p8 also has a short profile of Bonham, who was born in 1906 and lost his sight at 16. he was a pupil at Royal College for the Blind, Worcester, where he returned as a master after graduating from St

Catherine's Colege, Oxford. Bussell was probably born around 1876 as he was at Dulwich College from 1889-1892; see short profile in BCCA Yearbook 1931 p22. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Bd7 8.Ndb5N** -0.12/24

[8.Be3± 0.37/22 Be7 *(8...a6 9.Qe2 b5 10.0-0-0 Na5 11.g4 b4 12.Na4 Nxb3+ 13.axb3 Bxa4 14.bxa4 Nxe4 15.Qc4 Qc8 16.Nc6 d5 17.Rxd5 exd5 18.Qxd5 Qe6 19.Qxe6+ fxe6 20.Re1 Nf6 21.g5 Nd5 22.Bd4 Kf7 23.Ne5+* 0-1 Lauridsen,J (2250)-Demchenko,A (2625) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4)) 9.Qe2 Rc8 10.0-0-0 a6 11.Nxc6 Rxc6 12.g4 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.Bd4 d5 15.f3 Nf6 16.c4 dxc4 17.Qxc4 0-0 18.Qe2 Qc7 19.Be5 Qc8 20.Bb2 Qc7 21.Be5 Qc8 22.Bb2 Qc7 23.g5 1-0 Ileri,D-Ulibin (ch) 13/345 Nederland 1972]

[8.f3 a6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Qe2 Na5 11.0-0-0 b5 12.g4 b4 13.Nb1 Nxb3+ 14.axb3 a5 15.Nd2 1-0 Bonham,R-Bussell,W Braille Chess Association-BCF corr 1936]

[8.0-0 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.f4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Qe2 b5 13.Nxb5 Bxe4 14.Nxa7 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Be3 Qb8 17.Nb5 Bc6 18.Nc3 Qb4 19.Rad1 Ra5 20.Rd2 Qh4 21.Bb6 Rc5 22.Rd3 Rb8 1-0 Fischer,R-Saidy,A New Jersey Rd: 1957]

8...Qb8= 9.Bf4 Ne5 The position is equal. **10.a4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bg3 a6 13.Nd4 Qc7 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Nd1** -0.50/21

[15.f4= 0.05/26 Nc4 16.Kh1]

15...Nc4 16.c3 Rfe8 17.Re1 g6 18.Ne3 -0.37/23

[18.Bh4= 0.00/23]

18...Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Nh5 20.Nf3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qc5 22.Qd2 Red8 23.Rad1 Qb6 24.Qc2 Bf6 25.Rd3 Be8 26.Red1 Rc5 27.R1d2 Qc7 28.Nd4 Qe7 29.Qd1 Re5 30.Re2 Rc5 31.Nc2 -0.55/19

[31.f4= -0.14/21]

31...Qf8 -0.19/25

[31...Qc7∓ -0.55/19]

32.Ne3 Bc6 33.Ng4 Be7 34.f4 Ra5 0.36/19

[34...a5∓ -0.42/20]

35.Bc2!± Rh5 0.77/21

[35...Rc5± 0.37/23]

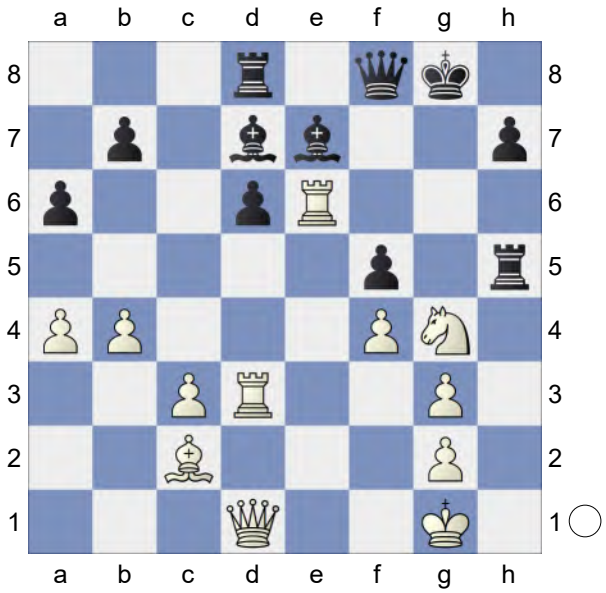
36.b4± f5? 2.63/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[36...Rc8± 0.78/20]

37.exf5+- gxf5? 4.72/21

[37...Qxf5 2.65/22 38.Ree3 Bd5]

38.Rxe6! Bd7



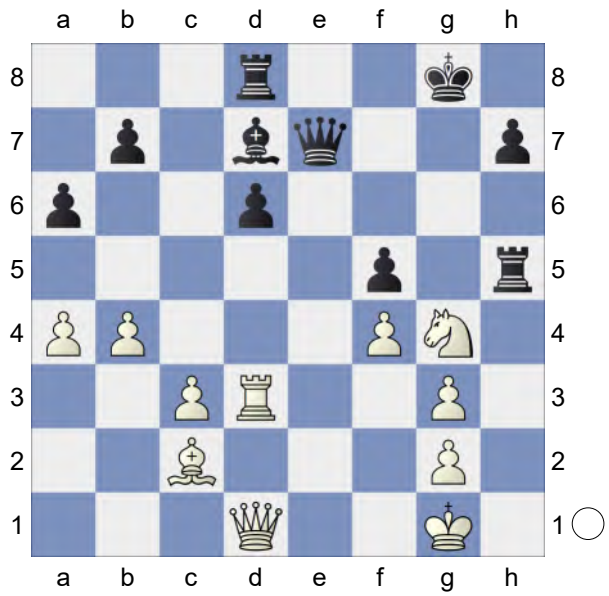
39.Rxe7 Remove Defender **39...Qxe7**

(Diagram)

40.Nf6+ Discovered Attack **40...Qxf6**

41.Qxh5 And now Rxd6! would win.

41...Rc8 42.Qd1 Be6 43.Bb3 Bxb3



44.Qxb3+ Endgame. KQR-KQR **44...Kf8 45.Qd5 Rxc3 46.Rxc3**
[46.Qxd6+ Qxd6 47.Rxd6 Rxg3 48.Rf6+ Ke8 49.Rxf5 b6+-]
46...Qxc3 47.Qxf5+ KQ-KQ
[47.Qxb7 Qxg3 48.Qc8+ *(48.Qxa6 Qe3+ 49.Kh2 Qxf4+ 50.g3 Qxb4=)* 48...Ke7=]
47...Kg7 48.Qd7+ 5.97/23
[⌓48.Qg5+ 4.05/19 Kf8 49.Qd8+ Kf7 50.Qd7+ *(50.Qxd6 Qxg3 51.Qc7+ Kf6+-)* 50...Kg8 51.Qxd6 *(51.Qxb7 Qxg3 52.Qc8+ Kf7+-)* 51...Qxg3 52.Qb8+ Kg7 53.Qxb7+ Kf8 54.Qe4 *(54.Qxa6 Qe3+ 55.Kh2 Qxf4+ 56.g3 Qd2+ 57.Kh3 Qxb4+-)*]
48...Kg8 49.Qxd6 Qxg3 50.Qb8+ Kf7 51.Qxb7+ Kg8 52.Qd5+
[52.Qxa6 Qe1+ 53.Qf1 Qxb4=]
52...Kf8 53.Qf5+ Ke8 54.Qe4+
[54.Qxh7 Qe3+ 55.Kf1 *(55.Kh1 Qc1+ 56.Kh2 Qxf4+ 57.Kh1 Qc1+ 58.Kh2 Qf4+ 59.Kh3 Qxb4±)* 55...Qxf4+ 56.Ke2 Qxb4=]
54...Kf8 55.b5
[55.Qxh7 Qe3+ 56.Kf1 *(56.Kh2 Qxf4+ 57.Kh3 Qxb4=)* 56...Qxf4+ 57.Ke2 Qxb4=]
55...axb5 56.axb5 Strongly threatening b6!
[56.Qxh7 Qe3+ 57.Kf1 Qxf4+ 58.Ke2 Qxa4=]
56...Qb3 57.Qf5+
[57.Qxh7 Qe3+ 58.Kh2 Qxf4+ 59.Kh3 Qe3+ 60.g3 Qe6+ 61.Kh4 *(61.g4 Qe3+ 62.Kg2 Qe2+ 63.Kh1 Qf1+ 64.Kh2 Qf2+ 65.Kh3 Qf3+ 66.Kh2 Qxg4=)* 61...Qc4+ 62.g4 Qxb5±]
57...Kg7 58.Kh2 Qb4 59.Qe5+ Kf7 60.Qc7+ Kg8 61.b6 Intending b7 and mate. **61...Qe1 62.Qd8+ Kf7 63.b7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.30
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C77
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2777**
■ **Sliwicka,Alicja 2346**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.50) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 Bc5 6.c3 d6 7.Bg5** -0.34/19
[7.0-0= 0.26/22]
7...h6∓ 8.Bh4 Ba7 Black is slightly better. **9.Nbd2 Bd7 10.b4** -0.92/21
[10.0-0= -0.23/21 keeps the balance.]
[10.Nf1 g5 11.Bg3 Ne7 12.Bb3 Ng6 13.Ne3 Nf4 14.Qd2 Qe7 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Rhe1 Rhg8 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Qxe4 19.Nd5 N4xd5 20.Rxe4 Nxe4 21.Qc2 Ndf6 22.Bxf7 Rg7 23.Bc4 Re8 24.Bd3 Rge7 0-1 Zhang,J (2240)-Shakuro,P (2349) corr 1957 (8)]
10...g5∓ 11.Bg3 Qe7N -0.33/20

[11...Nh5∓ -1.06/20 12.Nf1 Nf4 13.Ne3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Nxg2+ 15.Kd2 g4 16.Ne1 Nh4 17.Rf1 Qe7 18.Bb3 f5 19.exf5 Qg5 20.f6 0-0-0 21.Qe2 Rdf8 22.Qf2 Nf5 23.f7 h5 24.h4 gxh3 25.Bh2 Nh6 26.Bg3 Ng4 0-1 6.d5 ♗g7 7.g3_52745 (2411)-Oskooei,M (2566) Merida 2000 (13) 27.Qf3 h4 28.Bf2 Nh2 29.Qe2 Nxf1+ 30.Qxf1 Qg4 31.Qh1 Be6 32.Bxe6+ Qxe6 33.Nc2 Rxf7 34.Rf1 Rhf8 35.Ke1 Kb8 0-1 Petkov,M (2411)-Najer,E (2566) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (13)]

12.Rb1 -0.94/20

[White should try 12.0-0∓ -0.33/20 h5 13.h4 g4 14.Ne1 d5 15.Nc2 0-0-0 16.Rb1 dxe4 17.dxe4 Be8 18.Qe2 b5 19.Bb3 Qd7 20.Rfd1 Qd3 21.Kf1 Qxc3 22.a3 Rd3 23.Bh2 Rh3 24.Bg1 Rh1 25.Ne3 Nd4 Dominguez Perez,L (2713)-Kramnik,V (2812) 129/(119) Dortmund 2016]

12...b5 13.Bb3 Nd8 0.25/21

[13...Nh5∓ -0.68/21]

14.0-0

[14.d4 is more complex. g4 15.dxe5 gxf3 16.exf6 fxg2 17.Rg1]

14...Bg4 0.89/19

[14...Nh5= -0.05/19]

15.d4± Nd7 16.Re1 0-0 17.Nf1 Hoping for Ne3. **17...Qf6 18.Re3** 0.13/19

[White should play 18.Ne3± 0.85/20 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3]

18...Ne6= 19.h3 Bh5 20.Bxe6 fxe6

[20...Qxe6 21.Nxg5 Bxd1 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rxd1±]

21.N1h2 Qg7 22.a4 exd4 23.cxd4 Nb6! 24.e5 -0.53/23

[24.Rc1± 0.38/18]

24...d5∓

[24...bxa4 25.exd6 cxd6 26.Rxe6± *(26.Bxd6 Rfe8±)*]

25.Rc3 Nc4 26.Ra1 Bb6 27.Ng4 Bxg4 28.hxg4 Qg6 -0.09/19

[28...a5∓ -0.73/24 29.bxa5 Rxa5 30.axb5 Rxb5]

29.a5= Ba7 30.Ne1 Qe4 0.28/17

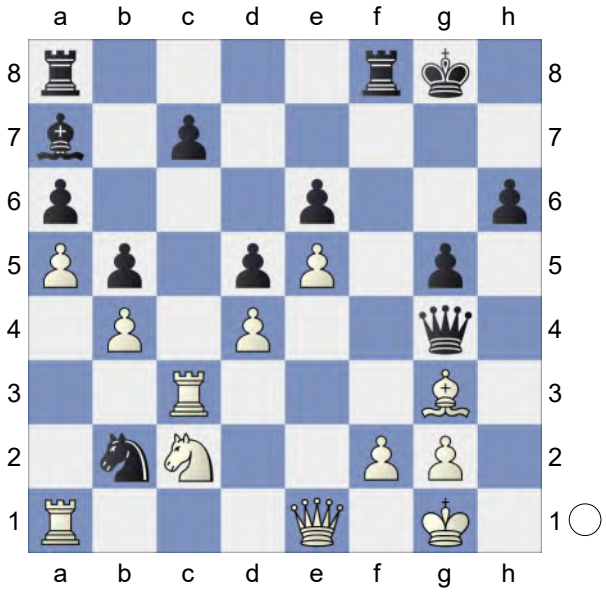
[30...Kf7∓ -0.31/23]

31.Nc2 Nb2 32.Qe1 0.00/21

[32.Qd2± 0.49/21]

32...Qxg4 1.00/19

[32...Nc4!= 0.00/21]



33.Rc6!± Threatens to win with Qc3.

33...Nc4 1.71/22

[33...Bxd4 34.Nxd4 *(34.Rxc7? Nd3-+)* 34...Qxd4 35.Qb1+- *(35.Rxe6 Nd3=)*]

[33...h5± 0.90/19]

(Diagram)

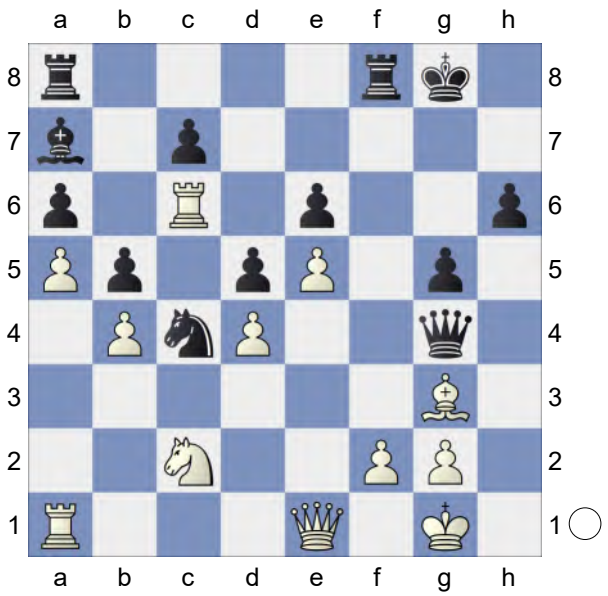
34.Rd1? 0.00/19

[34.Qd1!+- 1.71/22 Qxd1+ 35.Rxd1]

34...Qf5 1.10/25

[34...h5!= 0.00/19]

35.Ne3↑ White has strong compensation. White is in control. **35...Qf7** 1.25/19



[⌓35...Qe4 0.81/24]

36.Ng4 Kg7 3.71/22 A mistake that costs the game.

[36...Qd7± 1.41/21 37.Rxa6 Qc8]

37.Nf6+-

[37.Rxa6 c6±]

37...Nb2 38.Rd2 Nc4 39.Rd3 Qg6 40.Rf3

[40.Rxc7+ Rf7 41.Rxf7+ Kxf7=]

40...h5 5.08/16

[⌓40...Bxd4 3.20/20 41.Qe2 *(41.Rxc7+ Kh8+-; 41.Rxe6 Qc2+-)* 41...Rf7 42.Rxe6 Kh8]

41.Rxc7+ Kh8 42.Qc1 Rac8 #18/17

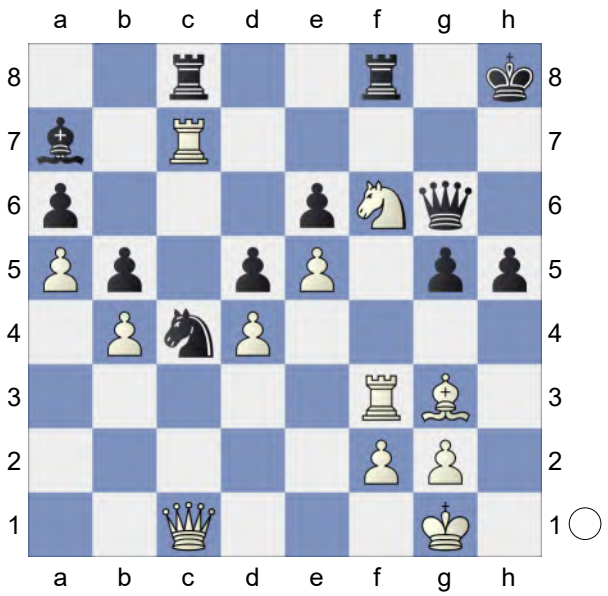
[42...Bxd4+- 4.98/19 43.Qxg5 *(43.Rh7+ Qxh7 44.Nxh7* Discovered Attack *Rxf3+-)* 43...Rxf6 *(43...Bxf2+ 44.Bxf2 Rxf6 45.Qxf6+ Qxf6 46.exf6 Rf8 47.Bc5 Ne5 48.Bxf8)* 44.Qxf6+ Qxf6 45.exf6 *(45.Rxf6 Nxe5 46.Rh6+ Kg8+-)* 45...Rf8]

(Diagram)

43.Qxg5!! Deflection. White mates.

43...Qb1+

[43...Rxf6 44.Rxc8+]



44.Kh2 Rxc7 45.Qh6+ Rh7 46.Qxf8#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.48

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D02

□ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**

■ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto** **2564**

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[Kitty Kat]

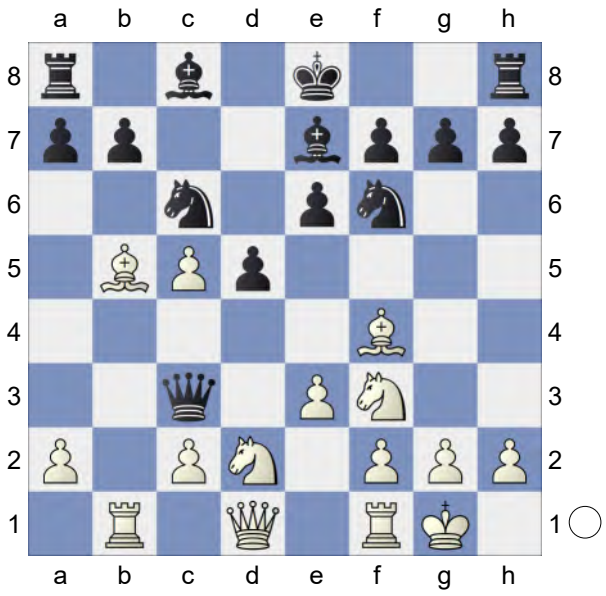
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**

[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Qb6 6.dxc5! Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qc3 8.Bb5 The position is equal. **8...e6 9.0-0 Be7**



10.e4! Black must now prevent exd5.

10...0-0 11.e5 Nd7! 12.Nb3! Qb4

[12...Ndxe5? loses. 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bd2+-]

[12...Nxc5? 13.Bd2+-]

[12...Ncxe5? 13.Nxe5 Rd8 *(13...Nxe5? 14.Bd2+-)* 14.Nd3+-]

13.Nfd4 Nxd4

[13...Ndxe5 14.c3 Qxc3 15.Bd2+-]

14.Nxd4 Qxc5 15.Re1! a6 16.Bd3 White has compensation. **16...g6 17.Nb3 Qc7 18.Qg4 Qd8 19.Bh6 f5 20.exf6** 0.15/20

[20.Qg3± 0.60/23]

20...Nxf6= 21.Qd4 Rf7 Strongly threatening ...e5! **22.h3! b5 23.Nd2** -0.43/26

[23.a4!± 0.39/20]

23...Nh5 0.00/24

[23...Qc7!∓ -0.43/26]

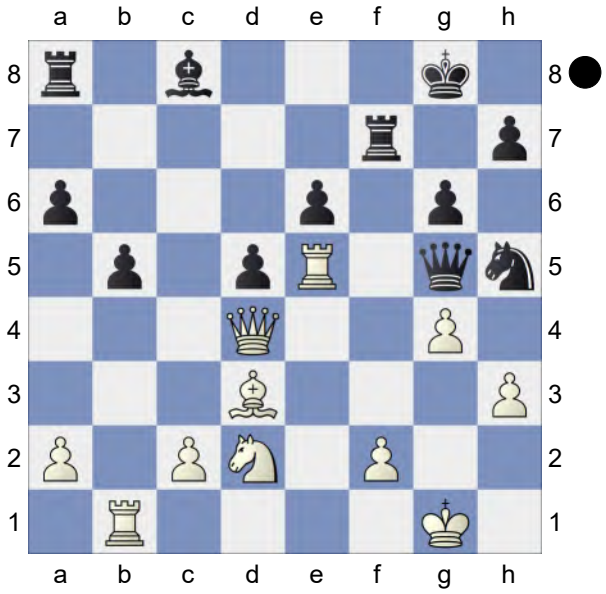
24.g4 -1.17/22

[24.Nf3= 0.00/24 keeps the balance. Qc7 25.Qb2]

24...Bg5 -0.67/21

[24...Ng7∓ -1.17/22 25.Nf3 Qf8]

25.Bxg5∓ Qxg5 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **26.Re5**



Qh4 -0.42/25

[Black should try 26...Qf4!∓ -1.02/24 27.Nb3 Qxd4 28.Nxd4 Nf4]

27.Bf1 -1.06/26

[27.Rb3!∓ -0.42/25]

27...Bd7 ...Raf8 is the strong threat.

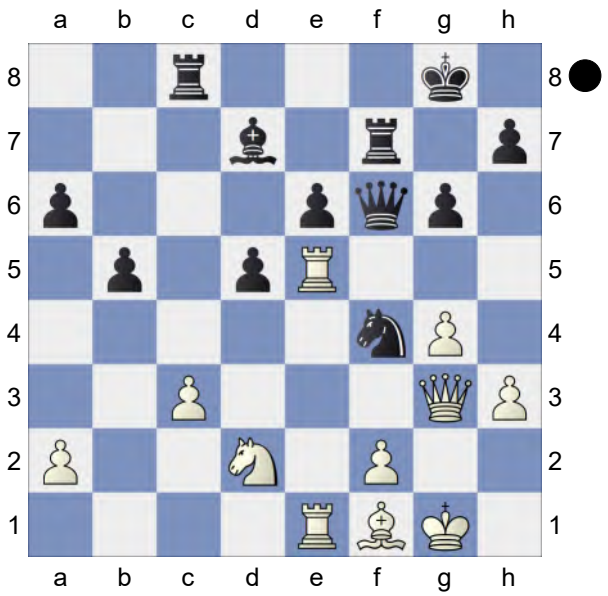
28.Qe3 -1.72/21

[28.Nb3∓ -0.95/23 Nf4 29.Nc5]

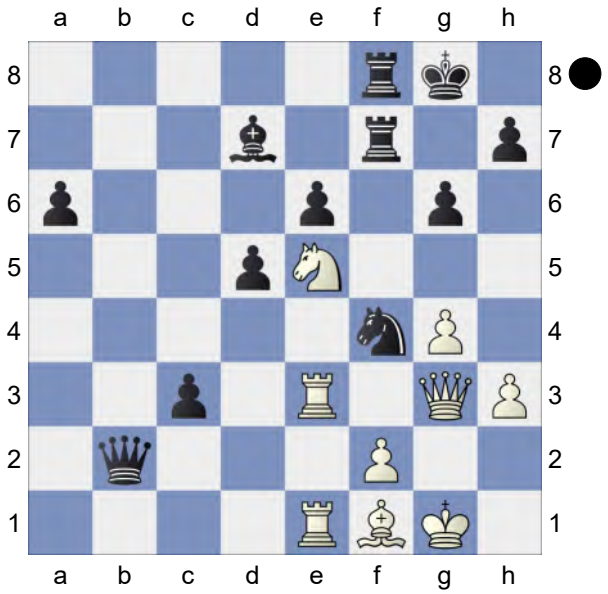
28...Nf4-+ 29.Qg3 -2.52/23

[29.Nb3∓ -1.54/23 was worth a try.]

29...Qf6 30.Rbe1 Rc8 31.c3



Qe7 -1.30/22
[31...g5!-+ -2.27/21 32.R5e3 b4]
32.Nb3 -2.49/24
[32.h4∓ -1.30/22]
32...Qa3 33.R1e3 -3.28/22
[⩲33.R5e3 -1.90/21]
33...Qxa2 34.Nd4 Rcf8 35.Re1 Qb2 36.R5e3 b4 37.Nf3 -5.21/22
[⩲37.Ne2 -3.70/20]
37...bxc3 aiming for ...c2. Black is clearly winning. **38.Ne5**

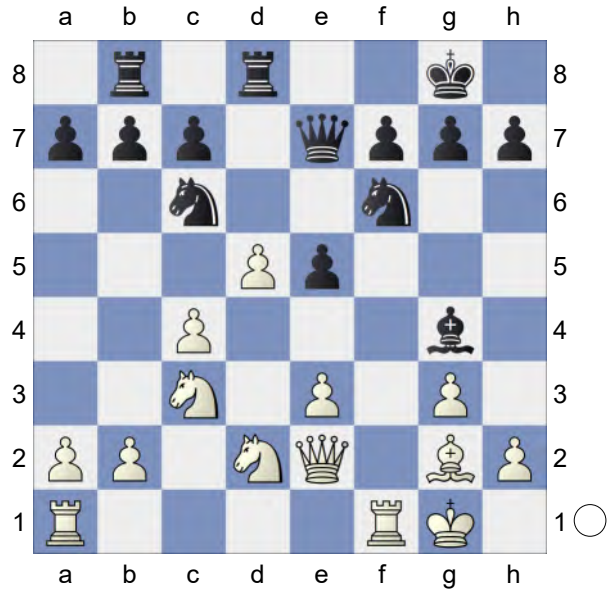


c2! 39.Nxf7 Rxf7
[Weaker is 39...c1B 40.Rb3 Qd2 41.Nh6+ Kg7 42.Qh4 Qxe1 43.Qe7+ Kxh6 44.Qxf8+ Kg5 45.Qd8+ Kh6 46.Qf8+ Kg5 47.Qe7+ Kh6 48.Qf8+=]
40.Rc3 Qb1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

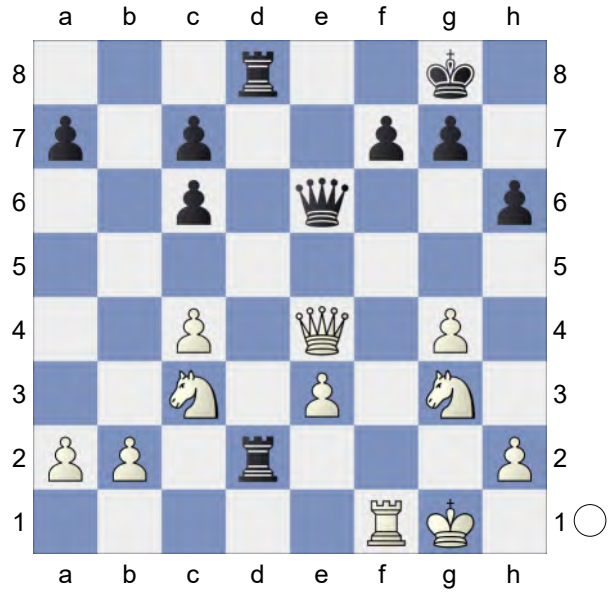
A13
□ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
■ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.52) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 d4 4.e3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bc5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3** 0.08/21
[7.b4± 0.46/22 Bxb4 8.exd4]
7...dxe3N
[7...0-0 8.exd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3 e5 11.Be3 Bg4 12.Qd2 c6 13.h3 Bf5 14.Rad1 Qd7 15.g4 Bg6 16.Bg5 Qd6 17.Ne2 Bb6 18.b4 Bc7 19.c5 Qe6 20.Rfe1 Nd5 21.Ng3 h6 22.Be3 0-1 Campos Gomez,M (2316)-Parkhov,Y (2484) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (2) Rad8 23.Qb2 Qc8 24.b5 Nf4 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.Bxf4 exf4 27.Ne4 f5 28.gxf5 Bxf5 29.d4 f3 30.Bxf3 Bxh3 31.Bg2 Bxg2 32.Qb3+ Kh8 33.Kxg2 Qg4+ 34.Ng3 Rxd4 35.Rxd4 Qxd4 36.Qe3 Qd5+ 37.Ne4 0-1 Campos,J (2206)-Guo,Q (1412) WchT (Women) Pool-B Bydgoszcz rapid 2023 (5.1) Qxa2 38.Rd1 Qe6 39.Nd6 Qg4+ 0-1 Martin (2206)-Kett, T (1412) 78/4 Sarajevo 2000 (5.1)]
8.Bxe3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.d4 Qe7 0.87/19
[10...e5= 0.23/19]
11.Nc3± Rd8 12.Qe2 Rb8 13.Nd2 e5 14.d5 White is more active. **14...Bg4**

2.24/20
[14...Na5± 0.83/21 keeps fighting.]



15.Bf3!+- Bxf3 16.Rxf3 And now Raf1! would win. **16...e4 17.Rxf6** Deflection **17...Qxf6 18.Ndxe4**
[Much less strong is 18.dxc6?! Qxc6 19.Ndxe4 a6±]
18...Qe5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.Rf1 h6 21.g4 Rd7 22.Ng3 Rbd8 23.Qf3 Qe6 24.Qe4 1.59/20
[24.b3+- 2.70/20]
24...Rd2±



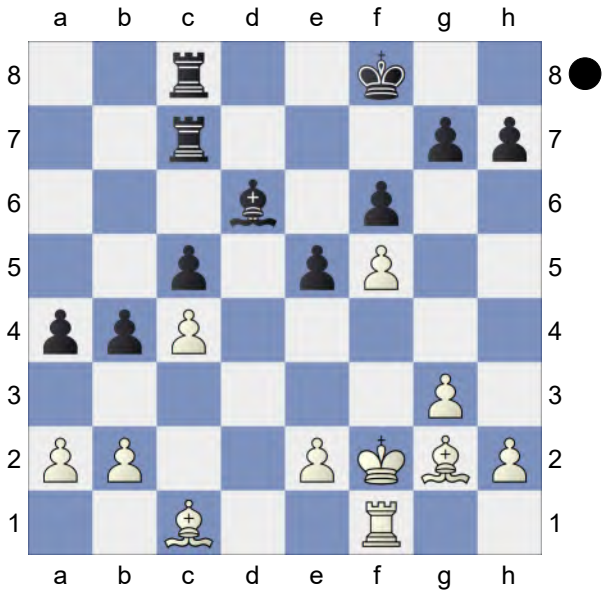
25.Qxe6 0.88/18
[White should play 25.b3! 1.56/23]
25...fxe6 26.Rb1 0.42/24
[26.Na4± 0.87/22]
26...Rc2 27.Nge2 Black must now prevent Nd4. **27...Rdd2 28.b3** The position is equal. **28...Rxe2 29.Nxe2 Rxe2 30.Rd1 Rxa2**
[Of course not 30...Rxe3 31.Rd8+ Kf7 32.Rd7+ Kf6 33.Rxc7±]
31.Rd7 Rb2 32.Rxc7 Rxb3 33.Kf2 Rb2+ White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
½-½

A07
□ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
■ **Sriansh Das** **2315**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.53) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A30: Symmetrical English: Double Fianchetto and Hedgehog Kovalev,A: 'Inf 71/(6)' **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5**
[3...c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 *(5.h3 Bh5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Bg6 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.b3 a5 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rc4 Rab8* 1-0 Hidalgo,J (2532)-7.♕d6 ♕f6 8. ♕ f6 ♘ f6 (2374) Hiroshima Chushikoku-ch 2023 (7)) 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nfxe4 17.dxe4 Ne6 18.Qg3 ½-½ Akopian,V (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2711) World Team Championship, Ningbo 2011 (3)]

4.0-0 Nc6 5.c4N
[5.d3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a3 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.Bg5 a4 10.Nd2 e6 11.e4 d4 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.f4 Bg7 15.g4 f5 16.gxf5 exf5 17.e5 g5 18.fxg5 Nxe5 19.Nf4 Kochetkov,G (2350)-Kovalev,A (2390) (ch) 71/(6) Belarus 1997]
5...e5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nc3 Be6 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Rc8 11.Bd2 Black has an edge. **11...Qd7 12.Rc1 Rfd8 13.Re1 f6 14.Qa4 Ncb4** -0.01/22
[14...b6∓ -0.40/20]
15.Qxd7= Rxd7 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.f4 -0.65/23
[17.a4= -0.14/21]
17...b5 -0.25/21
[17...exf4∓ -0.65/23 was preferrable. 18.gxf4 b5]
18.Na3 -0.72/22
[18.Ne3!= -0.25/21 might be stronger. Nb6 *(18...exf4 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Bh3+-)* 19.fxe5]
18...a6 19.Nb1 -0.91/20
[19.fxe5∓ -0.51/19 fxe5 20.Nc2]
19...Bd6 -0.36/19
[Black should play 19...exf4∓ -0.91/20 20.gxf4 f5]
20.Rf1 -0.82/19
[20.f5∓ -0.36/19 Bf7 21.b3]
20...Rdc7 -0.35/22
[20...c4∓ -0.82/19 Strongly threatening ...Bc5+. 21.dxc4 Bc5+ *(21...bxc4? 22.f5∓; 21...Rxc4 22.f5∓)* 22.Kh1 Ne3 23.Bxe3 Bxe3]
21.f5∓ Bf7 22.Nc3 Nxc3 23.Bxc3 b4 24.Bd2 Kf8 25.Kf2 a5↑ Black has good play. **26.Rc4** -0.78/22 **Bxc4∓ 27.dxc4 a4 28.Bc1** -1.30/22
[28.Be4∓ -0.68/20]

(Diagram)



28...e4 -0.72/20 **29.Bxe4 Re8** -0.40/22
[29...Be5∓ -0.84/19]
30.Bd5 Be5 31.e4 -1.13/18
[31.h4!∓ -0.69/21]
31...g6 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.g4 g5 -0.42/21
[33...h5∓ -1.48/21 34.gxh5 Rh8 *(34...gxh5 35.Kf3∓)* 35.h6+ Rxh6 *(35...Kh7 36.fxg6+ Kxg6 37.Kf3±)* 36.Bxh6+ Kxh6]
34.h4∓ h6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

D37
□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
■ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.54) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nxb5 Nb6 8.Be2** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.Be3 Be7 10.a3 Qd7 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Qc2 Na5 13.Rd1 f5 14.exf6 gxf6 15.0-0 Rg8N**

[15...0-0-0 16.Nd2 f5 17.Bf3 Rhg8 18.g3 Bd6 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Nf3 Qc6 21.d5 exd5 22.Nd4 Qe8 23.Nxf5 c6 24.Ne4 Be7 25.Bc5 Bxc5 26.Nxc5+ Ka8 27.Rfe1 Qh5 28.Ne7 Rg4 29.Qc3 Rf8 30.Rd2 1-0 Harsha,B (2599)-Girel,J (2387) Rochefort op 21st 2023 (6)]

16.Ne4 -0.19/19

[16.g3± 0.39/22]

16...Qa4= 17.Qxa4+ -0.67/16

[17.Qb1!= -0.07/21]

17...Nxa4∓ 18.Nc3 Nxc3

[18...Nxb2 19.Rb1 Bxf3 *(19...Bxa3? 20.Nb5+-)* 20.Bxf3+- *(20.Rxb2? Rxg2+ 21.Kh1 Rxf2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *22.Bxf3 Rxf1+-+)*]

19.bxc3 Bd5

[19...Bxa3? 20.Ra1+-]

20.g3 Nb3

[20...Bxa3? 21.Ra1+-]

21.Nd2 -1.04/22

[21.a4∓ -0.67/19 might be stronger.]

21...Nxd2∓

[21...Bxa3 22.Nxc4 Bd6 23.Nxd6+ cxd6 24.c4±]

22.Rxd2 Kd7 -0.91/22

[⌓22...Rb8 -1.32/22 White must now prevent ...Rb3! 23.Bd1 Kd7]

23.a4 -1.49/21

[⌓23.Rb1 -0.91/22]

23...Rgb8 24.Bd1

(Diagram)

Prevents Rb3. **24...Rb3** -0.30/18

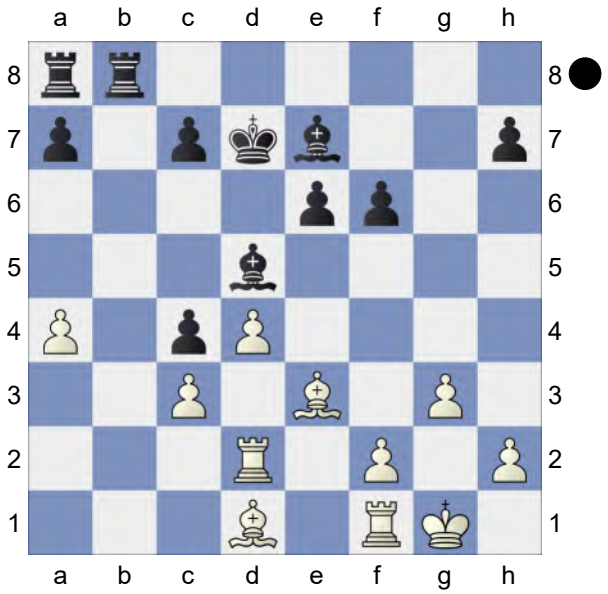
25.Bxb3= cxb3 26.Ra1 Prevents Ba3.

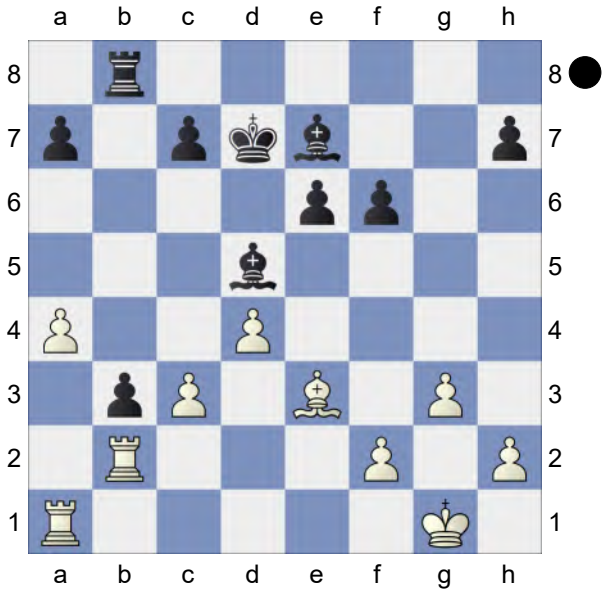
26...Rb8 And now ...b2 would win.

27.Rb2

(Diagram)

c5 0.00/23 **28.dxc5 Kc6 29.f4** -1.29/22





[29.a5= 0.00/23 remains equal.]

29...Bxc5∓ 30.Kf2 Bxe3+ 0.00/23

[30...a5∓ -1.11/19 31.Rab1 Ba3]

31.Kxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRB **31...Kc5 32.Kd2 Kc4 33.Re1**

[33.a5!? Bc6□ 34.Ra3=]

33...Rd8 34.Kc1 Kxc3 35.Re3+ Kb4

[35...Kd4 simplifies 36.Rexb3 Rc8+ 37.Kd2 Bxb3 38.Rxb3 Rc4]

36.Rd2 Ka3 Hoping for ...f5! Black has compensation.

[36...Kxa4 37.Kb2±]

37.Rc3? -4.20/22

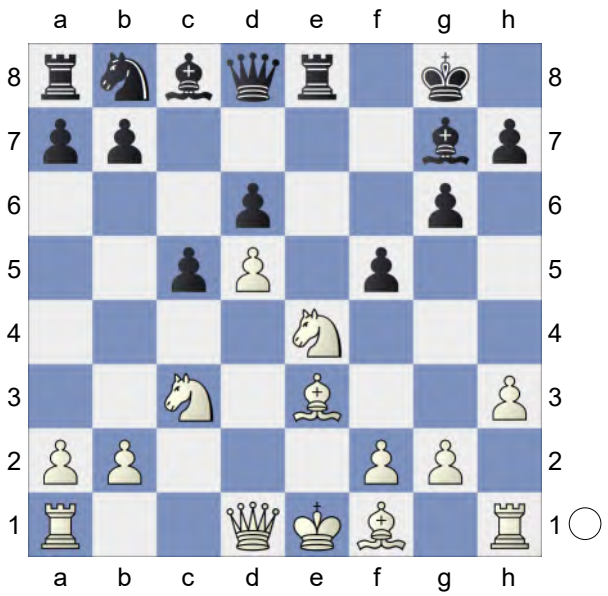
[37.f5!∓ -0.48/21 exf5 38.Kd1]
37...f5-+
[37...Kxa4 38.Kb2±]
38.a5 a6 39.Rd4 Rd6? 0.00/21
[39...h5-+ -4.32/22 40.h3 Rb8]
40.g4? -4.00/24 **fxg4 41.Kd2 Rd8 42.f5** fxe6 would now be deadly. **42...Rf8**
[42...exf5 43.Rdd3= *(43.Rcd3? Ka2-+)*]
43.fxe6 Bxe6 44.Rd6 -5.04/22
[44.Re3 -3.19/17 was the only defense. Bf5 45.Rc3]
44...Rf2+ 45.Kd1 Bf5 46.Rxa6 Ka2
[46...Rxh2 47.Rb6 Bc2+ 48.Kc1=]
47.Rb6 b2
[47...Rxh2? 48.Rbxb3 Rh1+ 49.Kd2 Rh2+ 50.Ke1+-]
48.a6 b1Q+ 49.Rxb1 Kxb1 KRB-KR
[49...Bxb1 50.a7 Be4 *(50...Rxh2 51.a8Q+ Kb2 52.Qa3#)* 51.Rc4-+]
50.Rc1+ -4.33/23
[50.Rb3+ -2.92/19 only move. Ka2 51.a7]
50...Kb2 51.a7 Be4
[Not 51...Rxh2 52.a8Q *(52.a8B? loses. Bc2+ 53.Rxc2+ Rxc2-+)* 52...Rc2 53.Ra1 Kc3 54.Qd5 Rb2 55.Ra3+ *(55.Qxf5 Kc4 56.Ra5 Kc3 57.Qc5+ Kd3 58.Ra3+ Rb3 59.Rxb3+ Ke4 60.Re3+ Kf4 61.Qe5#; 55.Qc5+ Kd3 56.Ra3+ Ke4 57.Ra4+ Rb4 58.Rxb4+ Kf3 59.Qxf5+ Kg3 60.Rxg4+ Kh3 61.Qh5#)* 55...Kb4 56.Qa5+ Kc4 57.Ra4+ *(57.Qxf5 h5 58.Qe4+ Kb5 59.Rc3 Rf2 60.Qc6+ Ka5 61.Rc5+ Kb4 62.Rb5+ Ka4 63.Qa6#)* 57...Kd3 58.Qxf5+ Ke3 59.Qf4+ Kd3 60.Qg3#]
52.Rc4 Bf3+ 53.Ke1 Rxh2 ...Re2+ is the strong threat. **54.Rb4+ Kc3 55.Rxg4 Bd5?** 0.00/34
[Better is 55...Bb7-+ -4.17/29 Threatens to win with ...Kd3. 56.Rg7 Bh1]
56.Rg5!= The position is equal. **56...Bh1 57.Ra5** Prevents Ra2. **57...Ba8** aiming for ...Kd4. **58.Rc5+ Kd3 59.Rc8 Re2+ 60.Kd1 Bf3** (→ ...Re8+) **61.Rd8+ Ke3 62.a8Q Ra2+ 63.Qxf3+! Kxf3** KR-KR **64.Rh8 Ra1+ 65.Kd2 Rh1 66.Rf8+ Kg3 67.Ke2 h5 68.Rg8+ Kh3 69.Kf2 h4 70.Rg1 Rh2+ 71.Kf3 Rb2 72.Rh1+** Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.31
½-½

E71
□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.55) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

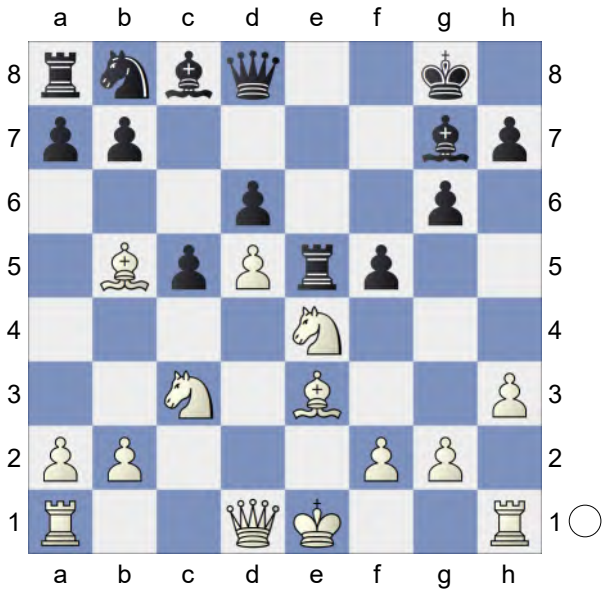
A70: Modern Benoni: 6 e4 g6 7 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.Nd2 Nxe4**
[10...a6 11.a4 Nxe4 12.Ncxe4 f5 13.Be2 fxe4 14.Nc4 Qf6 15.Qd2 Nd7 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.0-0 Bd7 20.Ra3 Rf8 21.Rb3 Bc8 22.Qc2 h5 23.Re3 Bf5 24.Bc4 Qe7 25.g4 0-1 Bluebaum,M (2640)-Xiong,J (2634) Tata Steel-B 80th Wijk aan Zee 2018 (13)]
11.Ndxe4 f5

(Diagram)

White is better. **12.Bb5! Re5N**
[12...fxe4 13.Bxe8 Qxe8 14.0-0 Na6 15.Bf4 Qf8 16.Qd2 g5 17.Bxg5 Bf5 18.Rae1 Re8 19.f3 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 e3

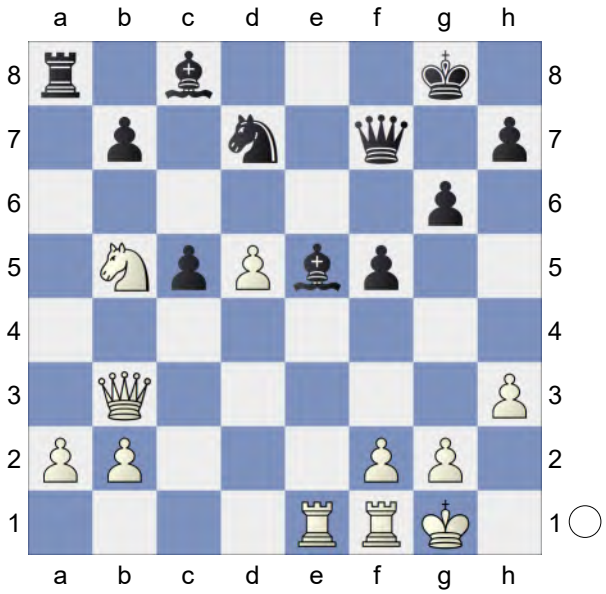


21.Bxe3 Bf6 22.Bh6 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Qf7 24.Ne4 Bh4 25.Nxd6 1-0 Krysa,L (2549)-Pinto,A (1944) POR-chT Sao Joao da Madeira 2023 (5.1)]



13.Nxd6! Qxd6 14.0-0 a6 15.Bf4 axb5 16.Nxb5 Qd7
[16...Qxd5? perishes. 17.Bxe5 Qxd1 18.Rfxd1+-]
17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qb3 Rae1 is the strong threat. **18...Qf7?** 2.77/21
[18...Bf6± 1.07/21]

19.Rae1+- Nd7



20.Re2! f4 21.Rfe1 Ra6? 4.05/17
[21...f3 2.27/18 22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Bd7]
22.Rxe5 Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Rf6 24.Qc3 f3? 6.50/18
[24...Bd7 3.84/19 25.Qxc5 Qf8]
25.Qxc5 White is clearly winning.
25...Qd7 26.Re7 Qf5 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Rxc8 fxg2 29.Rc7+ White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) / Black=0.52
1-0

C02
□ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.56) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.0-0 Nf5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4**
[9.Bd3 Nfe7 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Re1 Qb8 13.Qe2 Bc7

14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.h4 Rh5 16.Bg5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 f6 20.Re3 fxg5 21.hxg5 Rxg5 22.Nc5 0-0-0 23.Nxe6 Bxe6 1-0 Ernst,H (2746)-Kavakul,M (2768) La (ol) 2/333 Havana 1966 (6.3)]

9...Bb6

[9...Be7 10.Bd3 Nh4 11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.f4 Be7 13.Kh1 h5 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Na7 17.Qb3 Nc8 18.c4 a4 19.Qb2 Nb6 20.cxd5 Nxd5 21.Ne4 Rc8 22.Bd2 Qb6 23.Rae1 h4 24.h3 1-0 Mueller,P (2250)-Schwarzmeier,K (2155) AUT-chT2W 2425 Austria 2024 (1.2)]

10.Bd3 Nh4N ...Nxf3+ is the strong threat.

[10...0-0 11.Re1 #2 Quickstarter-French Defense: 1...e6]

11.Nbd2 White is slightly better.

11...Ng6 12.Re1 0-0 0.81/21

[12...Bc7= 0.29/20]

13.Nb3 0.20/21

[13.b5!± 0.81/21]

13...h6 14.a4 Bc7 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.b5 -0.28/22

[16.Ra2± 0.32/23]

16...Na5!= 17.Nc5 Bb6 -0.07/24

[17...Qe8∓ -0.43/22]

18.Ba3 -0.54/24

[18.Be3!= -0.07/24 might be stronger.]

18...Rf7∓ 19.Bb4 Qc8 20.Nb3 Nc4 21.h4 a5 22.bxa6! bxa6 23.a5 Bc7

[23...Ba7!?]

24.Nbd2 Rf4 0.12/25

[24...Nxd2∓ -0.36/24 25.Qxd2 Qb8]

25.Nxc4 dxc4 0.40/26

[25...Rxc4= -0.22/27 26.Qd3 Bb8]

26.Qc2± Qe8 27.Re4 Rxe4 28.Qxe4 Bc6 Black is weak on the dark squares

29.Qxc4 Bxf3 2.77/26

[29...Qd7± 1.17/21]

30.gxf3+-

[30.Qxc7 Bd5±]

30...Qf7 31.Bd6 Bxd6 32.exd6 0.21/20

[32.Qc6+- 2.61/23 Rd8 33.exd6]

32...Qxf3 Endgame. KQR-KQR **33.d7** 0.00/36

[33.Re1± 0.36/26 Qd5 34.Qxd5 exd5 35.Rb1]

33...Rf8= 34.Rf1 Kh7 35.Qd4

[35.Qxa6 Qg4+ 36.Kh1 Qxh4+ 37.Kg2 Qg4+ 38.Kh1 Rf5 39.Qd6 e5 *(39...Rxa5 40.d8Q=; 39...Rxa5 40.d8Q=)*]

35...Rf4 36.Rd1 -4.68/26 Active counter play!

[36.Qxf4= 0.00/50 Qxf4 37.d8Q *(37.d8B? e5-+)* 37...Qg4+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+ 39.Kh3 Qf3+ 40.Kh2 Qf4+ 41.Kh1 Qf3+ 42.Kg1 Qg4+ 43.Kh2 Qf4+]

36...Rg4+!-+

[36...Rxd4 37.Rxd4 e5 38.Rd6 *(38.d8Q exd4 39.Qxd4 Qh5=)* 38...Qg4+ *(38...Qxc3? 39.Rd1+-)* 39.Kf1 Qc4+ 40.Kg1 Qg4+ *(40...Qxh4? 41.d8Q+-)* 41.Kf1 Qc4+ 42.Ke1 Qxc3+ *(42...Qxh4? 43.d8Q+-)* 43.Rd2=]

37.Kf1

(Diagram)

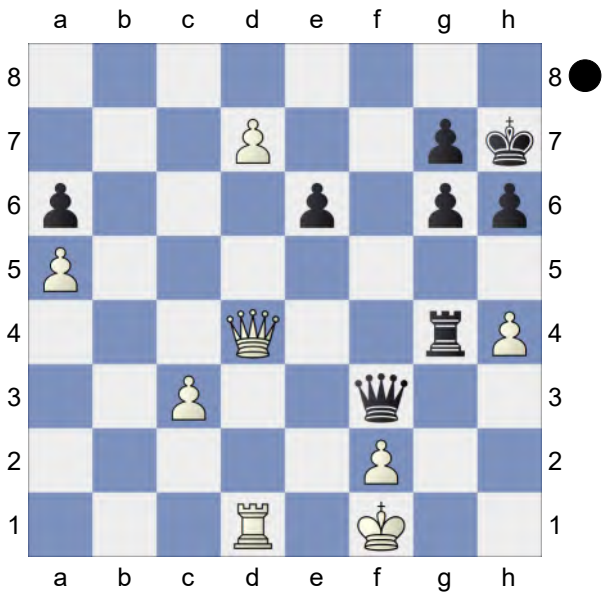
Rxh4! Deflection

[37...Rxd4 38.Rxd4 e5 *(38...Qxc3?* perishes. *39.d8Q+-; 38...Qh1+ 39.Ke2±)* 39.Rd6= *(39.d8Q exd4 40.cxd4 Qh1+ 41.Ke2 Qe4+ 42.Kd2 g5=)*]

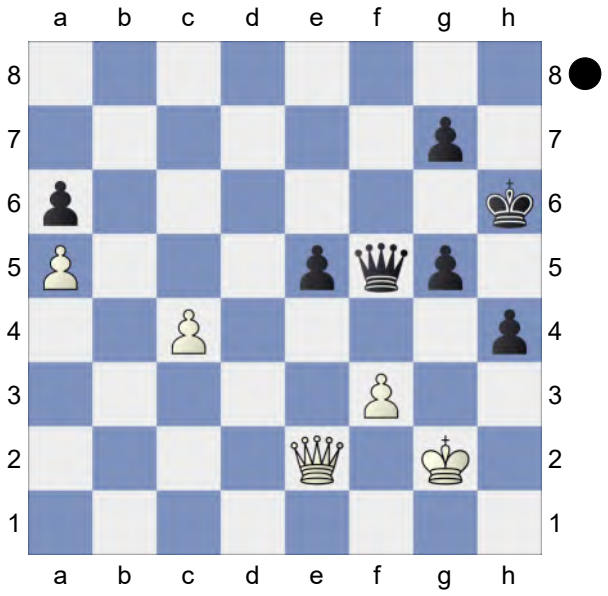
38.Qxh4 Qxd1+ KQ-KQ **39.Kg2 Qxd7 40.Qb4 Qd5+ 41.f3?** -6.29/21

[41.Kg1 -3.25/19]

41...Qd2+ 42.Kg3 h5 43.Qb6 Qe1+ 44.Kg2 h4 Threatens to win with ...



Qg3+. **45.Qd6 e5** ...Qg3+ would now be deadly. **46.Qd3 Qg3+ 47.Kh1 Qh3+ 48.Kg1 Qg3+ 49.Kh1 Qh3+ 50.Kg1 Qf5 51.Qe2 g5?** -1.22/25
[51...Qg5+-+ -6.39/28 has better winning chances. 52.Kh2 e4 53.fxe4 Qxa5]
52.c4? -3.37/27
[52.Kg2∓ -1.22/25 only move.]
52...Kh6 53.Kg2



Qf4? -0.29/19
[53...g6!-+ -2.29/22 And now ...Qf4 would win. 54.c5 e4 Discovered Attack 55.Qxe4 Qxc5]
54.c5= Qg3+ -0.09/23
[54...e4!∓ -0.46/26 55.Qxe4 Qd2+ *(55...Qxe4? 56.fxe4 Kh5 57.c6+-)* 56.Kh1 Qc1+ *(56...Qxa5 57.Qe6+ Kh7 58.Qe4+ Kh6 59.Qe6+ Kh7 60.Qe4+ g6 61.Qe7+ Kg8 62.Qe8+ Kg7 63.Qe7+ Kg8 64.Qe6+ Kh7 65.Qe7+ Kg8=)* 57.Kg2 Qxc5 58.Qe6+ g6 59.Qxa6 Qc2+ 60.Kf1 Qc3]
55.Kh1 The position is equal. **55...Qh3+ 56.Kg1 Qg3+ 57.Kh1! Qh3+ 58.Kg1 Qg3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

C84

□ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
■ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.57) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 Na5 9.Ba2 c5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.b4N**
[13.Nd5 g6 Modern Line 8. a3 Part 1-B3 *(13...Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Qd2 Rb8 17.Ng5 Bd7 18.f4 b4 19.Bc4 Na5 20.fxe5 Nxc4 21.dxc4 Bxe5 22.Nf3 bxc3 23.bxc3 Bg7 24.Qd3 Rb2 25.a5 Re8 26.Rfe1 Bc6 27.Nd2 Qg5 28.Re2* 1-0 Rostovtsev,D (2264)-Estrada Nieto,J (2215) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3); *13...Rc8 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.c3 Na5 16.b4 Nc6 17.h3 h6 18.Rfb1 Bg5 19.Qe2 Ne7 20.h4 Bxd5 21.hxg5 Bxa2 22.Rxa2 Ng6*

23.gxh6 gxh6 24.g3 Kh7 25.Nh2 Qg5 26.Qg4 cxb4 27.cxb4 Rc1+ 28.Rxc1 1-0 Friedsam,M (1800)-Erdmann,K (1244) Leverkusen-ch op 2005 (8) *)* 14.Qd2 Bg7 15.b4 Nc6 16.Ng5 Bd7 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.Ne1 Be6 19.c3 Kh8 20.Nc2 f5 21.a4 Ne7 22.Nxe7 Qxe7 23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.Ne3 Bh6 25.Qa2 Qxa2 26.Rxa2 Bxe3 27.fxe3 fxe4 28.dxe4 Rxf1+ ½-½ Grunfeld: 5.h4 c6 6.Bg5 O-O m (2325)-Tsiganova,M (2545) Tyniste n. Orlici 64/426 1995 (7)]

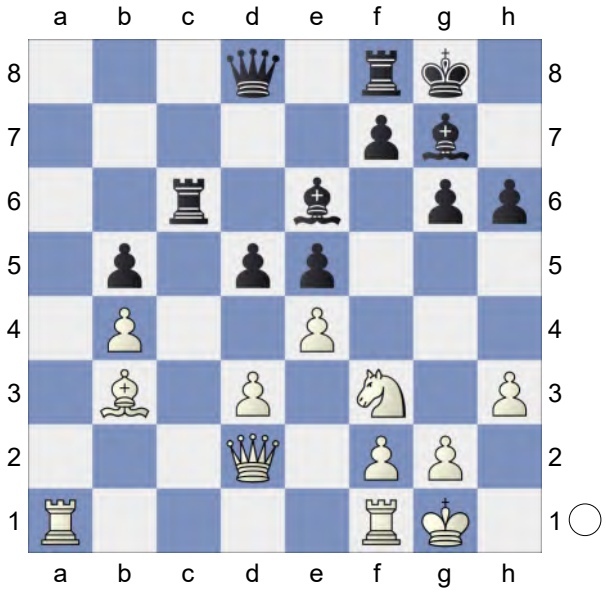
13...Nc6 14.Nd5 g6 15.c3 Bg7 16.Bb3 -0.21/22

[16.Qd2 0.18/21 is superior.]

16...Rc8 17.a4 cxb4 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxb4 Nxb4 20.cxb4

[20.Bxe6!? Rxc3 *(20...fxe6 21.cxb4 Qe7 22.Ra5±)* 21.Qd2 Rxd3 *(21...Qc7 22.Bc4±)* 22.Qxb4 fxe6 23.Qxb5∓]

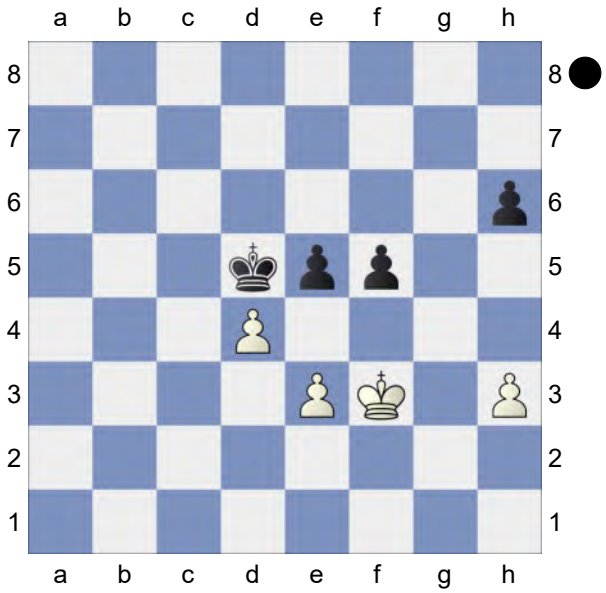
20...d5 21.Qd2 Prevents Rc3. **21...h6 22.h3 Rc6**



Strongly threatening ...dxe4. **23.Rfb1 Qd6 24.Ra5** The position is equal. **24...Rd8** And now ...dxe4 would win. **25.Qa2 Rb6**

[25...Qxb4? loses. 26.exd5+-]

26.Nd2 dxe4 27.Bxe6 Qxe6 28.Qxe6 Rxe6 29.Nxe4 Rb6 30.Nc3 Bf8 31.Rxb5 Rxb5 32.Nxb5= Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...Rb8 33.Nc3 Rxb4 34.Rxb4 Bxb4** KB-KN **35.Nd5 Bc5 36.g4 f5 37.gxf5 gxf5 38.Ne3 Bxe3 39.fxe3** K3P-K3P **39...Kf7 40.Kf2 Ke6 41.Kf3 Kd5 42.d4**



Deflection **42...exd4 43.exd4 Kxd4** aiming for ...Kd5. **44.Kf4 h5 45.h4 Kd5** (→ ...Ke6) **46.Kxf5** An interesting draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

C45

□ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**

■ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**

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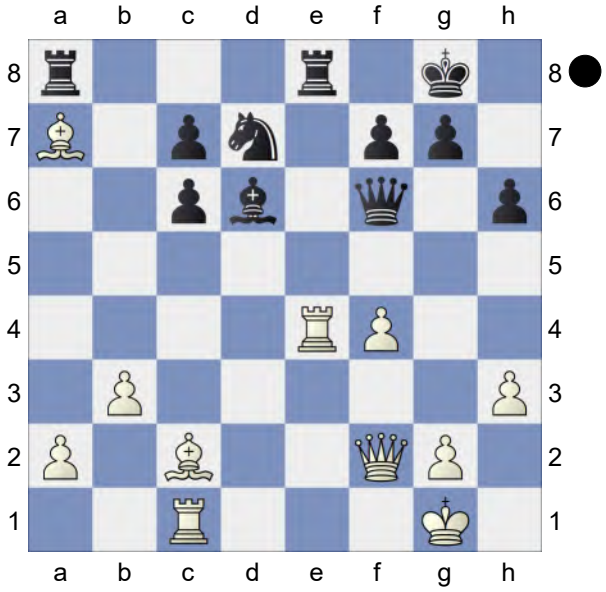
[Kitty Kat]

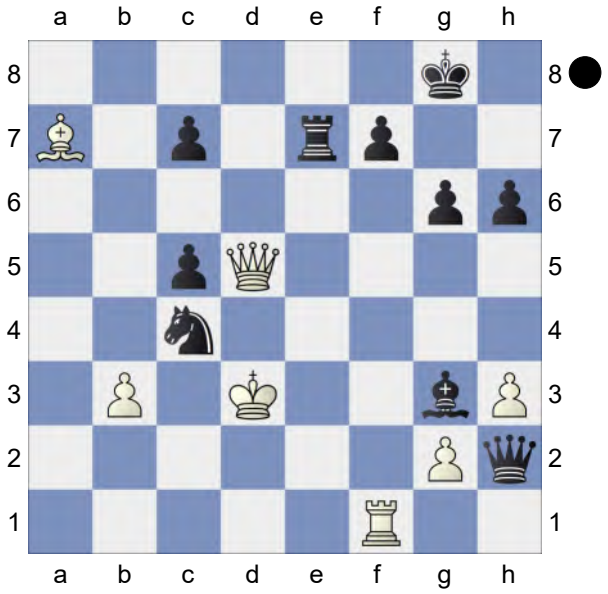
C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3 The year is 1972, Olga had taken an interest in correspondence chess. This game was part of the first International Correspondence Chess

Federation's women's world correspondence chess championship. As you can see from the following game, Olga has not lost her penchant for tactics and aggression. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3**
[5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.c4 Nb6 9.Nc3 Qe6 10.Qe4 Ba6 11.b3 0-0-0 12.Bb2 Re8 13.f4 f6 14.0-0-0 fxe5 15.c5 Bxf1 16.cxb6 Ba6 17.bxa7 Kb7 18.Rhe1 d5 19.Qxe5 Qxe5 ½-½ Morozevich,A (2742)-Khalifman,A (2688) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2002 (2)]
5...Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0-0N
[7...d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nb5 Be7 12.Nd4 Re8 13.Bb5 Rf8 14.Nc6 Qd6 15.Qd4 Kh8 16.Rfe1 Qc5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh4 Rg8 19.Bd3 Rg7 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Re5 Qd8 22.Rh5 1-0 5) Olga The Fourth-Rubtsova,O Queens of the Chess Board 2023]
8.0-0 Re8 9.Qf3 h6 10.h3 d6 11.Ne2 0.07/20
[11.Bd2± 0.43/19 was preferrable.]
11...Nd7 0.49/23
[11...d5= 0.07/20 12.exd5 cxd5]
12.Qg3± Qf6 White is slightly better.
13.c3 Bc5 14.Bc2 d5
[14...Ba6 is interesting. 15.Re1 d5 16.Bf4 dxe4 17.Bxc7 e3]
15.Be3 -0.48/22
[15.Bf4= -0.09/24]
15...Bd6∓ 16.f4! Hoping for e5.
16...dxe4 17.Qf2 -1.46/19
[Better is 17.Bd4∓ -0.46/18 Qg6 18.Qxg6 fxg6 19.b3]
17...Ba6∓ 18.Rfe1 Rab8 19.b3 Bxe2 Remove Defender **20.Rxe2 Qxc3 21.Rc1 Qf6** -0.64/19
[21...Qa5∓ -1.41/19 And now ...Nf6 would win. 22.Bxa7 Nb6 23.Bxb6 *(23.Bxb8? Bc5-+* Pin *)* 23...cxb6]
22.Bxa7∓ Ra8
[22...Bxf4 23.Rd1 e3 24.Bxe3∓]
23.Rxe4 -1.09/19
[23.Bd4!∓ -0.64/21 might be stronger. Qxf4 24.Qxf4 Bxf4 25.Rf1]



23...c5!↑ White must now prevent ... Rxe4. Keeping White busy.
[Don't do 23...Rxe4 24.Bxe4 Qxf4 *(24...Bxf4 25.Rf1=)* 25.Qxf4 Bxf4 26.Rd1]
24.Qf3 -3.57/21 This costs White the game.
[24.Ra4∓ -1.01/18]
24...g6 25.Rxe8+ -3.31/18
[25.Ra4 -2.24/19 was worth a try.]
25...Rxe8-+ 26.Rf1 Qb2 27.Bd3 -4.68/22
[⌓27.Bb1 -3.20/17]
27...Qxa2 28.Qc6 Re7
[28...Qxb3 29.Qxd7 Ra8 30.Bb1∓]
29.Qb7 Qd2 30.Bc4 Bxf4 Strongly threatening ...Qe3+. **31.Qd5** -5.19/21
[31.Qf3 -3.37/17 keeps fighting. Be3+ 32.Kh1 *(32.Kh2? Ne5-+)*]
31...Qe3+ Black is clearly winning.
32.Kh1 Qg3 33.Kg1 Qh2+ 34.Kf2

Bg3+ 35.Kf3 Ne5+ 36.Ke2 Nxc4+ Discovered Attack (Check) **37.Kd3**



Rd7!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

B12

□ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F** **2296**
■ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
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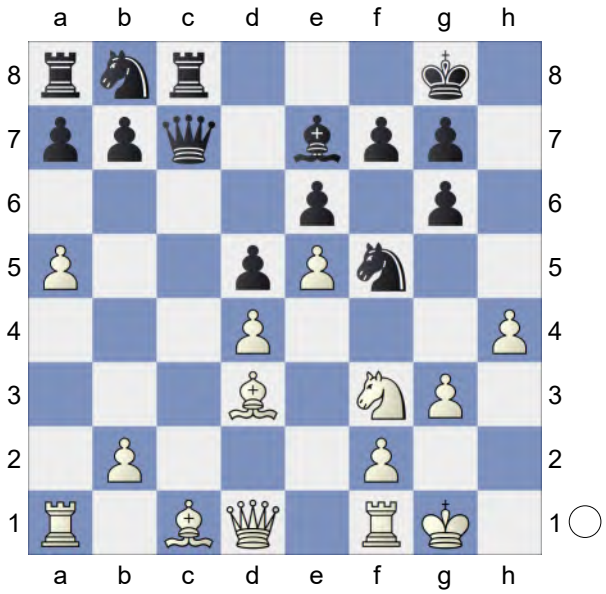
[Kitty Kat]

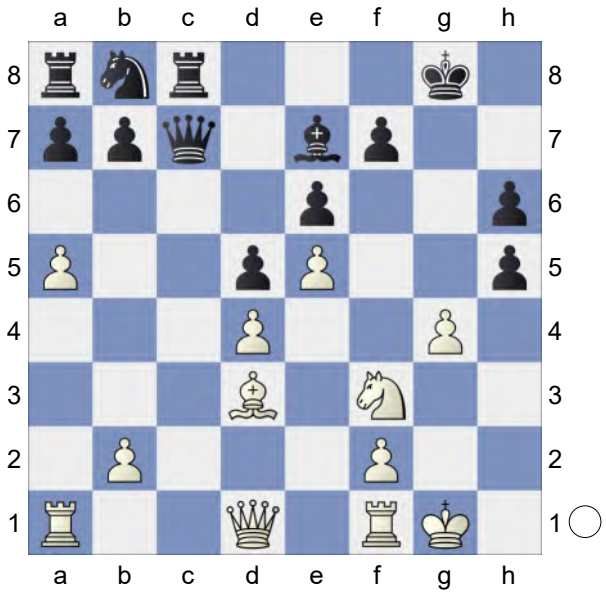
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation Anand,V: 'Inf 52/151' **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.Nh4 Bg6 8.Nd2 c5 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.c3 Nf5** White is better. **11.Nf3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6N** 1.44/19
[⌓12...Nb8 0.95/19]
[12...Be7 13.Bd3 Nb8 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.Bc3 a6 16.b3 Nh4 17.Nxh4 Bxh4 18.g3 Be7 19.a3 Qb6 20.b4 0-0 21.Qg4 Rfc8 22.Rac1 Bf8 23.h4 Ne7 24.h5 gxh5 25.Qxh5 g6 26.Qh4 Qd8 27.Bd2 ½-½ Buchicchio, G (2650)-Id2 (2730) 126/144 Cesenatico 2015 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Rc8 29.Rd1 Nf5 30.Qxd8 Rxd8 31.Bxf5 gxf5 32.Rc1 b5 33.Rc6 Ra8 34.Rb6 Be7 35.Kf1 Bd8 36.Rb7 Kg7 37.Ke2 Rc8 38.Kd3 Rc6 39.Rb8 Bc7 40.Ra8 Kg6 41.Rc8 f6 42.Bc3 ½-½ Anand,V (2650)-Karpov,A (2730) Bruxelles (m/7) 52/151 1991]
13.a4± Be7 14.g3 0-0 1.83/22
[14...a6± 1.35/20 might work better.]
15.a5+- Qc7 16.h4 Rfc8 2.22/21
[16...Rac8± 1.59/21 was necessary. 17.Bd3 Nb8]
17.Bd3 Nb8



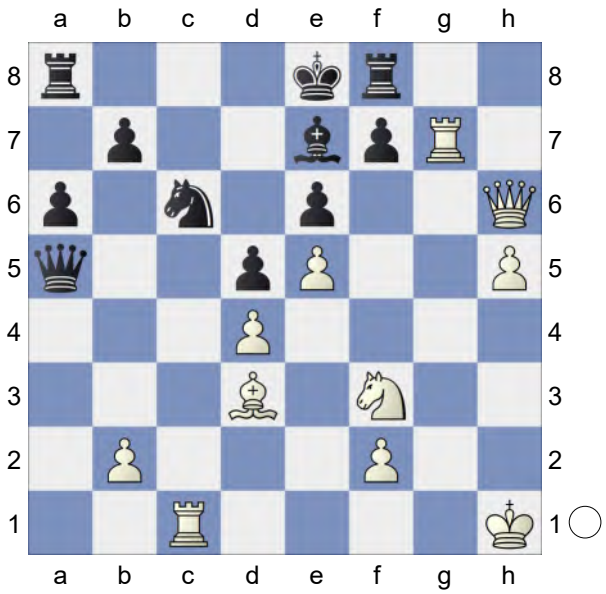
18.g4! Nh6 2.58/19
[⌓18...Nxh4 1.96/18 19.Nxh4 Bxh4]
19.h5 gxh5 20.Bxh6
[20.gxh5 Nf5 21.Kh1 Nc6 22.Bxf5 exf5±]
20...gxh6

(Diagram)

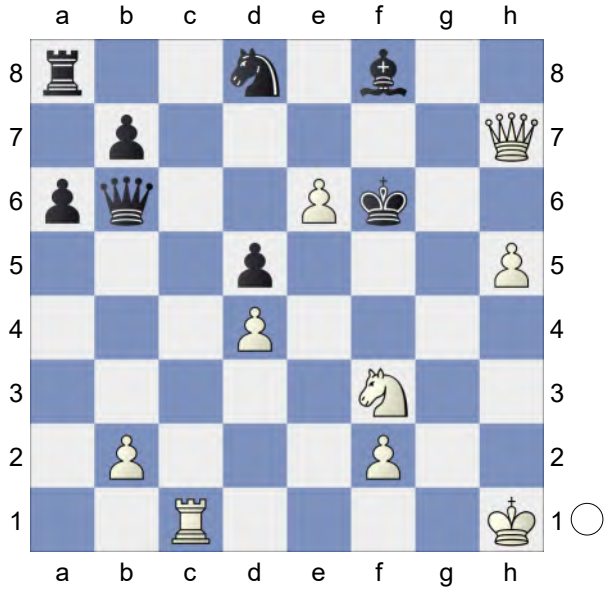
21.Qd2!
[21.gxh5?! Kh8±]
21...Kg7
[21...hxg4? 22.Qxh6 f5 23.exf6 *(23.Qxe6+ Kg7+-)* 23...Bxf6 24.Qxf6+-]



22.gxh5 Nc6 23.Kh1 And now Rg1+ would win. **23...Rh8 24.Rg1+ Kf8 25.Qf4 a6 26.Rac1 Ke8 27.Rg7 Rf8 28.Qxh6 Qxa5**



29.Rxf7!! Rxf7
[29...Kd7 30.Rxe7+]
30.Bg6 Pin **30...Nd8** 8.29/20
[⌓30...Kd8 4.41/20 31.Bxf7 Kc7 32.Qxe6 *(32.Bxe6 Rf8+-)* 32...Qb4]
31.Bxf7+ Discovered Attack **31...Nxf7 32.Qxe6 Nd8 33.Qg8+ Bf8 34.Qg6+** 5.11/17
[⌓34.e6 13.33/22 Ke7 35.Ne5 Bh6 36.Qh7+ Kxe6 37.Qxh6+ Ke7 38.Qg7+ Ke8 39.h6]
34...Kd7 35.Qf5+ Ke8 36.e6 Qb6 37.Qg6+
[37.Qxd5 Qb5 38.Qxb5+ axb5±]
37...Ke7 38.Qh7+ Kf6



39.e7! Ne6 40.exf8Q+ 11.25/20
[⌓40.Ne5 #13/19 Nxd4 41.Nd7+ *(41.exf8B Rxf8 42.Nd7+ Ke6 43.Nxf8+ Ke5 44.Nd7+ Ke6 45.Nxb6* Discovered Attack *Ne2 46.Qg6+ Ke5; 41.exf8N Kxe5 42.Nd7+ Kf4 43.Nxb6 Rc8 44.Rxc8 Ne6 45.Re8 Ke5; 41.exf8Q+ Rxf8 42.Nd7+ Ke6 43.Nxf8+ Ke5 44.Nd7+ Kd6 45.Nxb6 Nc6 46.Nc8+ Ke6)* 41...Ke6 42.Nxb6 Kd6 43.Qg6+ *(43.Nxa8 Bxe7 44.Qg6+ Ke5 45.Re1+* Skewer *Ne2 46.Rxe2+ Kf4 47.Qg3+ Kf5 48.Rxe7 d4 49.f4 Kf6 50.Qg5#)* 43...Ne6 44.Re1 *(44.Nxa8 Bxe7 45.Nc7 Kd7 46.Qxe6+ Kd8 47.Qxd5+ Kc8 48.Nxa6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Bc5 49.Rxc5#)* 44...Kc5 45.Rxe6 *(45.Nxa8 Bxe7 46.Qxe6 Kc4 47.Qxe7 d4 48.Qe6+ Kb4 49.Rc1 d3 50.Qc4+ Ka5 51.Ra1#)*]
40...Rxf8 41.Ne5 Qxd4 42.Nd7+ Kg5

43.Rg1+ Kh4 44.Qe7+ White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.71
1-0

A22
□ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom 2369**
■ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh 2301**
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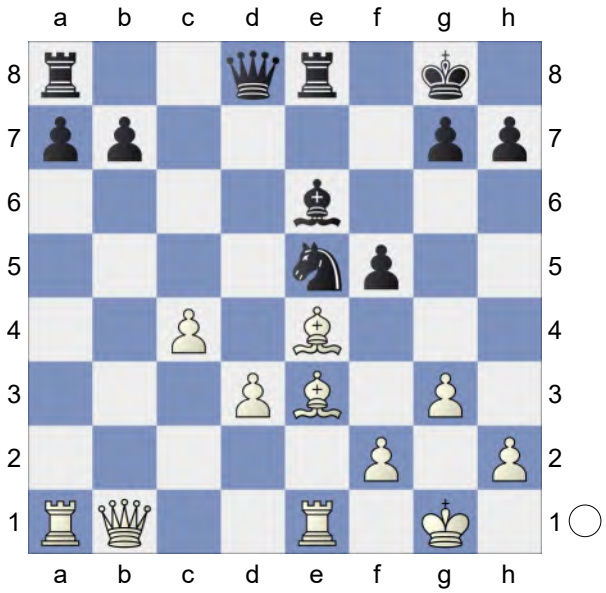
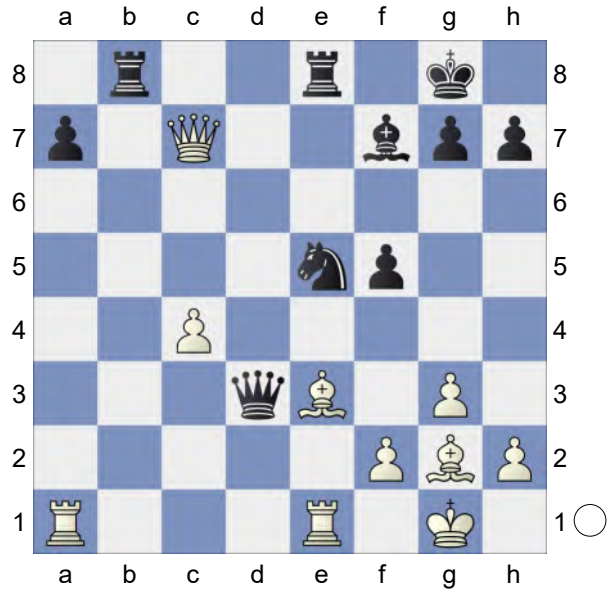
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 0-0 5.e4 Bxc3 6.bxc3 c6 7.a4N -0.42/25
[7.Ne2= 0.06/20]
[7.Nf3 Nxe4 8.0-0 d6 9.Nxe5 Nc5 10.Ng4 f5 11.Ne3 f4 12.d4 fxe3 13.dxc5 exf2+ 14.Rxf2 Rxf2 15.Kxf2 Qf8+ 16.Qf3 Qxf3+ 17.Bxf3 dxc5 18.Bf4 Nd7 19.Bd6 Nb6 20.Re1 Bd7 21.Bxc5 Re8 ½-½ Svidler,P (2757)-Aronian,L (2786) Moscow Candidates 2016 (4.1) 22.Rb1 Be6 23.Bxb6 axb6 24.Rxb6 Bc8 25.Rb4 Re5 26.Ra4 Kf7 27.Ra8 Bf5 28.Be2 Re7 29.c5 Kf6 30.a4 Re5 31.Rf8+ Kg6 32.Rb8 Rxc5 33.Rxb7 Rxc3 34.a5 Bd3 35.Bxd3+ Rxd3 36.a6 c5 8 Chapter A00-Games Chapter A00 Game]
[7.Ba3 Re8 8.Qb3 b6 9.Nh3 Na6 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Qc2 d6 12.d3 Bd7 13.f4 Qc8 14.Ng5 h6 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Nf3 Bh3 17.Bxh3 Qxh3 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Qf2 Ng4 20.Qxc5 Rab8 21.Rab1 Kh7 0-1 Kazoks,A-Antonov, V EU-FSM/43 corr ICCF 1990]
7...d5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.exd5 Black is slightly better. **9...Nxd5 10.Qb3** -0.70/21
[10.Nf3= -0.26/22 is superior.]
10...Nb6 -0.11/21
[10...Nf6∓ -0.70/21]
11.a5= Be6 12.Qb1 Bd5 13.Nf3! e4 14.Nh4 Nc4 15.0-0 Re8 16.Re1! Nc6 17.d3
[17.Bxe4 Bxe4 *(17...N6xa5 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Rxe8+ Qxe8 20.Bd3=)* 18.Rxe4 Qd5∓]
17...N4xa5 18.c4
[18.Bxe4 Nb3 19.Ra3 Bxe4 20.dxe4 Nxc1 21.Rxc1 Qg5∓]
[18.dxe4 Be6=]
18...Be6 19.Bxe4 Nd4 Against Qb5
20.Be3!
[20.Bxb7 Rb8 21.Ra2 Rxb7-+]
20...Nac6 21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Ne5 0.95/13
[22...Qd7= 0.29/12]
23.Be4±
[23.Qxb7 Nxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Qxd3=]
23...f5 2.08/18
[23...Qf6± 0.96/16]



24.Bg2!+-
[24.Bxb7?! Rb8±]
24...Qxd3 25.Qxb7 aiming for Bf4.
[25.Bxa7 Nf3+ 26.Bxf3 Qxf3∓]
[25.Bxb7?! Rab8±]

25...Rab8 26.Qc7 1.13/19
[White should play 26.Qxa7+- 1.93/22 Nxc4 27.Rad1 *(27.Bf4 Rbd8+-)*]
26...Bf7±



27.Bf4 0.05/24
[27.Rxa7 Rbc8 28.Qa5 Bxc4=]
[White should try 27.c5!± 1.16/18]
27...Rbc8 0.98/20
[27...Nf3+= 0.05/24 28.Bxf3 Qxf3]
28.Qb7 White is more active.
[28.Qxa7 Nf3+ 29.Bxf3 Qxf3=]
28...Ng6 2.20/20 This move loses the game for Black.
[28...Nxc4± 0.88/19 29.Red1 *(29.Qxa7 h6±)* 29...Qe2]
29.Bf1→ White wants a kill. A strong pair of Bishops.
[29.Qxa7 Nxf4 *(29...Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 Nxf4 31.gxf4∓)* 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8-+]
29...Qd8 30.Rxa7
[Worse is 30.Qxa7 Nxf4 31.Rxe8+ *(31.gxf4 Qd6=)* 31...Qxe8=]
30...Rf8 31.Bc1 Rb8 32.Qf3 Qf6 33.c5 Strongly threatening c6. **33...Rb3** 2.26/21
[33...Ne5± 1.49/18 was necessary. 34.Qc3 Nc6 35.Qxf6 gxf6]
34.Qe2 f4 2.05/17
[⌓34...Qc3 1.67/17 35.Rc7 h6]
35.Qe4 fxg3 1.86/22
[35...h5± 1.48/22 36.Bxf4 *(36.gxf4 Re8+-)* 36...Nxf4]
36.hxg3 Black must now prevent Be3.
36...Kh8 3.02/21
[36...Rbb8 1.63/19 keeps fighting. 37.Ra6 Rfe8 38.Qxe8+ Rxe8 39.Rxe8+ Bxe8]
37.Ra8 Rxf8+ would now be deadly.
37...Rbb8 38.Rxb8 Rxb8 39.Bg2 Nf8 40.Bf4 Rd8 Black is weak on the dark squares **41.Be5** White is clearly winning. **41...Qg5 42.c6 Be6 43.c7 Rc8 44.Qf4 Qxf4 45.Bxf4 Kg8 46.Bb7 Re8 47.Bd6 Kf7 48.Bxf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

E91
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.61) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6...Bg4 Nisipeanu,L.-D: 'Inf 69/(518)' Bareev,Evgeny: 'Ftacnik,Lubomir: 'Bareev,E: 'Chess Informant'" **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 Bg4N**
[6...e5 7.d5 a5 8.h3 Na6 9.Bg5 Qe8 10.g4 Nc5 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.Be3 Qe7 13.h4 Ne8 14.Nf1 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Ng3 e4 Nisipeanu,L (2545)-Gross,D (2360) 69/(518) Zalakaros 1997]
[6...c5 7.0-0 *(7.d5 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.exd5 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 a6 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Ne4 h6*

15.Bh4 Ne5 16.Nxf6+ Kh8 17.Qe4 Bxf6 18.Bxf6+ Qxf6 19.f4 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rfe8 21.f5 g5 0-1 Zacurdajev,D (2273)-Dzagnidze,N (2525) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (10) *)* 7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 Nxd4 *(9...Bd7 10.Rc1 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 a5 13.c5 e5 14.Bf2 Bh6 15.Rc2 d5 16.Bh4 d4 17.Nb5 Be3+ 18.Kh1 g5 19.Bf2 Bxf2 20.Rxf2 Ne8 21.a4 Qe7 22.Bc4 Kh8 23.Qd2 Qxc5 24.Qxg5* ½-½ Shirov,A (2580)-Damljanovic,B (2515) Interzonal-15 Manila 1990 (12) *)* 10.Bxd4 Bd7 11.Qd2 Bc6 12.f3 a5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Rab1 Qb6 16.Rfc1 Rfc8 17.Rc2 Qd8 18.Bf1 h5 19.a3 Kh7 20.Ne2 Qh8 21.Nf4 1-0 Bareev,E (2675)-Karpov,A (2780) Tilburg 1994 (6)]

7.0-0 Nfd7 8.Be3 c5 9.d5 Na6 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nc7 12.Be2 e6 13.dxe6

[13.Qc2 simplifies exd5 14.exd5 f5 15.g3]

13...Nxe6 14.Qxd6 Ne5 1.55/21

[⌓14...Nd4 0.93/19]

15.Qxd8±

[15.Bxc5 Qc8 16.Be3 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4±]

15...Rfxd8 16.f4 Nc6 17.e5 1.04/19

[⌓17.Rad1 1.57/18]

17...Ncd4 1.44/21

[Better is 17...Ned4 1.04/19]

18.Bd3 Nf3+ 19.Rxf3

[19.gxf3 Rxd3 20.Kf2 Rad8±]

19...Rxd3 20.Kf2 1.23/19

[White should try 20.Nd5+- 1.66/22]

20...g5 2.24/21 **21.g3**

[21.fxg5?! Bxe5 22.Ke2 Rd6±]

21...h5 2.79/22

[21...Nd4 1.99/19 keeps fighting. 22.Bxd4 Rd2+ 23.Ke1 Rxd4]

22.Ke2!+-

[22.fxg5?! Bxe5 23.Nd5 Bxb2±]

22...Rd7 23.Nd5

[23.fxg5 Bxe5 24.Rd1 Rxd1 25.Kxd1 *(25.Nxd1 a6±)* 25...Bxc3 26.bxc3 Re8±]

23...b5 24.Rd1 aiming for Nf6+.

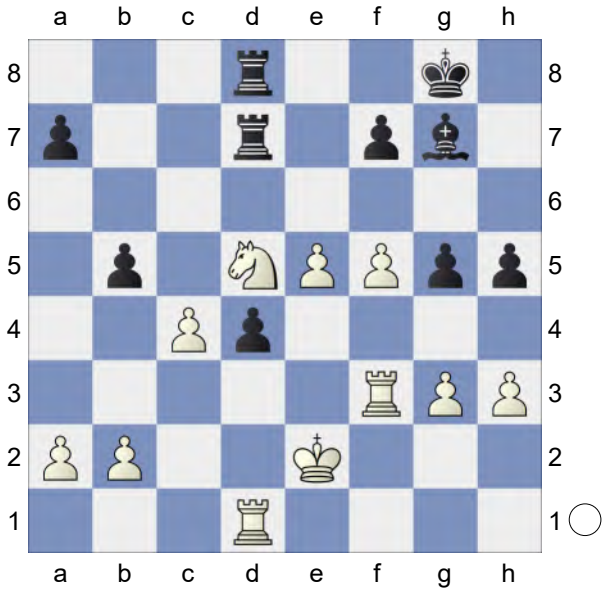
[24.fxg5 bxc4 25.Rd1 Rb7=]

24...Rad8 25.f5 1.53/23

[25.fxg5 Bxe5 26.b3 Kg7±]

[White must play 25.b3!+- 2.72/23]

25...Nd4+± 26.Bxd4 cxd4



27.f6? 0.00/21

[27.Rxd4 bxc4± *(27...Bxe5 28.Ne7+* Pin *Kg7 29.Rxd7=; 27...Bxe5? 28.Ne7+* Pin *Kg7 29.Rxd7+-)*]

[27.e6 fxe6 *(27...Re8 28.Re3∓)* 28.fxe6 Re8∓]

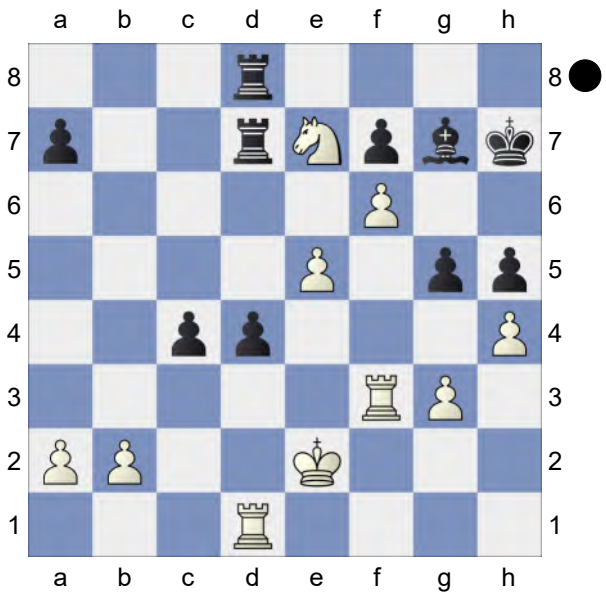
[White has to play 27.b3!+- 1.65/20 f6 is the strong threat. Bxe5 28.f6]

27...bxc4= 28.Ne7+ Kh7 29.h4? -1.59/23

[29.Nc6= 0.00/21 d3+ 30.Kd2]

(Diagram)

29...Bf8 -0.27/21



[29...g4!∓ -1.59/23 30.Rf5 Bh6]

30.Rdf1 -3.11/20 White does not recover from this.

[30.hxg5 Bxe7 31.fxe7 Rxe7∓]

[30.Nc6 d3+ 31.Kd2 Rc8=]

[30.Rc1= -0.27/21]

30...Rb8-+ 31.b3 d3+ 32.Kd2 cxb3 33.hxg5? -6.09/19

[33.Rxd3 -2.78/20 bxa2 *(33...Rxd3+? 34.Kxd3 bxa2 35.Ra1∓)* 34.Ra1 *(34.Rxd7?* perishes. *Rb1-+)* 34...Rb2+ 35.Kc3 Rxd3+ 36.Kxd3]

33...bxa2 34.e6 Rb2+ Black mates. **35.Ke3 Re2+** Skewer **36.Kf4 Rd4+ 37.Kf5 fxe6#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/Black=0.24 (precise)

0-1

A45

□ **George Samir,David** **2272**

■ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**

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[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N**

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub ICCF 1993*)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 Zhang,P (2562)-Ni, H (2390) Perenyi Memorial Gyula 2000 (7) *)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 e6 5.h4 Bb4 0.40/20

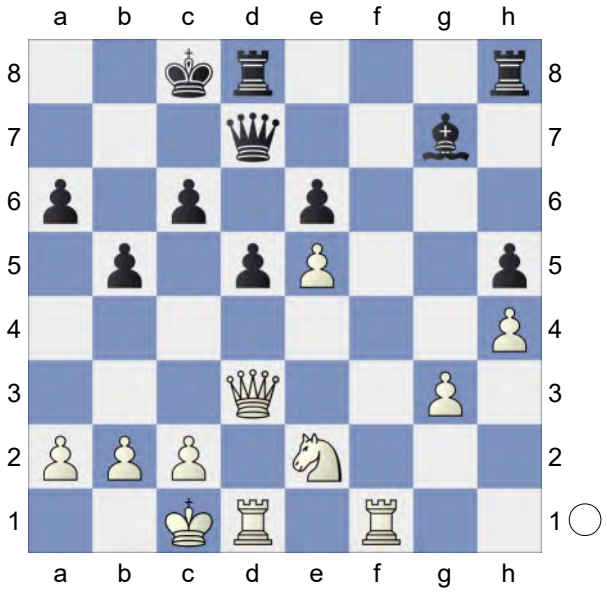
[Better is 5...c5∓ -0.50/22]

6.f3 -0.54/19

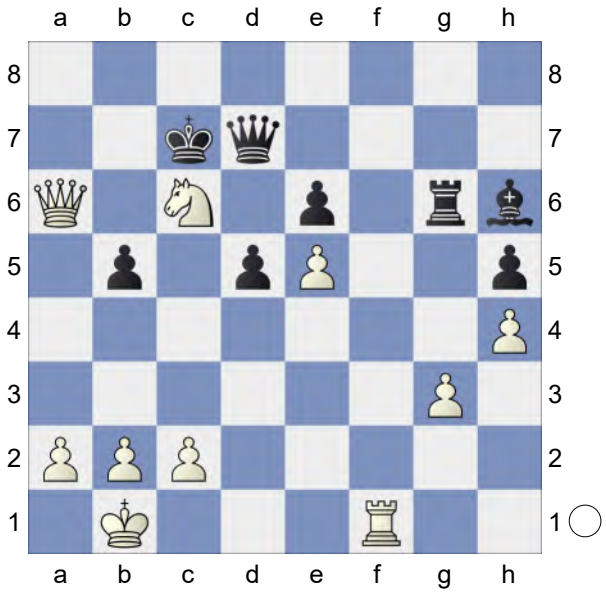
[White should play 6.h5± 0.40/20]

6...Nh5∓ 7.Be5 Nd7 8.Nge2 Black is slightly better. **8...Nxe5 9.dxe5** Black must now prevent g4. **9...Be7 10.g3 g6 11.Qd2 Ng7** -0.09/21

[11...b5∓ -0.82/23]
12.0-0-0 -0.49/22
[12.e4!= -0.09/21]
12...h5 13.e4 c6 14.f4 b5 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.f5 gxf5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Bh3 Be6 0.34/21
[19...Qc7= -0.10/20 might be stronger.]
20.Ne2± Qd7 0.63/24
[20...Qc7= 0.27/21 was preferrable.]
21.Rhf1 0-0-0 22.Qd3 Bf8 23.Bxf5 Bg7 24.Bxe6 fxe6



25.Nf4! Rdg8 1.43/19 Black is now going downhill.
[25...Bh6± 0.65/22]
26.Kb1± White has more active pieces.
26...Rh6 2.05/22
[26...Kb7± 1.52/19]
27.Qe2 Qe8 2.44/20
[⌓27...Qc7 1.98/21]
28.Qe3+- Threatens to win with Qa7.
28...Qe7 29.Nd3
[29.Qb6 Qb7 30.Qc5 Qd7=]
29...Rg6? 3.69/19
[29...Rhh8 2.07/19 was called for. 30.Rde1 *(30.Qb6 Qb7+-)* 30...Bh6]
30.Rf3
[30.Qb6 Qb7 31.Qc5 Rxg3±]
30...Bh6 31.Qf2 Rf1 would now be deadly. **31...Rf8 32.Rxf8+ Bxf8 33.Rf1 Bh6** 4.53/21
[33...Rg8 2.46/17 was worth a try. 34.Nf4 Bg7]
34.Qb6 Qc7 6.85/20
[34...Qb7 3.60/17 35.Qc5 Qd7]
35.Qxa6+ White is clearly winning.
35...Kb8 36.Nb4 Qd7 37.Nxc6+ Kc7



38.Rf7!! Qxf7 39.Qa7+ Skewer
[39.Qxb5? t o o g r e e d y . Rxg3 *(39...Qe8? 40.Qa5+ Kxc6 41.Qa4+* Skewer *Kc5 42.Qxe8+-)* 40.a4 Qd7-+]
39...Kxc6 40.Qxf7 Rxg3 41.Qxe6+ Kc5 42.b4+ Kxb4 43.Qxh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.52
1-0

E46
□ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**
■ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
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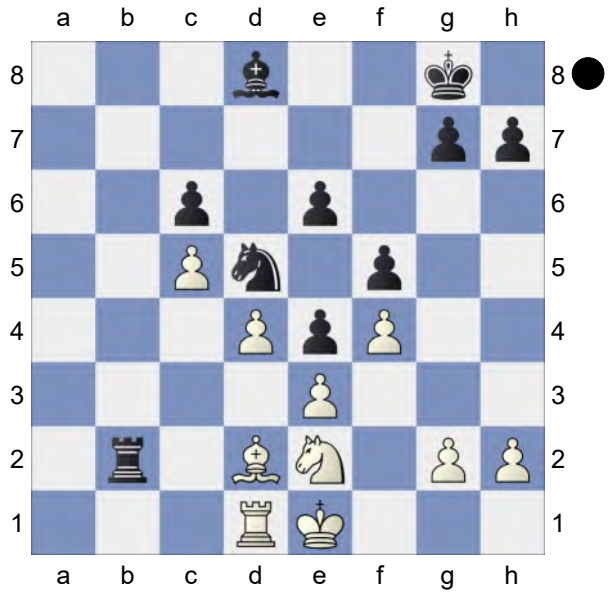
[Kitty Kat]

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Bd6 7.c5 Be7 8.b4 Nbd7 9.Nf4 c6 10.Nd3 Qc7 11.f4 b6 12.Be2 a5 13.Bd2 Ba6 14.0-0 Bc4 15.Be1N**
[15.Ne5 axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1 17.Qxa1 Bxe2 18.Nxe2 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ne4 #6 6) La Variante Reshevsky 4.e3-Nimzo 4.e3 O-O 5. Ce2 6.a3]
15...axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1 17.Qxa1 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Nc1 Bxe2 -0.14/21
[19...Bd5∓ -0.73/23]
20.Nxe2= Qb7 21.Nc3 Ra8 22.Qd1 bxc5 23.bxc5 f5 24.Bd2 Qb2 25.Qc1 Rb8 26.Qxb2 Rxb2 27.Rd1 Bd8 28.Kf1 Nf6! ...Ba5 is the strong threat. **29.Ne2 Nd5 30.Ke1** -1.08/23
[30.Nc3∓ -0.68/26]



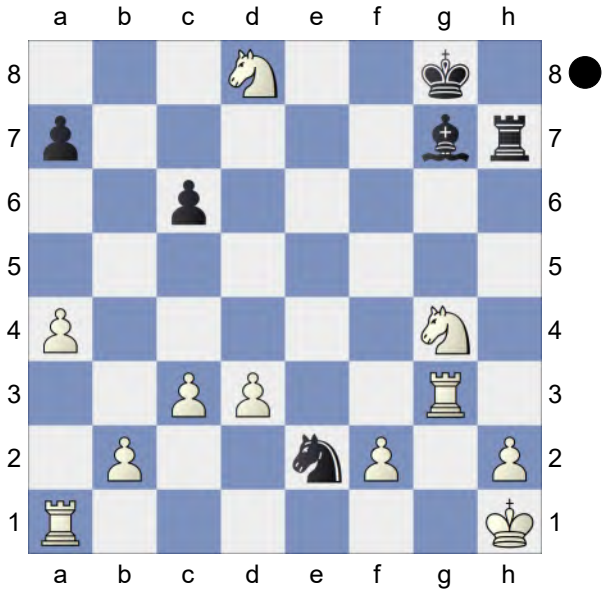
30...Kf7 -0.21/21
[Better is 30...Ra2!∓ -1.08/23 Hoping for ...Ba5. 31.Rb1 Kf8]
31.Ra1 Dodges Ba5. The position is equal. **31...Ke8 32.Kd1 g5 33.g3 g4 34.Ra7 Rb3 35.Nc1 Rb2**
[35...Nxe3+? perishes. 36.Ke2 Rb1 37.Kxe3+-]
36.Rxh7 Ba5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

C58
□ **Arun,Kataria** **2370**
■ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.64) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0
A1) 6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf5 17.Nxe5 Bxe4 18.Nd3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nb4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.c3 Nd3 24.b3 Nb2 25.Bxc7 Rd3* 1-0 Arjun,K (2505)-Sai Agni, J (2226) Elllobregat op 3rd Sant Boi de Llobregat 2022 (7)*)*
11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 fxe5 14.Re1 Rae8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nxe5 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Bd2 c5 19.b3 Bf5 20.Nc6 a6 21.Bc3 ½-½ Naiditsch,A (2667)-Naumann,A (2513) Bundesliga

2223 Germany 2022 (10.1);
A2) 6...Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Be7 0.70/22
[8...Nd5= 0.21/21 9.Nf3 *(9.Nxh7? Nf4-+* Discovered Attack *)* 9...Bd6]
9.0-0± h6 10.Ne4 Nd5 White is better. **11.Ng3 0-0 12.Bf5 Nc4 13.Bxc8 Rxc8 14.Qe2 Nd6 15.Qxe5 Re8** 1.27/23
[⌓15...Qd7 0.90/19]
16.Qh5± g6 17.Qf3 h5 18.d3 h4 19.Ne4 Nb5 20.c3 Dodges Nd4 **20...f5** Inhibits Qg4. **21.Ned2 h3** 2.15/19 **22.Nc4**
[22.Qxh3 Nf4 23.Qf3 Nxd3=]
22...hxg2 23.Kxg2 1.50/19
[23.Qxg2+- 1.92/20 g5 24.Qh3]
23...Kg7 24.Rg1 aiming for Kh1. **24...Bf6** 2.65/19
[24...Bd6 1.87/18 was called for. 25.Nxd6 Qxd6]
25.Kh1+- Qd7 26.a4 Nbc7 27.Qg3 Rh8 28.Qxg6+ Kf8 29.Re1 Qh7 30.Qxh7 Rxh7 31.Nd6 Rd8 32.Nxf5 Kf7 33.Nh6+ Kg7 34.Rg1+ Kh8 35.Ng4 Bg7 36.Nd2 Nf4 37.Ne4 White is clearly winning. **37...Nh3 38.Rg3 Ne6 39.Bd2 Nef4 40.Bxf4 Nxf4 41.Ng5 Ne2 42.Nf7+ Kg8 43.Nxd8**



Nf6+ would now be deadly. **43...Nxg3+ 44.fxg3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

D47
□ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar** **2241**
■ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (3.65) 5.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D47: Semi-Slav: Meran System **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Be2 dxc4 7.Bxc4**
[7.a4 Bd6 8.Nd2 0-0 *(8...e5 9.Nxc4 Bc7 10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 exd4 12.exd4 Re8 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Nf8 15.Ra2 Ng6 16.Bg3 Be6 17.Bf3 Ne7 18.Re2 Bxg3 19.hxg3 Nf5 20.Rd2 Nd5 21.Ne4 Nb6 22.Ne5 Bd5 23.a5* 0-1 Biedenkopf,P (1959)-Kjartansson,G (2402) Reykjavik op 2023 (4) *)* 9.Nxc4 Bc7 10.b3 Nd5 11.Bb2 a5 12.0-0 b5 13.Nd2 b4

14.Nce4 f5 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Qe7 17.Nf3 Qxc5 18.Rc1 Qe7 19.Rxc6 Bb7 20.Rc2 Rac8 21.Nd4 Kh8 ½-½ Gukesh,D (2730)-Fedoseev,V (2674) Menorca op 2nd Ciutadella de Menorca 2023 (9)]

7...b5 8.Bb3 a6 0.48/24

[8...b4= -0.24/24 9.Ne2 c5]

9.0-0 Bb7N 0.81/22

[9...c5!± 0.32/20 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 Be7 *(11...Qc7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nd5 exd5 14.exd5+ Be7 15.Bg5 Nc5 16.d6 Qxd6 17.Nxd4 Nce4 18.Ne6 Qc6 19.Nxg7+ Kf8 20.Bh6 Kg8 21.Qf3 Bc5 22.Rac1 Bxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Nxf2 24.Rxc6 N6g4 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Rc7+* 1-0 Geller,E-Fuderer,A Gothenburg Interzonal 1955 (18)*)* 12.e4 c4 13.Bc2 Qc7 14.Bg5 Bb4 15.a3 Ba5 16.Bd2 Rd8 17.e5 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nd5 19.Ng5 Nf8 20.Qg4 Ne7 21.a4 h5 22.Qh3 b4 23.cxb4 Rxd4 24.Qe3 Rd8 1-0 Lutikov,A-Tarasov,V RSFSR-ch16 Kislovodsk 1956 25.Bc3 Nd5 26.Qd4 Rd7 27.Ne4 Nxc3 28.Qxc3 Bxe4 29.Bxe4 Ke7 30.b5 Rxd1+ 31.Rxd1 f5 32.Bc6 axb5 33.axb5 Kf7 34.Rd6 Qa7 35.g3 Qc5 36.Qd4 Qxd4 37.Rxd4 Ng6 38.f4 Nh4 39.Rxc4 Ng6 1-0 Martin Clemente,F-Zambon La 53/543 Havana 1991]

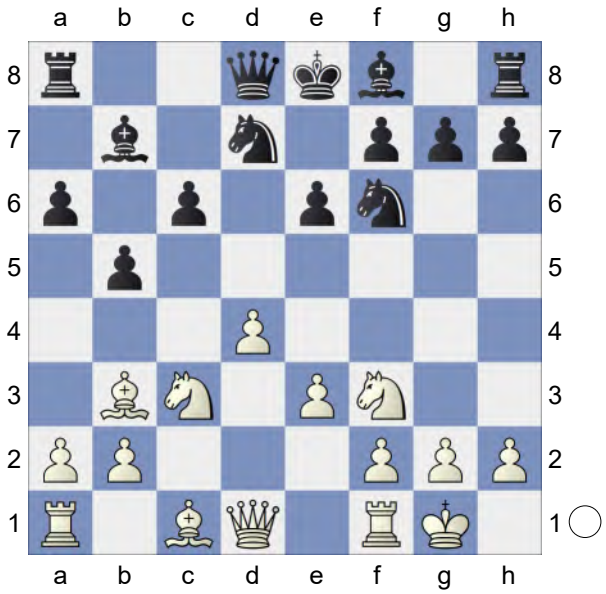
(Diagram)

10.a3 -0.40/18

[10.e4!± 0.81/22]

10...c5∓ 11.Re1 Black is slightly better.

11...Bd6 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb8 14.h3 0-0 15.Qe2 Rd8 16.Bc2 Ne5 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rad1 Bc5 20.Nf3 Ng6 Black is more active.



[20...Nxf3+ with more complications. 21.Qxf3 Qe5 22.Nd5 exd5 23.exd5 Qg5]

21.Rxd8+ Qxd8 22.Rd1 Qc7 ...Nf4 is the strong threat. **23.Qd2 Kg7 24.Ne2 Be7**

[24...Rc8 is interesting. 25.Bb1 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 27.Rc1 Bd6]

25.Qc3 Rc8 26.Qxc7 Rxc7 27.Bb1 Ne5 -0.30/21

[27...b4∓ -0.78/22 28.a4 a5]

28.Nxe5= fxe5 29.g3 a5 30.Bd3 Rd7 ...Bxe4 would now be deadly. **31.f3** -1.68/25

[31.Nc3∓ -0.61/23]

(Diagram)

31...b4 -0.72/21

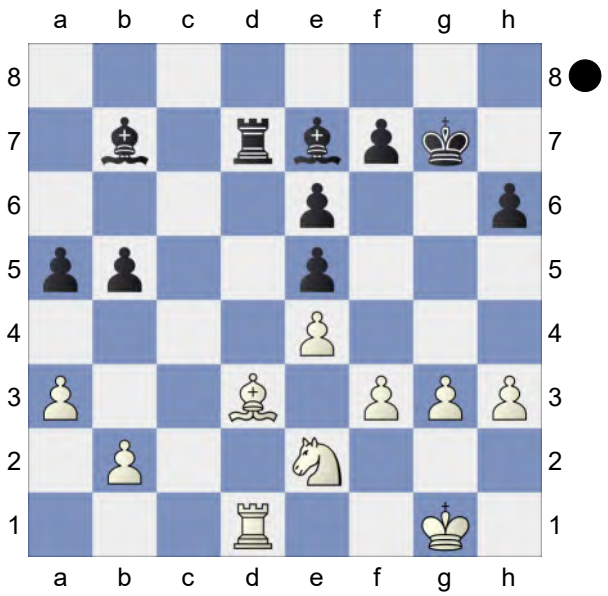
[31...f5!-+ -1.68/25 is more deadly. And now ...fxe4 would win. 32.Nc3 b4 33.axb4 axb4 *(33...Bxb4 34.Bc2∓)*]

32.axb4∓ axb4 -0.28/25

[32...Ba6∓ -0.74/24 33.Bc2 *(33.b5? Bxb5 34.Bc2 Rc7-+)* 33...Rc7]

33.Bc2 Rc7 34.Ba4 -1.22/22

[White should try 34.Bd3∓ -0.43/21]



34...f5 35.exf5 exf5 -0.28/20
[35...Bxf3∓ -1.03/24 36.Kf2 Bd5 37.fxe6 Bc5+ *(37...Bxe6 38.g4∓)* 38.Ke1 Bxe6]
36.Kf2 Bc5+ 37.Kg2 Ba6 38.Nc1 Bd4 -0.07/19
[38...e4∓ -0.55/20 39.fxe4 fxe4]
39.Nd3= Bb7 40.h4 Kf6 41.Bb3 e4 42.Nxb4 -0.73/25
[42.fxe4= -0.07/23 keeps the balance. Bxe4+ *(42...fxe4 43.Nxb4 Ke5 44.Nc2∓)* 43.Kf1]
42...exf3+∓ 43.Kf1 Bxb2 -0.02/21 A strong pair of Bishops.
[43...Be3∓ -0.94/24 Hoping for ...f4. 44.Nd5+ Bxd5 45.Rxd5 Rg7 46.Rd6+ Ke5 47.Re6+ Kd4 48.Rd6+ Kc5 49.Rd5+ Kb4]
44.Nd5+= Bxd5 45.Bxd5 Endgame. KRB-KRB **45...Be5 46.Bxf3 Bxg3 47.h5 Rc2 48.Be2 f4 49.Rd3 Kg5 50.Bf3 Rf2+ 51.Kg1 Kh4 52.Rc3 Rb2 53.Rd3?** -4.05/25 This move loses the game for White.
[53.Kf1= -0.22/27 and White is okay.]
53...Bf2+-+ 54.Kf1 Be3 55.Be2 -5.33/22
[55.Bd5 -3.78/21 was worth a try. Kxh5 56.Ke1]
55...Kg3 White must now prevent ...f3! Black is clearly winning. **56.Ke1 Kg2 57.Bf1+ Kf3 58.Bh3 Ke4 59.Rd8 f3 60.Kd1 f2 61.Bg2+ Kf4** Threatens to win with ...Kg3. **62.Rf8+ Kg3 63.Rg8+ Kh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

		C50
□	**Wafa,Hamed**	**2359**
■	**Garv,Rai**	**2277**

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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bg3 d6 9.a4**
[9.h3 Kh8 10.Nbd2 Nh7 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Ne3 Bg6 14.0-0 Qd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Be4 17.Bd5 Bxd5 18.Nxd5 Bg5 19.Qb3 Qf7 20.h4 Bf6 21.Rac1 Bxd4 22.Qxb7 Qxd5 23.Rxc6 Bxb2 1-0 Dc5 (2626)-Predein,V (2578) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (6)]
9...Be6N 0.54/23
[9...Nh5= 0.16/21 is superior.]
[9...Kh8 10.Nbd2 Nh7 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Re1 a6 14.b4 Bf6 15.Bd5 Bxd3 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.b5 Na5 20.Bc2 Qe8 21.Qd3 g6 22.Re4 axb5 23.Rae1 Qf7 24.h4 1-0 4.e5 ♘g8 5.♘f3_38158 (2623)-4. ♘c3 ♘d4 5.♗d3_39215 (2498) cor 1980 (6) Bf6 25.axb5 b6 26.f4 Rae8 27.Rf1 Bg7 28.Ree1 Qf5 29.fxe5 Qxd3 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Bxd3 Bxe5 32.Bxe5+ dxe5 33.Rxe5 Kg7 34.Be4 Kf6 35.Rd5

Nc4 36.Rd7 Nd6 37.Bd3 Rf7 38.Rd8 Rg7 39.Kf2 1-0 Demchenko, A (2623)-Ravi,T (2453) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (8) Ke5 40.g3 Kd5 41.g4 Kc5 42.Rh8 Nf7 43.Re8 Nd6 44.Re5# 1-0 Demchenko,A (2623)-Salinas Herrera,P (2498) ChessKid Cup Play In Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6)]

10.Bxe6± fxe6 11.a5 Qe8 12.Nbd2 Nh5 13.0-0 Bf6 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Qc4 g5 16.h3! Nf4 0.96/21

[16...Bg7± 0.47/22]

17.d4 h5 1.28/20

[⩲17...Kh8 0.73/20]

18.d5± exd5 19.exd5 aiming for Bxf4!

19...Ne7 20.Qxc7 0.27/20

[20.Bxf4± 1.23/19 exf4 21.Rae1 *(21.Qxc7 g4±)*]

20...g4 21.hxg4 -0.79/21

[21.Bxf4± 0.51/22 was forced to keep a grip. gxf3 22.Be3]

21...Ne2+∓ 22.Kh1 hxg4 23.Nh2 Hoping for Qc4. **23...Nf5 24.Rfe1** -1.77/25

[24.Nxg4? Nfxg3+ *(24...Nexg3+? 25.fxg3 Nxg3+ 26.Kg1-+)* 25.fxg3 Qh5+ 26.Nh2 Nxg3+ 27.Kg1 Bg5-+]

[24.Qc4!∓ -0.53/18 Nfxg3+ *(24...Nexg3+ 25.fxg3 Nxg3+ 26.Kg1∓)* 25.fxg3 Nxg3+ 26.Kg1]

24...Nexg3+

[24...Nfxg3+ 25.fxg3 Nxg3+ 26.Kg1=]

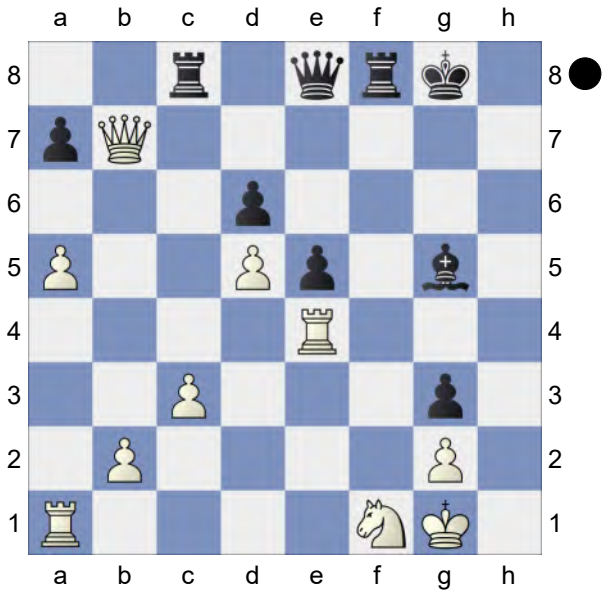
25.fxg3 Rc8!↑ Black is on the roll.

[25...Nxg3+ 26.Kg1=]

26.Qxb7 Nxg3+ 27.Kg1 Bg5 28.Ne4 -1.34/23

[28.Ndf1-+ -1.72/20 Nxf1 *(28...Rf7 29.Qb4±)* 29.Nxf1]

28...Nxe4! 29.Rxe4 g3 ...Qh5 is the strong threat. **30.Nf1**



Bf4! Black has strong compensation.

31.Rae1 Rf7 -0.62/19

[31...Qh5∓ -1.36/22 White must now prevent ...Be3+! 32.Qe7 Qf5 33.Qe6+ *(33.Qxd6 Be3+* Decoy, Back Rank *34.Nxe3 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Qxe1+)* 33...Kh7 34.Qxf5+ *(34.Qxd6 Be3+* Decoy, Back Rank *35.Nxe3 Qf2+ 36.Kh1 Qxe1+)* 34...Rxf5]

32.Qa6∓ Qd7 33.Ne3? -3.58/19

[33.R1e3!∓ -0.40/22]

33...Rcf8-+ 34.Qe2 Rg7 -1.46/18 Repels Qg4

[34...Kh8-+ -3.61/21 ...Rh7 would now be deadly. 35.Qh5+ Kg7 *(35...Rh7 36.Qg6-+)*]

35.Qh5∓ Qc8 -0.58/23

[Black should play 35...Qc7∓ -1.45/21 And now ...Rh7! would win. 36.b4 *(36.Nf5? Rg5-+)* 36...Qxc3]

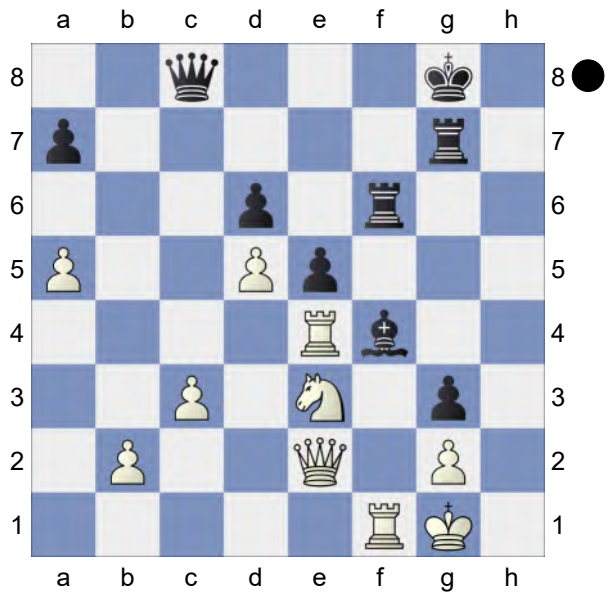
36.Qe2? -4.10/20

[36.Rf1∓ -0.58/23]

36...Rf6? -1.54/19

[36...Qe8-+ -4.10/20 is more deadly. Threatens to win with ...Qg6. 37.Rxf4 Rxf4 *(37...exf4? 38.Nc2-+)*]

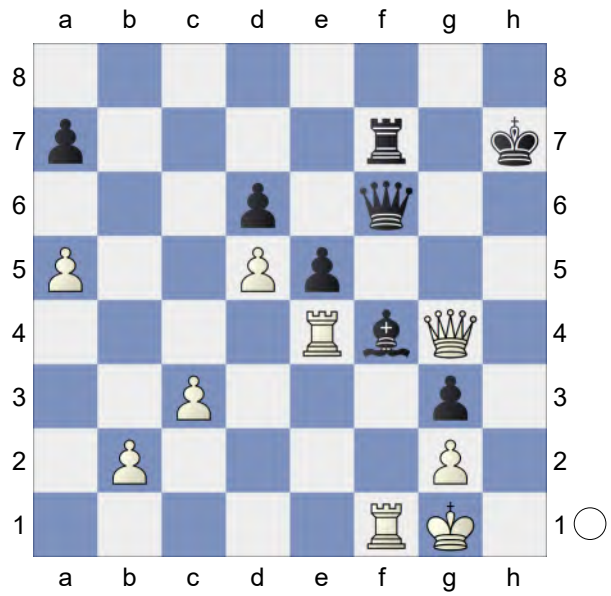
37.Rf1



Qe8?? 5.10/22
[37...Rh7!-+ -1.90/19 (→ ...Rfh6) 38.Qg4+ Qxg4 39.Nxg4 Rg6 40.Rfxf4 *(40.Ne3? Rgh6 41.Ng4 Rh1#)* 40...exf4 41.Rxf4 Rb7]
38.Ng4+- Prevents Rh6. **38...Qg6 39.Nxf6+ Qxf6 40.Qh5 Rf7** 9.15/22
[⌓40...Qf7 4.33/20 41.Qxf7+ Rxf7]
41.Qg4+ 4.06/19
[⌓41.Rfxf4 9.15/22 exf4 42.Re8+ Rf8 43.Re6]
41...Kh7 7.96/23
[⌓41...Kf8 4.06/19 42.Rfxf4 exf4]

(Diagram)

42.Rfxf4! exf4 Endgame. KQR-KQR **43.Qh5+ Kg7 44.Re6 Re7 45.Qg4+ Kh7 46.a6**
[46.Rxf6? Re1#]
46...Rxe6 47.Qxe6 KQ-KQ
[47.dxe6 Qe5 48.Kf1 Qa5+-]
47...Qg5 48.Qxd6? 0.00/32
[48.Kf1+- 4.17/20]
48...Qh5 The position is equal. **49.Qe7+ Kg8 50.Qd8+**
[50.Qxa7? Qd1#]



50...Kg7 51.Qd7+ Kg8 52.Qc8+
[52.Qxa7? Qd1#]
52...Kg7 53.Qc7+ Kg6 54.Qd6+
[54.Qxf4? Qd1+ 55.Qf1 Qd2-+]
54...Kg7 55.Qe7+
[55.Qxf4 Qd1+ 56.Qf1 Qd2 57.Qa1 Qe3+ 58.Kh1 Qh6+ 59.Kg1 Qh2+ 60.Kf1 Qh1+ 61.Ke2 Qxa1 62.Kf3 Qxb2 *(62...Qxa6? 63.Kxg3 Qd3+ 64.Kf4-+)* 63.Kxg3 Qxc3+ 64.Kg4 Qd4+ 65.Kg5 Qf6+ *(65...Qxd5+ 66.Kf4 Kf6 67.Ke3 Kf5 68.Ke2 Kf4 69.g4 Kxg4 70.Ke3 Kg3 71.Ke2 Qd4 72.Ke1 Kf3 73.Kf1 Qf2#)* 66.Kg4 Kg6 *(66...Qxa6 67.Kf5 Qc8+ 68.Ke5 a5 69.g3 a4 70.Ke4 a3 71.d6 a2 72.Kd5 a1Q 73.d7 Qxd7+ 74.Ke4 Qg4+ 75.Kd5 Qad4+ 76.Kc6 Qgd7#)* 67.d6 Qf5+ *(67...Qxd6 68.Kf3 Qd4 69.Kg3 Qe3+ 70.Kg4 Kf6 71.Kh4 Kf5 72.g4+ Kg6 73.g5 Kf5 74.g6 Qf3 75.g7 Qg4#)* 68.Kg3 Kg5 69.Kh2 Kg4 70.d7 Qf4+ *(70...Qxd7 71.g3 Qd2+ 72.Kh1 Kh3 73.Kg1 Qg2#)* 71.g3 Qd2+ *(71...Qxg3+? 72.Kh1 Kh3 73.d8Q Qh2#)* 72.Kg1 Kxg3 73.Kh1 Qh2#]

55...Kg8 56.Qd8+
[56.Qxa7? Qd1#]
56...Kg7 57.Qc7+ Kg6 58.Qd6+
[58.Qxf4 Qd1+ 59.Qf1 Qd2-+]
58...Kg7 59.Qe7+
[59.Qxf4 Qd1+ 60.Qf1 Qd2 61.Qa1 Qe3+ 62.Kh1 Qh6+ 63.Kg1 Qh2+ 64.Kf1 Qh1+ 65.Ke2 Qxa1 66.Kf3 Qxb2 *(66...Qxa6? 67.Kxg3 Qd6+ 68.Kg4-+)* 67.Kxg3 Qxc3+ 68.Kg4 Qd4+ 69.Kg5 Qxd5+ 70.Kf4 Kf6 *(70...Qxg2 71.Ke3 Qd5 72.Kf2 Qd3 73.Kg2 Kf6 74.Kf2 Kf5 75.Ke1 Qc2 76.Kf1 Ke4 77.Kg1 Kf3 78.Kh1 Qg2#)* 71.Ke3 Kf5 *(71...Qxg2 72.Kd3 Ke5 73.Kc3 Qe2 74.Kb4 Kd5 75.Kc3 Kc5 76.Kb3 Qd2 77.Ka3 Kc4 78.Ka4 Qb4#)* 72.Ke2 Kf4 *(72...Qxg2+ 73.Kd3 Qf2 74.Kc4 Ke4 75.Kc3 Qd4+ 76.Kb3 Kd3 77.Ka2 Qb6 78.Ka3 Kc3 79.Ka4 Qxa6#)* 73.g4 Kxg4 74.Ke3 Kg3 75.Ke2 Qd4 76.Ke1 Kf3 77.Kf1 Qf2#]
59...Kg8 60.Qe6+
[60.Qxa7? Qd1#]
60...Kg7 61.Qd7+ Kg8 62.Qc8+
[62.Qxa7? Qd1#]
62...Kg7 63.Qc7+ Kg6 64.Qd6+
[64.Qxf4 Qd1+ 65.Qf1 Qd2 66.Qb1+ Kg7-+]
64...Kg7 65.Qd7+
[65.Qxf4 Qd1+ 66.Qf1 Qd2 67.Qa1 Qe3+ 68.Kh1 Qh6+ 69.Kg1 Qh2+ 70.Kf1 Qh1+ 71.Ke2 Qxa1 72.Kf3 Qxb2 *(72...Qxa6? 73.Kxg3 Qd6+ 74.Kf2-+)* 73.Kxg3 Qxc3+ 74.Kg4 Qc4+ 75.Kg5 Qxd5+ 76.Kf4 Kf6 *(76...Qxg2 77.Ke3 Qd5 78.Ke2 Kf6 79.Kf2 Qd2+ 80.Kg3 Qe2 81.Kf4 Kg6 82.Kg3 Kf5 83.Kh3 Kf4 84.Kh4 Qh2#)* 77.Ke3 Kf5 *(77...Qxg2 78.Kd4 Qd2+ 79.Kc5 Ke6 80.Kc4 Kd6 81.Kb5 Kd5 82.Ka4 Kc4 83.Ka3 Qe2 84.Ka4 Qa2#)* 78.Ke2 Kf4 *(78...Qxg2+ 79.Kd3 Ke5 80.Kc3 Qe4 81.Kb3 Kd4 82.Kb2 Kc4 83.Kc1 Qg2 84.Kb1 Kc3 85.Kc1 Qh1#)* 79.g4 Kxg4 80.Ke3 Kg3 81.Ke2 Qd4 82.Ke1 Kf3 83.Kf1 Qf2#]
65...Kg8 66.Qc8+
[66.Qxa7? Qd1#]
66...Kg7 67.Qc7+ Kg6 68.Qd6+
[68.Qxf4 Qd1+ 69.Qf1 Qd2 70.Qb1+ Kf6 71.Qf1+ Ke5 72.Qa1 Qe3+ 73.Kh1 Qh6+ *(73...Kxd5 74.Qd1+ Ke6 75.Qg4+ Ke7 76.Qg7+ Ke6 77.Qg6+ Ke7 78.Qg7+ Ke8 79.Qg8+ Ke7 80.Qh7+ Kd6 81.Qg6+ Kc5 82.Qf5+ Kb6 83.Qf6+ Kb5 84.Qf1+ Ka5 85.Qa1+ Kb5 86.Qf1+ Ka5 87.Qa1+ Kb5 88.Qf1+= Decoy)* 74.Kg1 Qh2+ *(74...Kxd5 75.Qd1+ Kc4 76.Qg4+ Kb3 77.Qxg3±)* 75.Kf1 Qh1+ Skewer *(75...Kxd5? 76.Qd1+ Kc4 77.Qf3±)* 76.Ke2 Qxa1 77.Kd3 Qf1+ Skewer *(77...Kxd5 78.c4+ Ke5 79.Kc2 Qf1 80.Kc3 Qxg2 81.b3 Qf3+ 82.Kb2 g2 83.Ka3 g1Q 84.c5 Qxc5+ 85.Kb2 Qg2+ 86.Kb1 Qcg1#)* 78.Kc2 Kxd5 *(78...Qxg2+ 79.Kb3 Qxd5+ 80.Kb4 g2 81.c4 Qd2+ 82.Kb5 g1Q 83.c5 Qe2+* Skewer *84.Kc6 Qg7 85.b4 Qxa6#)* 79.Kb3 Qc1 *(79...Qxa6 80.Kc2 Qf1 81.Kb3 Qc1 82.c4+ Kc5 83.Ka3 Kxc4 84.Ka2 Qd2 85.Ka1 Kb3 86.Kb1 Qxb2#)* 80.c4+ Kc5 *(80...Qxc4+ 81.Ka3 Kc5 82.b4+ Qxb4+ 83.Ka2 Kd4 84.Ka1 Kc3 85.Ka2 Qb2#)* 81.Ka3 Kxc4 82.Ka2 Qd2 83.Kb1 Kb3 84.Ka1 Qxb2#]
68...Kg7 69.Qe7+
[69.Qxf4 Qd1+ 70.Qf1 Qd2-+]

69...Kg8 70.Qe6+
[70.Qxa7? Qd1#]
70...Kg7 71.Qe7+ Kg8 Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.31
½-½

C02
□ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
■ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**
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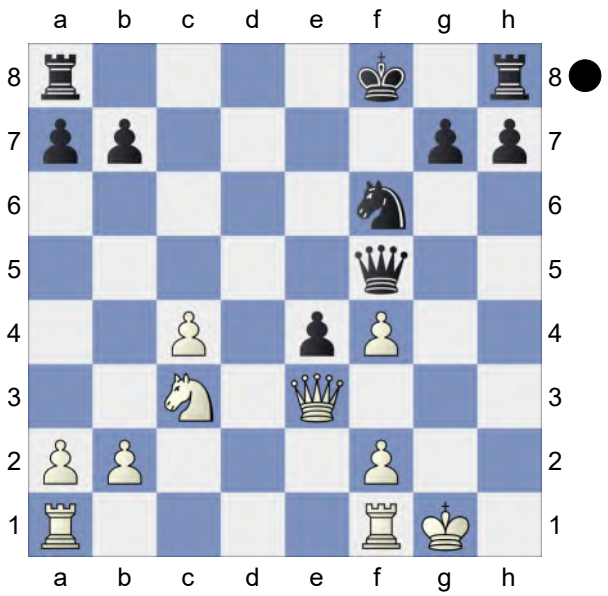
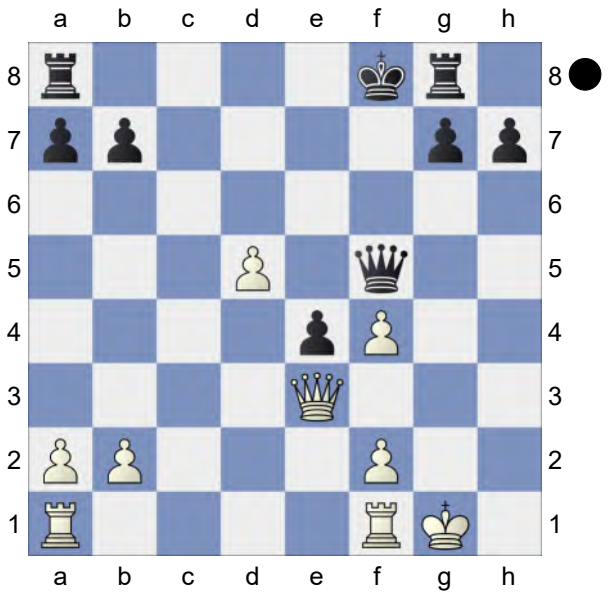
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5.Bd3 Bxc5** 0.73/23
[5...Nc6± 0.33/22 might be stronger.]
[5...Nd7 6.Nf3 Nxc5 7.0-0 Bd7 8.c4 Nxd3 9.Qxd3 Ne7 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Rc8 12.Qe2 Ng6 13.Rd1 Be7 14.h4 Bxh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Ne4 Bc6 17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Be3 Nf4 19.Qd2 Nh3+ 20.Kf1 1-0 Marosi,G (2758)-Panov Botvinnik Attack (2784) (ol) 38/202 Thessaloniki 1984 (8.4)]
6.Qg4!±
[6.Nf3 f6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qe2 fxe5 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Qxe5 Nf6 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nf3 Bd6 13.Qe2 Qe8 14.Re1 Qh5 15.h3 Re8 16.Ne5 Qxe2 17.Rxe2 Nd7 18.Bf4 Nc5 19.Rae1 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Nxd3 1-0 Lengyel (2407)-6. ♕d2 ♗b7 7.e3 (2369) Magyarorszag (ch) 85/(134) 2002 (5)]
6...Kf8N
[6...Ne7 7.b4 h5 *(7...Bb6 8.Nf3 a5 9.b5 Ng6 10.h4 f5 11.Qg3 0-0 12.h5 Nh8 13.Bh6 Qe7 14.Bg5 Qb4+ 15.Nbd2 Qg4 16.Qh2 Nd7 17.Bf4 Nc5 18.Be2 Ne4 19.Rf1 Nc3 20.Ng1 Nxe2 21.Nxe2 g6 22.hxg6* 1-0 Vitiugov,N (2726)-O'Donnell,C (2360) Olympiad-43 Batumi 2018 (2.3) *)* 8.Qf4 Bb6 9.Nf3 Nbc6 10.Nbd2 a5 11.b5 Nb4 12.Ba3 Nxd3+ 13.cxd3 Bd7 14.Qa4 Nf5 15.Rc1 g5 16.h3 Rc8 17.Rxc8 Qxc8 18.Ke2 Qb8 19.Nb3 Qa7 20.Rc1 g4 21.hxg4 1-0 Marosi,G (2760)-Panov Botvinnik Attack (2775) Martuni 125/14 2015 (3) hxg4 22.Qxg4 Bxf2 23.Nc5 Bg3 24.Rh1 Rf8 25.Rh5 Dominguez Perez,L (2658)-Bruzon Batista,L (2669) (ch-m/3) 93/279 Cuba 2005]
7.Nf3 Nc6 8.c3 -0.01/20
[White should try 8.0-0± 0.79/19]
8...f6!= 9.Qg3 fxe5 0.58/19
[9...Qc7= -0.09/20]
10.Nxe5± Nf6 1.00/20
[10...Nxe5± 0.63/21 11.Qxe5 Nf6]
11.0-0 Nxe5 12.Qxe5 Bd6 13.Qe2 e5 14.c4 -0.55/19
[14.Bc2± 0.57/20]
14...e4∓ 15.Bc2 Bg4 16.Qe1 -1.02/18
[16.Qd2!∓ -0.35/18]
16...Qe8!∓
[16...dxc4 17.Nd2± *(17.Bxe4 Qc7=)*]
[16...Qc7 17.h3 Bf5 *(17...Qxc4? 18.Bb3+-)* 18.Nc3±]
17.Bd1 Qh5 -0.69/20 Black is much more active.
[17...dxc4 18.Bxg4 Nxg4 19.g3 *(19.h3 Nh2∓)*]
[17...Qg6∓ -1.19/19 White must now prevent ...Bh3. 18.cxd5 Bh3]
18.h3∓ Bxd1→ Black goes for the king.
19.Qxd1 Qe5 20.g3 d4 21.Bf4 Qe6 aiming for ...Bxf4. **22.Qxd4** -1.62/20
[22.Bg5∓ -0.70/18]
22...Bxf4-+ 23.gxf4 Qxh3 ...Kf7 would now be deadly. **24.Qe3 Qf5 25.Nc3**

(Diagram)



Rg8! ...g5 is the strong threat. **26.Nd5** -2.43/19 **Nxd5 27.cxd5**



g5!

[27...Qxd5 28.Rad1 Qf5 *(28...Qxa2 29.Qc5+ Ke8 30.Qe5+ Kf8 31.Rd7)* 29.Qa3+ Kf7 30.Qb3+ Kf8 31.Rfe1=]

28.Qc5+? -4.56/23

[28.Kh2 -2.77/21 Rd8 *(28...gxf4 29.Qh3-+; 28...Qxf4+ 29.Kg2∓; 28...Qxd5 29.Qa3+ Kg7 30.Qc3+ Kg6 31.Rad1=)* 29.fxg5 Rxg5 *(29...Qxd5? 30.Rad1+-)* 30.Rg1 Rh5+ *(30...Rxd5 31.Rxg5 Qxg5 32.Qxg5∓)* 31.Kg2]

28...Ke8 29.Qb5+ Kd8 30.Rfc1? -8.80/21

[30.Qa5+ -3.99/20 b6 31.Qa3]

30...gxf4+ Discovered Attack (Check). Black is clearly winning. **31.Kf1 Qh3+ 32.Ke1 Rg1+ 33.Kd2 e3+ 34.Kd3 exf2+** Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=0.08 (flawless)

0-1

C58

□ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**

■ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**

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[Kitty Kat]

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N**

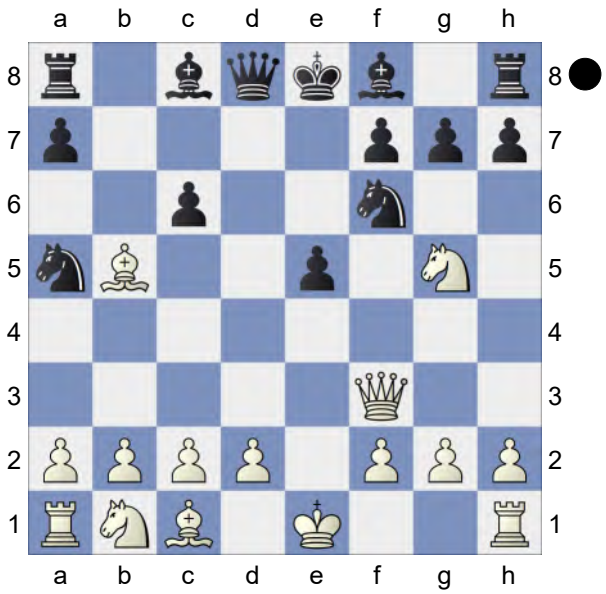
[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0

A1) 6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf5 17.Nxe5 Bxe4 18.Nd3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nb4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.c3 Nd3 24.b3 Nb2 25.Bxc7 Rd3* 1-0 Arjun,K (2505)-Sai Agni,J (2226) Elllobregat op 3rd Sant Boi de Llobregat 2022 (7)) 11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 fxe5 14.Re1 Rae8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nxe5 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Bd2 c5 19.b3 Bf5 20.Nc6 a6 21.Bc3 ½-½ Naiditsch,A (2667)-Naumann,A (2513) Bundesliga

2223 Germany 2022 (10.1);
A2) 6...Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Qf3



cxb5 9.Qxa8 Qc7 10.Qf3 Black must now prevent d3. **10...Nc6!** The position is equal. **11.c3** Inhibits Nd4. aiming for 0-0. **11...Bg4 12.Qg3** Strongly threatening 0-0. **12...Nd4** Back Rank **13.Na3** Prevents Nc2+. **13...Ne2**

[13...Bxa3? 14.cxd4 Qc4 15.f3+- *(15.bxa3? Qe2#; 15.Qxe5+? Kd7-+)*]

14.Qe3 Nf4 15.0-0 N6d5 0.63/20

[15...Bxa3= -0.01/21 16.bxa3 N6d5]

16.Qe1 -0.59/22

[16.Nxb5± 0.63/20 Qe7 17.Qxa7 Qxg5 18.Qb8+ Kd7 19.Qb7+ Kd8 20.Qb8+ *(20.Qxf7 Bf3)* 20...Bc8 21.g3 Ne2+ 22.Kg2]

16...Bxa3

[16...h6!? 17.Nf3 *(17.Nxb5 Qb8∓)* 17...Bxf3 18.gxf3 Bxa3 19.bxa3 0-0=]

17.bxa3 Nd3 1.20/15

[17...Qe7= -0.23/22 18.f3 Bc8]

18.Qe4!± N5f4 Hoping for ...h6. **19.f3** 0.00/25

[19.Nxh7? Bc8 20.Rb1 Bb7-+]

[19.g3!± 0.88/24 Ne2+ 20.Kg2]

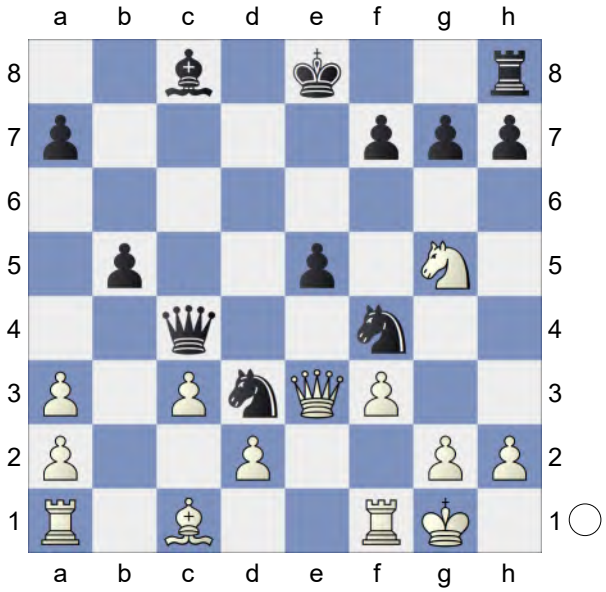
19...Bc8 And now ...Qd8 would win.

20.Qe3 -0.15/20

[20.g3 0.23/23 feels stronger. Qc5+ 21.Qe3 Ne2+ 22.Kg2 Qxe3 23.dxe3]

20...Qc4 1.12/21

[20...0-0= -0.15/20 remains equal.]



21.a4! Ba3 is the strong threat.

[21.Qxa7?! 0-0=]

21...0-0 22.Ba3

[22.Qxa7 Nxc1 *(22...bxa4?*

23.Ba3+-) 23.Raxc1 *(23.Rfxc1 Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Nxc1∓)* 23...Ne2+ 24.Kh1 Nxc1 25.Rxc1 Qxa2∓]

22...Rd8 1.59/20

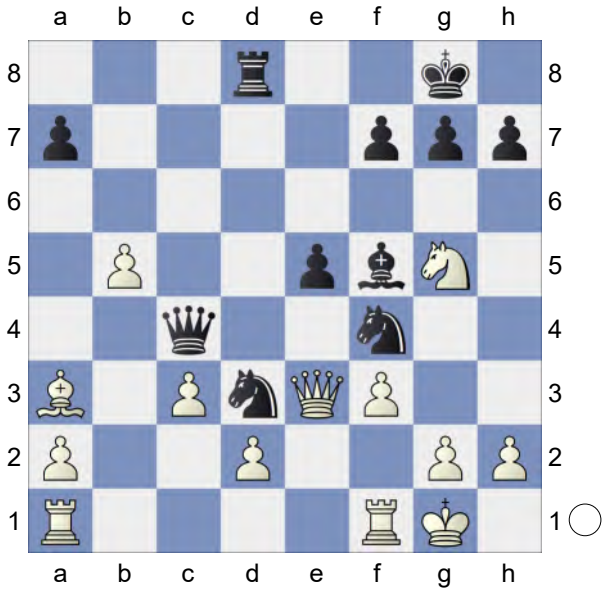
[⌓22...Re8 1.17/19]

23.axb5 0.75/19

[⌓23.Ne4 1.59/20]

23...Bf5 1.90/19

[23...f5± 0.75/19]



24.Ne4!+- Be7 would now be deadly.

[24.Qxa7 f6±]

24...Qxb5 2.49/19

[24...Qe6 1.87/20 is a better defense. 25.Ng3 *(25.Qxa7? Bxe4 26.Be7 Nxg2-+)* 25...h5]

25.Be7

[But not 25.Qxa7 Qc6]

25...Rb8 3.99/21

[25...Re8 2.47/21 26.Nd6 *(26.Qxa7 Bxe4 27.fxe4 f6+-)* 26...Qd7]

26.Bg5

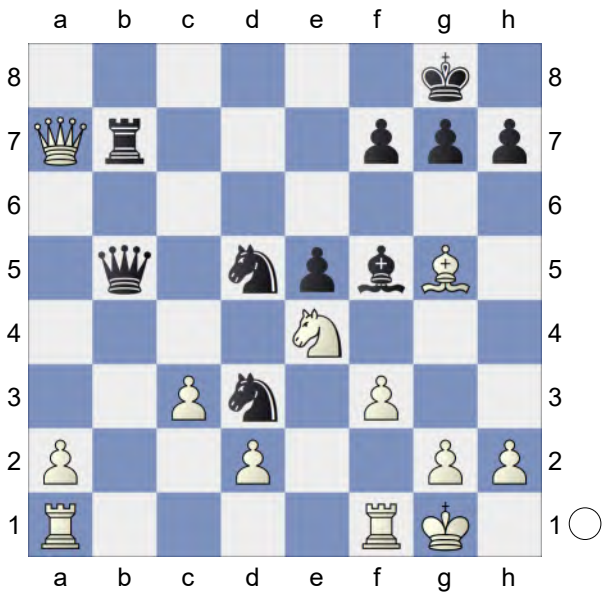
[26.Qxa7 Bxe4 27.fxe4 Rb7±]

26...Nd5 4.12/21

[⌓26...Bxe4 2.85/18 27.fxe4 Qa4 28.Bxf4 Nxf4]

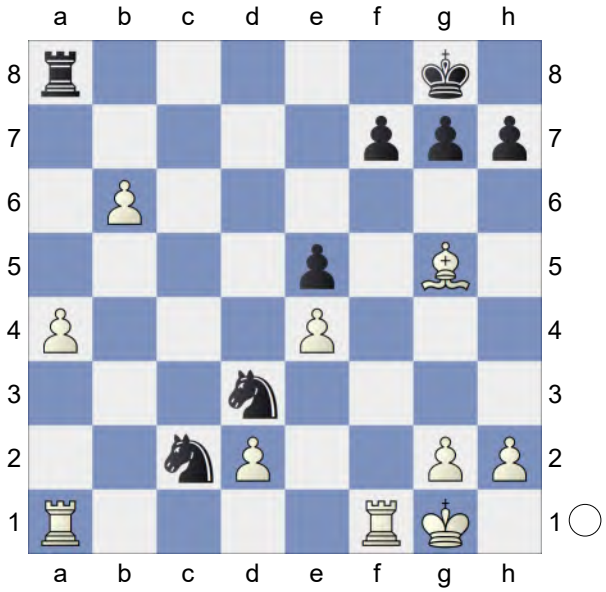
27.Qxa7 Rb7

(Diagram)



28.c4! White is clearly winning.

28...Rxa7 29.cxb5 Bxe4 30.fxe4 N5b4 31.a4 Nc2 32.b6 Ra8



33.a5! Ndb4

[33...Nc5 34.Rac1]

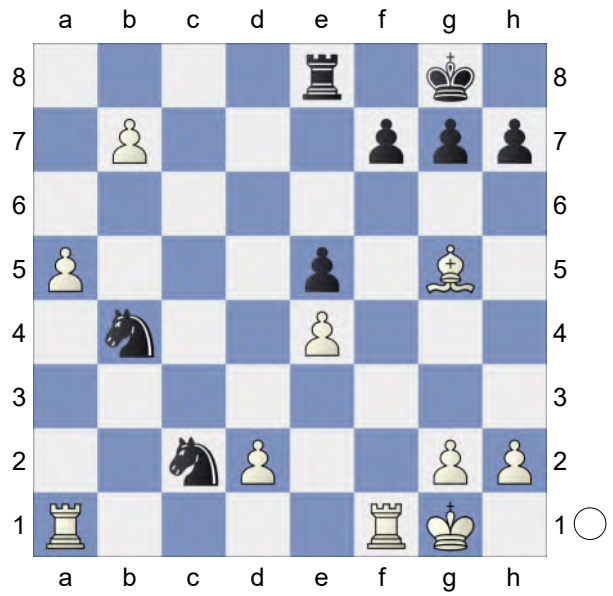
34.b7 Re8

(Diagram)

35.a6! Nxa1

[35...Nc6 36.a7]

36.a7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/



Black=0.55
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A80
□ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
■ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
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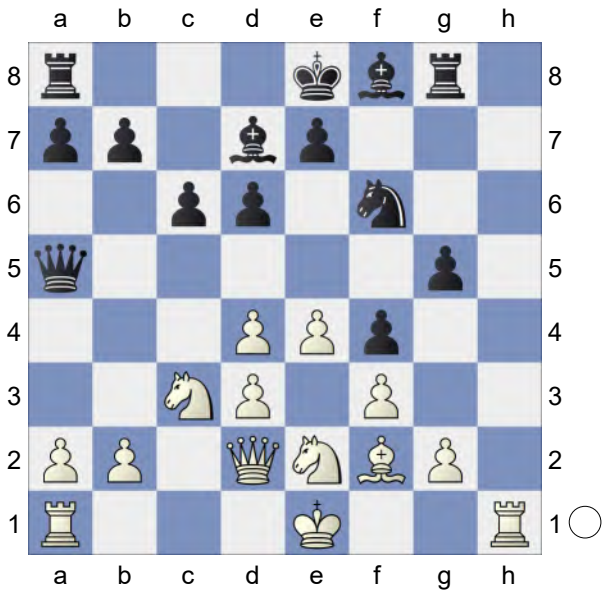
[Kitty Kat]

A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves Marjanovic,Slavo: 'Inf 44/109' **1.d4 f5 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 g5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bg3 d6 6.h4 Rg8 7.hxg5 hxg5 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bd3N** White is slightly better.

[9.Bc4 Rg7 *(9...d5 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.a3 Be6 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.b4 Bg7 14.f3 Kf7 15.Na4 Qd8 16.c3 b6 17.Qc2 Rh8 18.Rf1 a5 19.b5 cxb5 20.Bxb5 Nh5 21.Bh2 Bf6 22.Rb1 Ra7 23.c4 Ng7 24.cxd5* 1-0 Vidit,S (2719)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2779) Baku (m/6-rapid) 157/29 2023*)* 10.a3 Nbd7 11.Rh8 Nb6 12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.Ne5 0-0-0 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Qe2 e6 17.0-0-0 d5 18.Be5 Be7 19.Rdh1 Rgg8 20.Rxg8 Rxg8 21.Na4 Qd8 22.Nxb6+ axb6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 0-1 Marjanovic,S (2505)-Beliavsky,A (2630) 44/109 Belgrad 1987 24.g4 Rh8 25.Rxh8 Qxh8 26.gxf5 Qh1+ 27.Kd2 exf5 28.c4 Qb1 29.Kc3 dxc4 30.Bxc4 f4 31.Qg4+ Kb8 32.Qe6 b5 33.Qxf6 Qc1+ 34.Kd3 bxc4+ 35.Ke4 Qh1+ 36.Kf5 Ka7 37.Qxg5 fxe3 38.fxe3 Ka6 0-1 Marjanovic,S (2505)-Beliavsky,A (2630) Beograd 44/109 1987]

9...Be6 10.Qd2 White is more active.
10...Qa5 11.Nge2 Na6 12.f3 0.07/24
[12.f4!± 0.53/23]
12...Nb4= 13.e4 f4 14.Bf2 Nxd3+ 15.cxd3 Bd7 0.69/20
[15...Bg7= 0.06/20]



16.b4! 0.30/19 **Qxb4 17.Rb1 Qa5 18.Rxb7 Bc8 19.Rb3 Be6 20.Rb7 Bc8 21.Rb3 Be6 22.Rb1 Bd7** 0.65/22
[Black should try 22...Bg7= 0.15/22]
23.g4 0.00/23
[23.g3± 0.65/22]
23...Bg7 24.d5 cxd5 25.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 26.Kxd2 Nxd5 27.exd5 aiming for Bd4.
27...a6? 1.95/23

[27...Kf7= 0.15/24 and Black stays safe.]

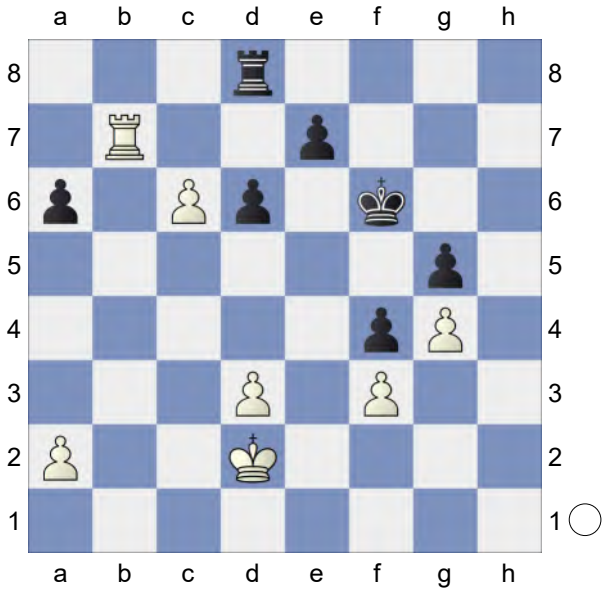
28.Bd4+- Bxd4 3.00/19

[⌓28...Kf7 2.09/22 29.Rb7 Bxd4 30.Nxd4 Rad8]

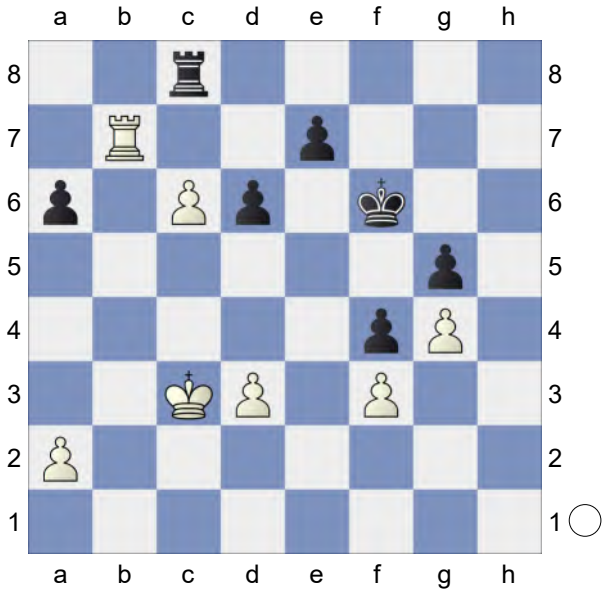
29.Nxd4 Kf7 30.Rb7 Rad8 31.Rh7+ Rg7? 3.58/21 A mistake that costs the game.

[31...Kf6± 1.54/22 32.Nc6 Bxc6 33.dxc6 Rc8]

32.Rxg7+ Kxg7 33.Nc6 Bxc6 34.dxc6 Endgame. KR-KR **34...Kf6**



35.Kc3! Rc8



36.Rb6 e5 37.Kc4 Hoping for Kd5!

[37.Rxa6 d5±]

37...Ke6 38.d4

[38.Rxa6 d5+ 39.Kc5 e4+-]

38...d5+ 8.16/26

[⌓38...e4 4.41/25]

39.Kc5 exd4 40.Rb1

[Not 40.Rxa6 Rh8= *(40...d3? 41.Ra3+-)*]

[40.Kxd4 Kd6+-]

40...d3 41.Re1+ Kf6 42.Rd1 Ke6 43.Rxd3 Rb8 44.c7 Rc8 45.Kc6 Threatening mate with Rd4!

[Stronger than 45.Rxd5 Rxc7+ 46.Kd4 Rc2 47.Rxg5 Rxa2±]

45...a5 46.a4

[46.Rxd5? perishes. Rxc7+ 47.Kxc7 Kxd5-+]

46...Ra8 47.Rxd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.66

1-0

C89

□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**

■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**

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[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Bb7 12.d4 Bf6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Rxe8+

[14.Nd2 b4 15.c4 Nf4 16.d5 Nd3 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bc2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bd4+ 20.Kf1 Qe3 21.Qe1 Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Qxg2+ 23.Kd3 Bf2 24.Qe4 Qxh2 25.Nf3 Qh3 26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Kxe3 c6 28.d6 g6 ½-½ De Firmian,N (2575)-Georgiev,K

(2620) Olympiad-32 Yerevan 1996 (12.2)]
[14.Na3 b4 15.Nc4 bxc3 16.Na5 Bxd4 17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Nxb7 cxb2 19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Bxd5 Bxa1 21.Qxa1 Qb5 22.Qd1 Re8 23.g3 g6 24.a4 Qe2 25.Qb3 Kg7 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qc4 Qa1 28.Qxc7 9.g4 ♗e6 10. ♘ e6 fe6_82883-Jovanic,O Cap d'(rapid) 98/(123) Agde 2006]

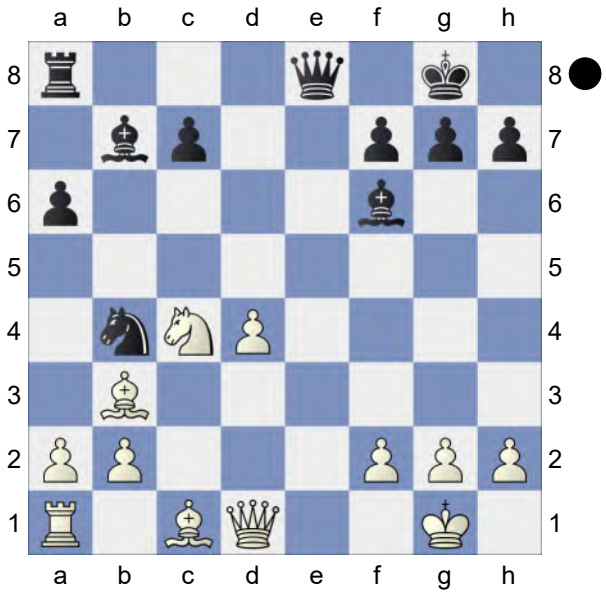
14...Qxe8 White is slightly better.

15.Na3N
[15.a4 b4 16.Bd2 Nf4 17.f3 Ne6 18.Be3 Rd8 19.Qd2 bxc3 20.bxc3 c5 21.d5 Nc7 22.d6 Be5 23.Bxc5 Bxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Qe5+ 25.Kh3 Bc8+ 26.g4 Qxc5 27.Qf4 Ne6 28.Bxe6 Bxe6 29.Nd2 Qxc3 0-1 Potter,J-7. ♕ f5 ef5 8.a3 ♗d6_60526 52/482 Reykjavik 1991 30.Rb1 h5 31.Kh4 hxg4 32.fxg4 Bd5 33.Re1 Qc6 34.Ne4 Bxe4 35.Qxe4 Rxd6 36.Qxc6 Rxc6 37.Re4 Re6 38.Rc4 Kh7 39.Kg5 f6+ 40.Kf4 Re5 41.Kg3 Kg6 42.Kf4 Kf7 43.Rc7+ Kg6 44.Rc4 a5 0-1 Stefan Nl-Monster Mash March 2001 Fast #2 rd3 #3 itsyourturn.com]
[15.Bc2 c5 16.dxc5 Rd8 17.Qf1 Qe5 18.Na3 Be7 19.Bd2 Nf6 20.Re1 Qc7 21.Qe2 Bxc5 22.Nb1 Re8 23.Qd1 Re5 24.Rxe5 Qxe5 25.c4 b4 26.b3 Bd6 27.g3 Bc5 28.Bf4 Qe6 29.Qd8+ Bf8 0-1 Lehtinen,A-Mackintosh,I Scotland-Finland corr 2003 (2)]

15...b4 16.cxb4 Nxb4 17.Nc4

(Diagram)

Bxd4! Deflection, Back Rank **18.Be3 Qe4 19.Qf1 Bf6 20.Rd1 Nd5 21.Bc1 Re8 22.Ne3 Nb6 23.Bc2 Qc6 24.Bd3**



Qa4 25.a3 h5 26.Nc4 Bd5 Prevents b3. **27.Ne3 Bb7 28.h3 g6 29.Nc4 Bc8 30.Nd2 Bb7 31.b3 Qc6 32.a4 Qc3 33.Bxa6 Bxa6 34.Qxa6 Bd4** 0.61/22
[34...Rd8= 0.18/22]

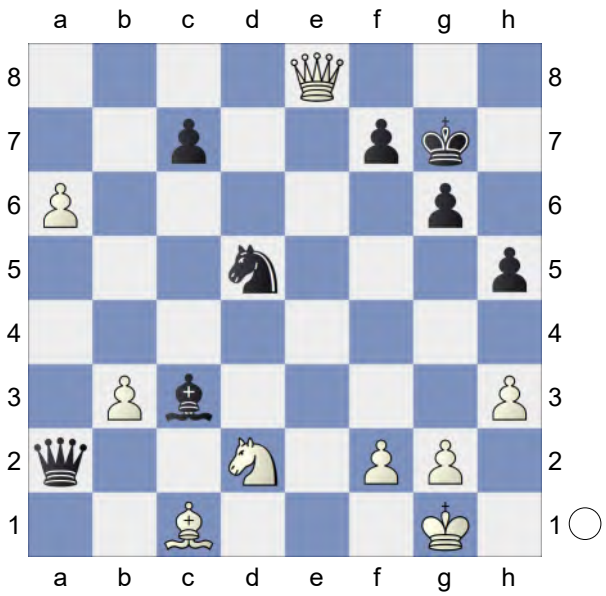
35.Qf1 0.01/24
[35.Nf3± 0.61/22 Bxf2+ Decoy *(35...Qxb3? perishes. 36.Rxd4 c5 37.Rd6+-)* 36.Kxf2 Qc2+ *(36...Qxb3? 37.Rd4+-)* 37.Rd2 Qxc1 38.Qb5]

35...Qc2= 36.a5 Nf3! would now be deadly. **36...Nd5** 0.96/24
[36...Bxf2+!= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 37.Kxf2 Qc5+ 38.Kg3 Qe5+ 39.Kh4 Qe7+ 40.Kg3 Qe5+ 41.Kh4 Qe7+ 42.Kg3 Qd6+ *(42...Qe5+ 43.Kh4=)* 43.Kf3 Qf6+ 44.Kg3 Qd6+ 45.Kf2 Qc5+ 46.Kg3 Qe5+]

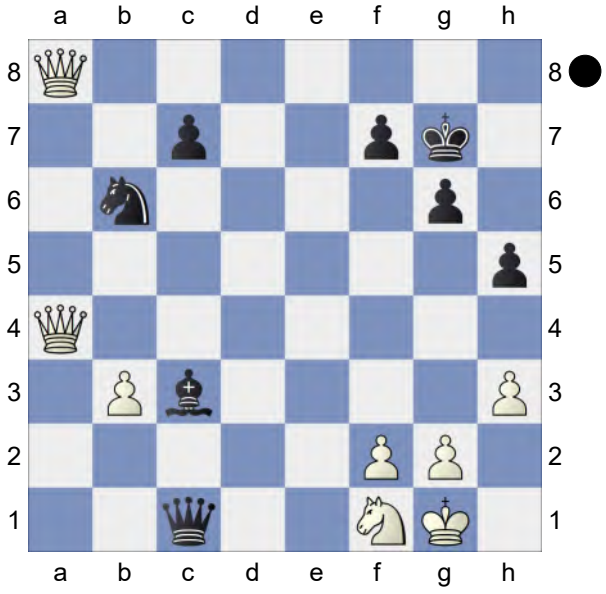
37.Re1!± Rxe1 38.Qxe1 Bc3 39.a6 a7 is the strong threat. **39...Qa2?** 2.29/21
[39...Kg7± 0.73/20 is a better defense.]

40.Qe8++- Kg7

(Diagram)



41.Qa4? -0.62/20
[Better is 41.Qb5!+- 2.13/23 Bxd2 42.Qe2]
41...Qc2∓ 42.a7 Qxc1+ 43.Nf1 Nb6 44.a8Q



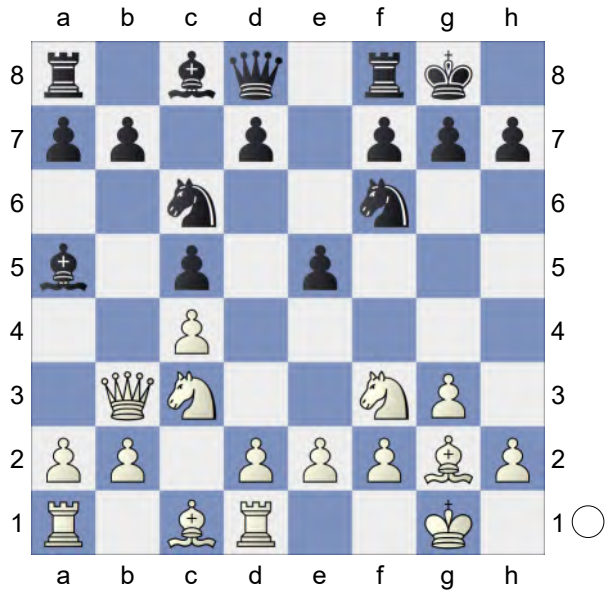
aiming for Qa3. **44...Nxa8** -0.04/20
[Reject 44...Nxa4 45.Qxa4 Qb2 46.Qf4=]
[44...Qb2!∓ -0.91/26 45.Q8c6 Nxa4 46.bxa4 Bd4]
45.Qxa8∓ Endgame. KQB-KQN. The position is equal. **45...Bd4 46.Qf3 Qc2 47.g4 h4 48.Kg2 Kf8 49.Qf4 Qc6+ 50.Kg1 Qc3 51.Kg2 c5 52.Nd2 Qc2 53.Ne4 Qxb3** Strongly threatening ... Qd5. **54.Qd6+ Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

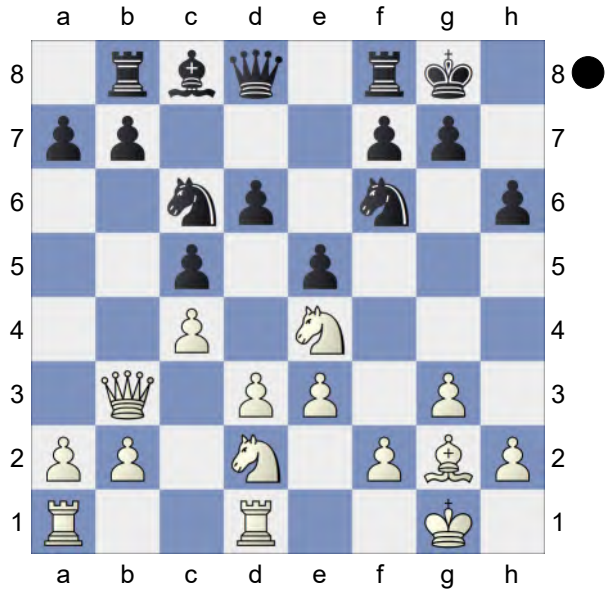
A13
□ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**
■ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.2) 06.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qb3 Ba5 4.Nf3 Nf6**
[4...c5 5.d4 Nf6 6.dxc5 Na6 7.Be3 Ne4 8.g3 Naxc5 9.Qc2 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 b6 11.Bg2 Bb7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.a4 d6 15.a5 f5 16.axb6 axb6 17.Nd4 Nf6 18.Bxb7 Nxb7 19.Rxa8 1-0 Giri,A (2752)-Kramnik,V (2787) Tata Steel-A 80th Wijk aan Zee 2018 (2)]
5.g3N
[5.d4 d5 6.Bg5 c6 *(6...dxc4 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.e4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.a3 0-0-0 12.Be2 g5 13.e5 Qg7 14.0-0 Bb6 15.Rad1 g4 16.Ne1 h5 17.Nc2 h4 18.Ne4 g3 19.h3 Na5 20.Qc3 Ba4 21.Nc5* 0-1 Manolov,I (2585)-6.Nc6 bc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Nd (2610) USSR 43/608 1987 (8) *)* 7.e3 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 A 13/04-N,N 2000]
5...0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 Wards off d4 **8.Rd1 e5**

(Diagram)

...e4 would now be deadly. **9.d3 h6 10.Bd2 d6 11.e3 Rb8 12.Ne4 Bxd2 13.Nfxd2**





Black must now prevent Nxf6+. **13...Bg4 14.Re1 a6 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.a3 Qd8 17.Qc3 a5! 18.Nb3 Ra8 19.Rab1 Qc7 20.Na1** The position is equal. **20...Rab8 21.Nc2 Bd7 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Nxb4 24.Nxb4 cxb4 25.Rxb4 b5 26.Qa3 bxc4 27.Rxc4 Qb6 28.Bd5 Be6 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Rc2 Qb3 31.Qxb3**

[31.Qxd6? loses. Qxc2 32.Rf1 Rb1 33.Rxb1 Qxb1+-+]

31...Rxb3 32.d4 exd4 33.exd4 Rf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

C70

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**

■ **Pranesh,M.** **2582**

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[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5 5.Bb3 Na5 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.Re1 Ne7 1.10/22

[Better is 8...Nxb3± 0.60/23 9.axb3 c5]

9.e5N -0.37/28 White is more active.

[9.Qxd4 c5 10.Qc3 c4 11.Bxc4 Nxc4∓]

[9.Nxd4± 1.10/22 Nc3 is the strong threat. c5 10.Nf5 Bxf5 11.exf5 c4 12.Nc3 f6 13.a4 cxb3 14.axb5 Kf7 15.bxa6 *(15.Qe2)* 15...Nac6 16.Nd5 bxc2 17.Qxc2 Nxd5 18.Qxc6 Ne7 19.Rxe7+ Bxe7 20.Qd5+ Kf8 21.b4 g5 22.b5 Kg7 23.Be3 Qd7 24.b6 Rhb8 25.h4 Qc8 26.Qb5 1-0 Inarkiev,E (2693)-Moiseenko,V (2523) Turkiye 141/114 2019 h6 27.Bd4 Ra7 28.Qe2 Rd7 29.Qh5 Qe8 30.Qxe8 Rxe8 31.b7 d5 32.Rb1 11 Chapter C50-Games Chapter C50 Game]

9...Nxb3∓ Black is slightly better.

10.axb3 dxe5

[10...c5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Nc3= *(12.b4 cxb4 13.Bg5 f6∓)*]

11.Nxe5 Bb7 12.Qg4 Qd5 13.Kf1 -0.94/25

[13.c4= -0.19/23 keeps the balance. Qe6 14.Qh5]

13...h5 14.Qh3 Bc8! 15.Qh4 -1.27/20

[⩲15.Qf3 -0.82/25]
15...Bb7 -0.74/22
[⩲15...Nf5! -1.27/20 16.Qf4 Be7]
16.Qh3∓ Bc8 17.Qf3 Bb7 0.00/24
[17...Qxf3!∓ -1.03/20 18.Nxf3 Bb7]
18.Nd2 -0.43/23
[18.Qh3= 0.00/24]
18...Rh6
[18...Rg8 simplifies 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.Nef3 0-0-0]
19.Ne4 Rb6 20.Qxh5 -0.91/22
[20.Bf4!∓ -0.34/25]
20...0-0-0!↑ Keeping White busy.
21.Qh3+ Kb8! 22.Nd3 Ng6 23.Bd2 -1.30/21
[⩲23.Qg3 -0.93/22]
23...Be7
[23...Ne5 24.Nf4 Qd7 *(24...Qc6 25.Rac1=)* 25.Qxd7 Rxd7 26.Nc5 Bxc5 27.Rxe5=]
24.b4 -1.86/20
[24.Re2∓ -1.43/19]
24...Rh8-+ 25.Qg3 Nh4 Threatens to win with ...Re6. **26.Nf4** -3.11/20
[26.b3 -1.68/20 was called for.]
26...Qc4+ 27.Kg1 g5
[27...Bxb4? 28.b3 Nf5 *(28...Qxc2? 29.Bxb4 Nf5 30.Qd3+-)* 29.bxc4+-]
[27...Qxc2 28.Rac1 Qa4 *(28...Qxb2? 29.Nd3+-)* 29.Qxg7+- *(29.Nd5 Nf3+ 30.gxf3 Rg6+-)*]
28.Nd3 -2.30/20
[⩲28.b3 -1.80/20 Qc6 *(28...Qxc2 29.Rac1=; 28...gxf4 29.Qg7∓)* 29.Nd3 *(29.Nxg5? Bxg5 30.f3 Qxc2-+)*]
28...Re6
[28...Qxc2? 29.Rac1 *(29.Bxg5 Bxg5 30.Nxg5 Nf3+ 31.Nxf3 Qxd3±)* 29...Nf5 30.Rxc2+-]
29.b3

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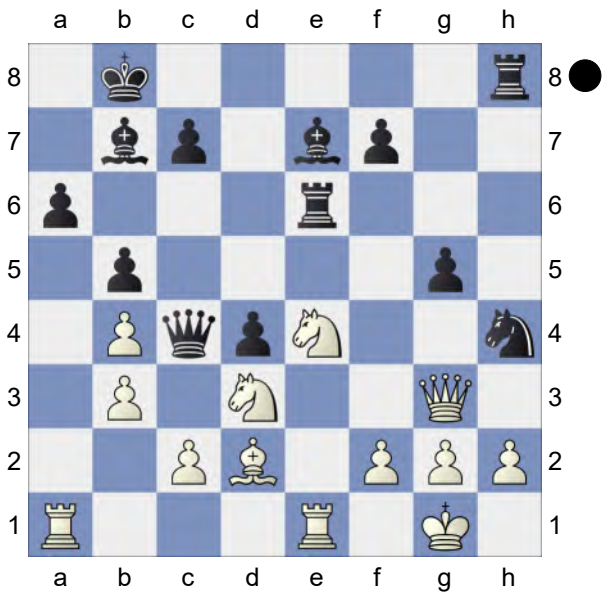


Qc6
[29...Qxc2? 30.Rac1 Nf5 *(30...Qxb3? 31.Qxc7+ Ka7 32.Ndc5+-* Decoy *)* 31.Rxc2+-]
30.f3 -2.80/18
[30.Nec5∓ -1.43/17 Rxe1+ *(30...Qxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Bxg2 32.Nxe6=)* 31.Nxe1]
30...Qxc2 31.Ndc5 Bxc5 32.Rac1 Bd6? -0.55/20
[Stronger than 32...Nxf3+ 33.gxf3 Qd3 34.Rxc5 *(34.Nxc5? Rxe1+ 35.Rxe1 Qxd2-+)* 34...Bxe4 *(34...Qxb3? 35.Rxc7 Ka8 36.Rxb7+-)* 35.Rxe4 Qxd2 36.Rxe6 fxe6 37.Qxc7+ Ka8 38.Qc6+ Ka7 39.Qd7+ Ka8 40.Rc8+ Rxc8 41.Qxc8+ Ka7 42.Qc7+ Ka8 43.Qd8+ Kb7 44.Qe7+ Kb8 45.Qd8+ Ka7 46.Qe7+ Ka8 47.Qf8+ Kb7 48.Qe7+ Kb8 49.Qd6+ Kb7 50.Qd7+ Kb8 51.Qd8+ Kb7 52.Qe7+=]
[32...Qb2-+ -2.89/23 33.Nxc5 Qxd2 34.Nxe6 fxe6 35.Qxc7+ Ka7 *(35...Ka8? 36.Qg3-+)*]
33.Rxc2∓ Bxg3 34.hxg3 Bxe4 35.fxe4 -1.54/22

[White must play 35.Rxe4∓ -0.54/24 Rxe4 36.fxe4]

35...Ng6∓ 36.Bxg5 f5? 0.06/26

[36...f6-+ -1.76/22 37.Bd2 Ne5]

37.Rec1 fxe4 Strongly threatening ...e3.

38.Rxc7 e3 ...e2 would now be deadly.

39.Rd7 Rc8

[39...e2!? 40.Re1□ Re4=]

40.Re1

[40.Rxc8+ Kxc8 41.Rxd4 e2-+]

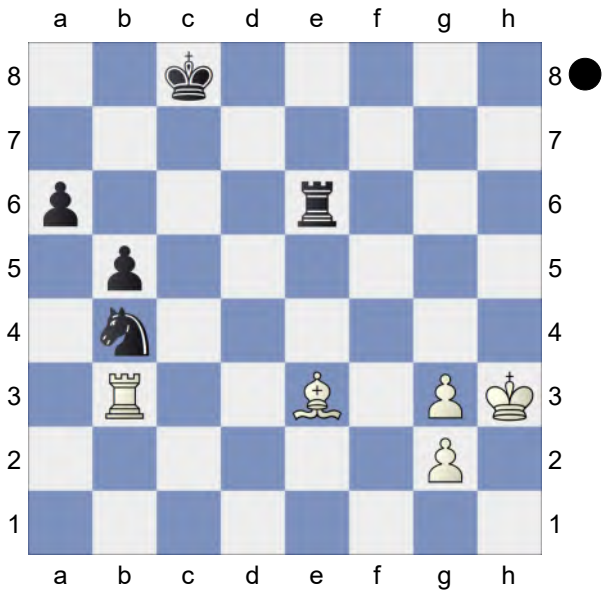
40...Rc3 41.Rxd4 Rxb3 42.Kh2 Kb7 43.Kh3 -0.64/20

[White should play 43.Kg1= -0.02/24]

43...Ne5 44.Rxe3 Black is better.

[44.Bxe3? loses. Nc6 45.Rd7+ Kc8-+]

44...Rxe3 45.Bxe3 Black must now prevent Re4. **45...Nc6! 46.Rd7+ Kc8 47.Rd3 Nxb4 48.Rb3**



Nd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.25 (precise)

½-½

C53

□ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**

■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**

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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d3**

[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]

5...h6N

[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (3)]

6.b4 Be7 7.Qb3 0-0 8.a4 d6 White has an edge. **9.Nbd2 Nb8 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 c6 12.e5 Nd5 13.b5 Nf4** 0.31/19

[13...dxe5= -0.13/21 is superior. 14.Nxe5 Nd7]

14.0-0 -0.51/23

[14.exd6± 0.31/19 cxb5 15.axb5 *(15.dxe7 Qxe7+ 16.Ne5 Nxg2+ 17.Kf1 bxc4=)* 15...Bxd6 16.0-0]

14...d5∓ 15.Bd3 c5 0.58/23

[Black should try 15...Nxd3!∓ -0.55/21 16.Qxd3 a6]

16.dxc5± Nd7 17.Bc2 0.09/20

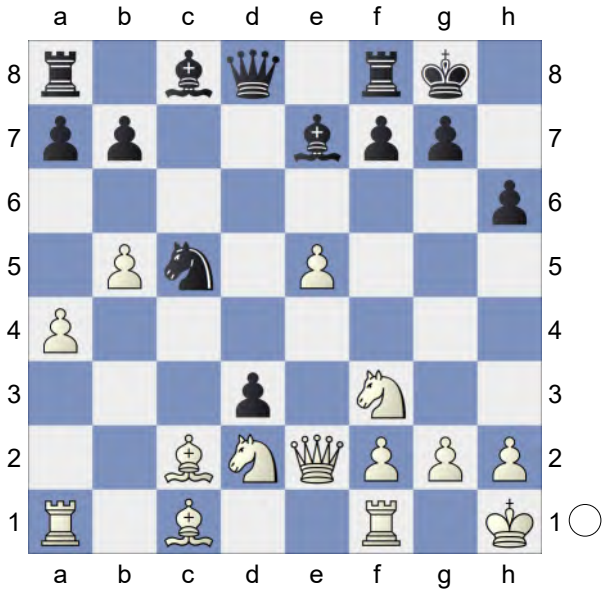
[Don't go for 17.c6? Nc5-+]

[17.Bb1!± 0.57/22]

17...Ne2+= The position is equal.

[But not 17...Bxc5?! 18.g3 Nh3+ 19.Kg2±]

18.Kh1 Nxc5 19.Qe3 d4 20.Qxe2 aiming for Ba3. **20...d3**

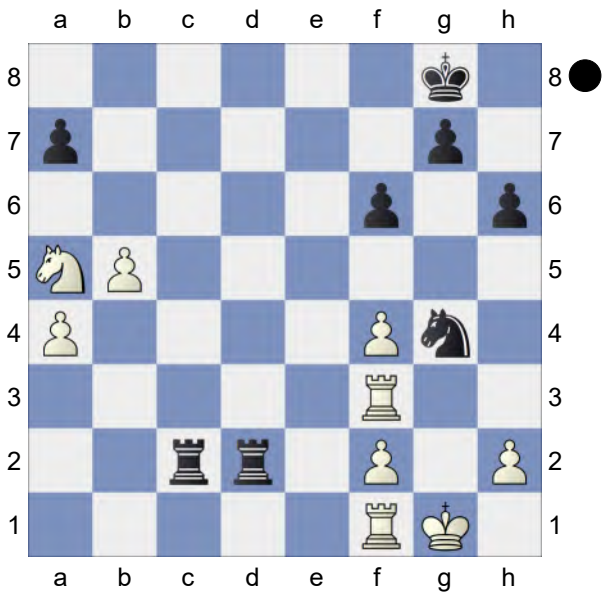


21.Bxd3 Qxd3 22.Qxd3 Nxd3 23.Ba3 Bxa3 24.Rxa3 Rd8 25.Nc4 Bg4 26.Nd6 Bxf3! 27.gxf3

[27.Rxd3? perishes. Be2 28.Rfd1 Bxd3 29.Rxd3 Rac8-+]

27...Nxe5 28.Nxb7 Rd2 29.Na5 Rc8 30.Re3 f6 31.f4 Ng4 32.Rf3 Rcc2 33.Kg1

(Diagram)



Hoping for h3. **33...h5 34.Nc6 Ra2! 35.Nxa7** And now h3 would win. **35...Rxa4 36.Nc8 Rb4** Repels Rb1 **37.b6 Kh7 38.Ne7 Rxb6 39.Nf5 Rb5 40.Ne3 Nxe3 41.fxe3** Endgame. KRR-KRR **41...Re2 42.R1f2 Rb1+ 43.Kg2 Rbe1 44.Rxe2 Rxe2+** KR-KR **45.Kg1 Kg6 46.Rg3+ Kf5 47.h4 g6 48.Kh1 Ke4 49.Rxg6 Rxe3 50.Rxf6 Rh3+ 51.Kg2 Rxh4 52.Kg3 Rg4+ 53.Kh3 Rxf4 54.Rxf4+ Kxf4 55.Kh4 Kf5 56.Kxh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

C65

□ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**

■ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**

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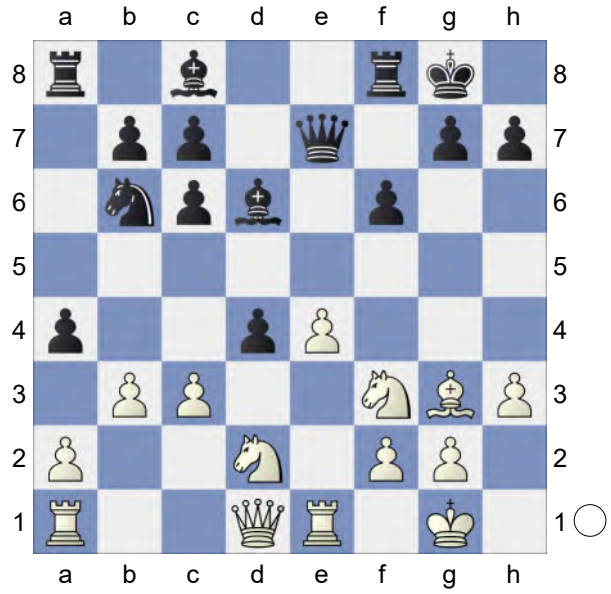
C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.0-0**

[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Be3 Qxe5-+]

6...Nd7 7.c3 0-0 8.d4 Bd6 9.Bg5 f6

10.Bh4 Qe8 11.Re1
[11.Nbd2 Qf7 12.Bg3 a5 13.b3 b6 14.Re1 Ba6 15.Qc2 c5 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Rad1 Rfe8 18.Nf1 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 a4 20.Nd2 b5 21.Qd3 Ra5 22.Rb1 Nb6 23.Rfd1 axb3 24.axb3 c4 25.bxc4 Nxc4 ½-½ Skara,M (2645)-Behrmann (2529) 67/2 El Vendrell 1996 (5)]
11...Nb6 12.Nbd2 a5N
[12...Bg4 13.Bg3 Kh8 14.Qc2 Rd8 15.h3 Bh5 16.dxe5 fxe5 17.Nh4 26. Ruy Lopez Anti-Berlin-Anti-Berlin 4.d3 Bc5 − 6...]
13.Bg3 a4 14.h3 Qe7 15.b3 exd4



Hoping for ...Bxg3. **16.cxd4 Be6 17.Qc2 axb3 18.axb3 Bxg3 19.fxg3 Qb4 20.g4 Rad8 21.Re3 Rfe8 22.Rae1 Bf7 23.Nf1 Ra8** 0.37/22
[23...Bg6= -0.11/23 feels stronger.]
24.Qf2 -0.10/21
[24.Ng3± 0.37/22]
24...Ra3
[24...Bxb3? 25.Qb2+-]
25.N1d2 Ra2
[25...Bxb3? 26.Rb1+-]
26.R3e2 Raa8 0.27/21
[26...Bxb3? too greedy. 27.Rb1+-]
[⌓26...Nd7 -0.15/21]
27.Kh1 Nd7
[27...Bxb3? is the wrong capture. 28.Rb1+-]
28.Qg3 Rac8 29.e5 -0.09/24
[29.g5 0.27/21 is more appropriate.]
29...Bd5 30.exf6 Nxf6 31.g5 Rxe2 32.Rxe2 Nd7
[But not 32...Nh5? 33.Qg4 Rf8 34.Qxh5+-]
33.g6 hxg6 The position is equal.
34.Qxg6 Qd6 35.Qxd6 cxd6 36.Nc4 An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

B50
□ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
■ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
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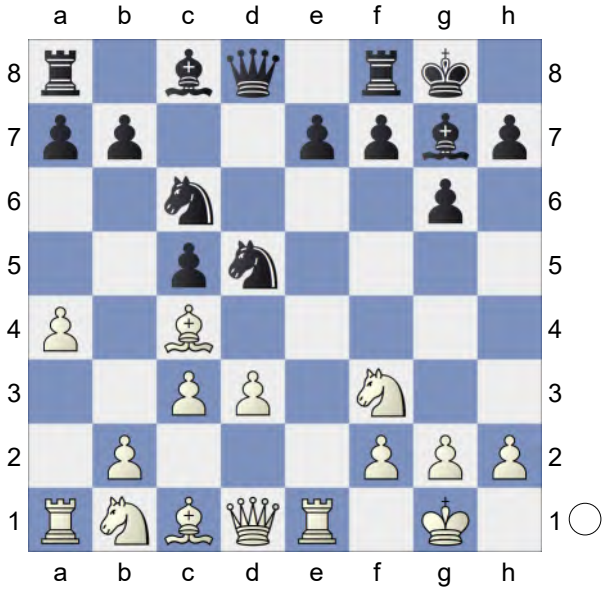
[Kitty Kat]

B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nf6N

[3...g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.Bb3 b5 8.d4 Bb7 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 a5 11.Bc2 Na6 12.Nf1 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Ng3 Qb6 #10 15. Various 3rd moves-3.Bc4]

4.d3 Nc6 5.0-0 g6 6.a4 Bg7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5



10.a5! e6 11.a6 b6 12.Bg5 Qd7 13.Qa4 Hoping for Bb5. **13...Nc7 14.Bf4 Rd8 15.Na3** 0.12/19

[15.Nbd2± 0.49/21]

15...Na5= 16.Qxd7 Rxd7 17.Nb5 -0.41/21

[17.Ne5= 0.00/23 is superior. Bxe5 18.Bxe5]

17...Ne8∓ 18.Ng5 Bxa6 0.08/20

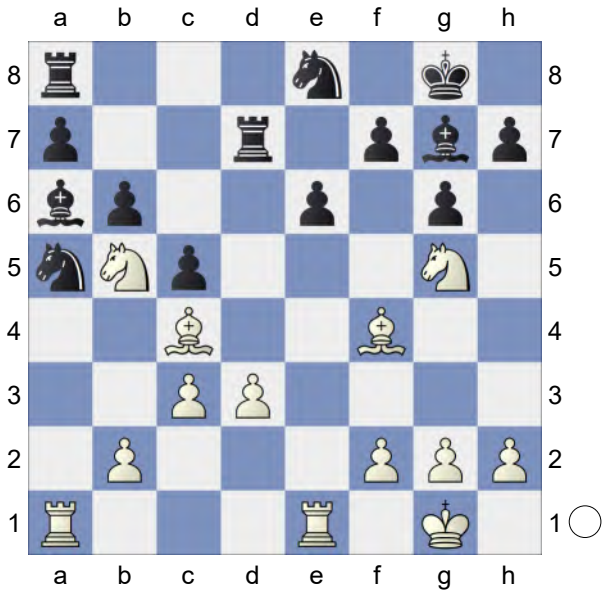
[18...Nxc4∓ -0.40/22 19.dxc4 Rd8]

(Diagram)

19.Nxe6!= The position is equal.

19...Nxc4! Remove Defender

[Much weaker is 19...fxe6?! 20.Rxa5 *(20.Bxe6+ Rf7±)* 20...Bxb5 *(20...bxa5? is the wrong capture. 21.Rxe6 Kh8 22.Rxa6+-)* 21.Bxb5+- *(21.Rxb5 Nc7+-; 21.Bxe6+ Kh8±)*]



20.dxc4 Nxg7 would now be deadly. **20...Bxb5 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.cxb5 Nc7 23.Be5+ f6 24.Bxc7 Rxc7** Endgame. KRR-KRR **25.Rad1 Kf7 26.Rd6 Re7 27.Ra1 Rc8 28.c4 Rcc7 29.Rad1 Re2 30.R6d2 Rxd2 31.Rxd2** KR-KR **31...Ke6 32.Re2+ Kf7 33.g3 a6 34.bxa6** And now b3 would win. **34...Ra7 35.Rd2 Ke7 36.Re2+ Kf7 37.Rd2 Ke7 38.Re2+ Kf7 39.Re3 Rxa6 40.h4 Ra4 41.b3 Rb4 42.Kf1 b5 43.cxb5 Rxb5 44.Ke2 Rb4 45.Rc3 Ke6 46.Rxc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

B90

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**

■ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**

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[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5N**

[6...e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 *(8.a3 Bb7*

9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qe1 0-0 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.Nb3 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bd3 Qc7 17.Kh1 Ne5 18.Nc1 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Qe5 20.Qd2 Bf6 21.d4 Qf5 22.Rf2 Rc7 1-0 Schweitzer,V (2235)-Lagarde,M (2412) Metz op 28th 2010 (5)*)* 8...Nbd7 9.g4 *(9.a3 h5 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Kb1 Be7 12.Rg1 Rc8 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Qe1 Nfd7 15.g4 hxg4 16.Rxg4 g6 17.Rxg6 Rxc3 18.Nxe6 Qc8 19.Ng7+ Kf8 20.Rh6 Rxh6 21.Bxh6 Rxc2 22.Nf5+ Ke8 23.Nxe7 Kxe7* ½-½ Alekseenko,K (2698)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2767) Candidates Tournament Ekaterinburg 2020 (5) *)* 9...b4 10.Na4 h6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Qxb4 Bd7 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Bg3 e5 15.Nb3 a5 16.Qa3 Be7 17.h4 0-0 14) 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 with 8.Qd2,9-6.f3 e6 7.Be3 with 8.Qd2,9]

[6...b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 e6 10.Qd2 Be7 11.0-0-0 0-0 12.g4 Nb6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.b3 d5 16.f4 Ned7 17.Na2 dxe4 18.h4 Nd5 19.g6 hxg6 20.h5 g5 21.Rhg1 1-0 Darsith,M (1588)-Mahmoud Youssef,N (1674) Dubai op-B 23rd 2023 (6)]

7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 b5 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Qf2 Rb8 12.Nc5 b4 13.Nb1 White is slightly better. **13...d5 14.Qg3**

[14.Nxa6 d4=]

14...Nbd7 1.23/19

[14...Bxc5± 0.43/21 15.Bxc5 Nbd7 *(15...Na4? 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qxg7+-)*]

15.Nxd7±

[15.Nxa6 Rc8 16.h3 Qa5-+ *(16...dxe4 17.Bb5-+)*]

15...Qxd7 16.Qxe5 0.66/19

[16.Bxa6?! Qc7=]

[16.exd5!± 1.24/25 Nxd5 17.Qxe5]

16...Bd6± 17.Qg5 White is more active. **17...h6 18.Qxg7 Ke7** White must now prevent ...Rbg8. **19.e5!** Deflection

[19.Bxh6? Rhg8 *(19...dxe4? 20.Bg5+-)* 20.Nd2 Rxg7 21.Bxg7 Be5-+]

[19.Bxa6? Rbg8-+ *(19...dxe4 20.Bc5±; 19...dxe4? 20.Bc5+-)*]

19...Bxe5 Strongly threatening ...Qc7. **20.Bc5+!**

[20.Bxa6? Rbg8-+]

20...Bd6 21.Bxd6+ Qxd6 22.Qg3 Qxg3 1.39/17

[⌓22...a5 0.89/21]

23.hxg3± h5 1.79/24

[23...a5± 1.38/22 24.Rh4 Nd7]

24.Bxa6 0.67/23

[24.Nd2+- 1.79/24]

24...Rhg8 1.97/22

[24...Ra8± 0.67/23 25.Be2 Rxa2]

25.a3 Rxg3 26.Bf1 bxa3 27.Nxa3 Rb4 2.43/22

[⌓27...Rg5 1.78/19 28.b3 Ra8]

28.Nb5+- Rg8 29.Rd4 Rxd4 30.Nxd4 Ra8 31.Kd2 Ra1 32.g3 Kd6 33.Bg2 Ra8 34.Ke3 Rb8 2.54/21

[34...Ke5 1.99/19 keeps fighting. 35.Rh4 Ra1]

35.b3 Rg8 36.Kf2 Kc5 37.c3 Ra8 38.Re1 Kd6 39.Bf1 h4 2.46/23

[⌓39...Ne8 1.97/19 40.Bd3 Ng7 41.Nb5+ Ke7]

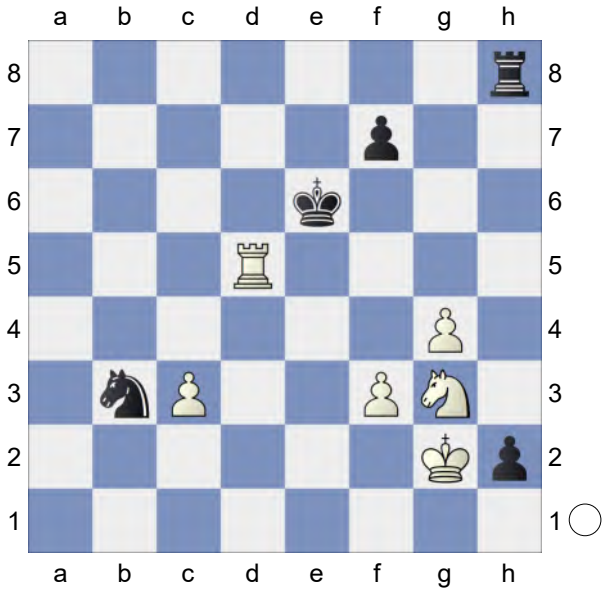
40.g4 Bd7 2.84/22

[40...Nh7± 1.48/18 is a better defense. 41.Nxe6 fxe6]

41.Bd3 Rc8 42.Ne2 Be6 43.Rh1 Rh8 44.Nd4 Nd7 45.Bf5 Nc5 46.Ra1 Threatens to win with b4. **46...Bxf5 47.Nxf5+** Endgame. KRN-KRN **47...Ke5 48.Re1+** 0.89/23

[White should play 48.b4+- 1.72/20 Nd3+ 49.Ke3]

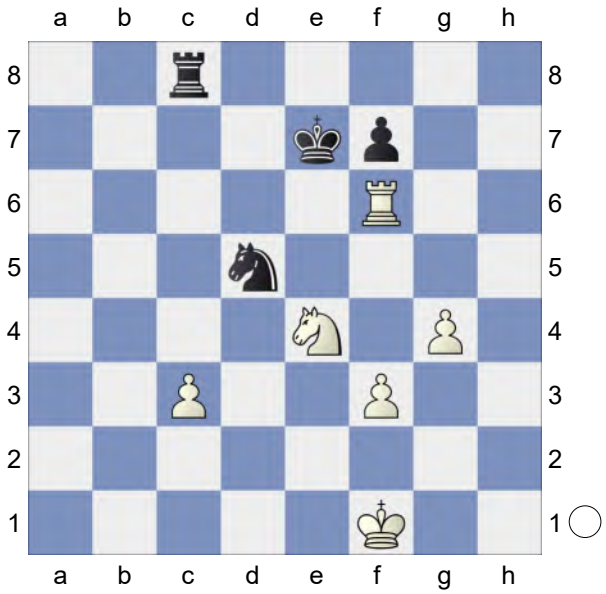
48...Kf6 1.75/20
[48...Kf4± 0.89/23 49.Rd1 Nxb3]
49.Rd1 h3 2.54/19
[⌓49...Rd8 1.96/21 50.Nxh4 *(50.b4 Ne6+-)* 50...Nxb3]
50.Rxd5 h2 51.Ng3
[51.Rxc5? is the wrong capture. h1Q *(51...h1R? 52.Ke3+-)* 52.Rc6+ Kg5-+]
51...Nxb3 52.Kg2 Ke6



53.Rh5 Rc8 3.41/23
[53...Rd8 2.21/19 was worth a try. 54.Kxh2 *(54.Rxh2 Rd2+ 55.Kg1 Rd3+-)* 54...Nd2]
54.Ne4
[54.Rxh2 Rxc3 55.Rh6+ Kd7±]
54...Nc1 55.Rxh2 Ne2 56.Kf1 Nf4
57.Rh6+ Ke7 4.56/18
[⌓57...Ng6 3.23/19 58.Kf2 Ke7]
58.Rf6 Nd5

(Diagram)

59.Rxf7+ Decoy **59...Kxf7**
[59...Ke6 60.Ng5+]
60.Nd6+ Ke6 61.Nxc8 Kd7 7.12/28
[⌓61...Nxc3 4.71/27 62.Kf2 Ke5]
62.Na7 Nxc3 63.Ke1 Kd6 64.Kd2



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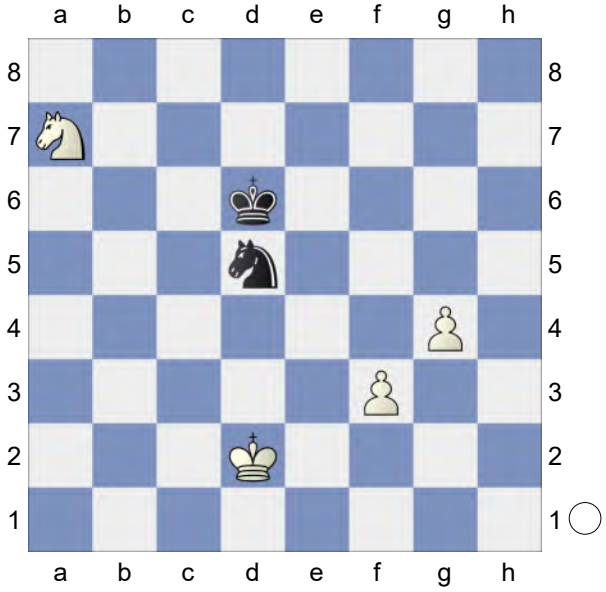

65.Nb5+! Ke5 66.Nc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

B51
□ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**
■ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**
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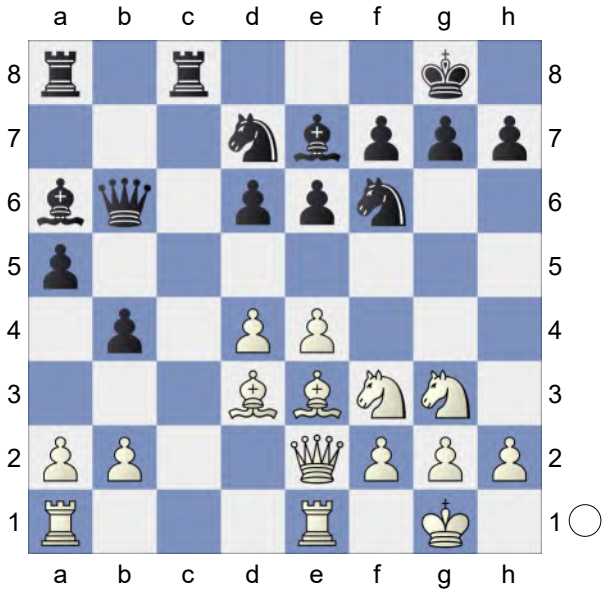
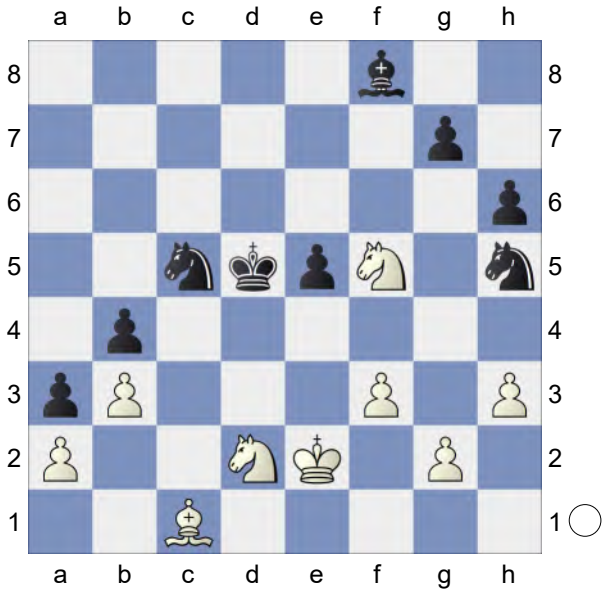
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 Bb7 8.d4 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nbd2 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 13.Nf1 Rfc8 14.Ng3 b4 15.Bd3 a5
The position is equal. **16.Be3 Ba6**



17.d5! Bxd3
[17...Nc5 18.Bxc5]
18.Qxd3 Qa6 19.Qxa6 Rxa6 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Rec1 Raa8 22.h3 h6 23.Kf1 Kf7 24.Ke2 Bf8 25.Bd4
[25.Rxc8 simplifies Rxc8 26.Ne1 e5 27.f3]
25...e5 26.Be3 Ke6 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rc1 Rxc1 29.Bxc1 Nc5 30.Nd2 a4 31.f3 d5 32.exd5+ Kxd5 33.b3 a3 34.Nf5 Nh5



Strongly threatening ...Nf4+. **35.Ne3+ Kc6**
[Don't blunder 35...Kd4? 36.Nc2+ Kd5 *(36...Kc3? 37.Kd1+-)* 37.Nxb4+ Ke6 38.Bxa3+-]
36.Kd1 Nf4 37.Ndc4 e4 38.Nc2 Nfd3 39.Bd2 exf3 40.gxf3 Ne6 41.Ke2 Ndf4+ A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

E10
□ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**
■ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
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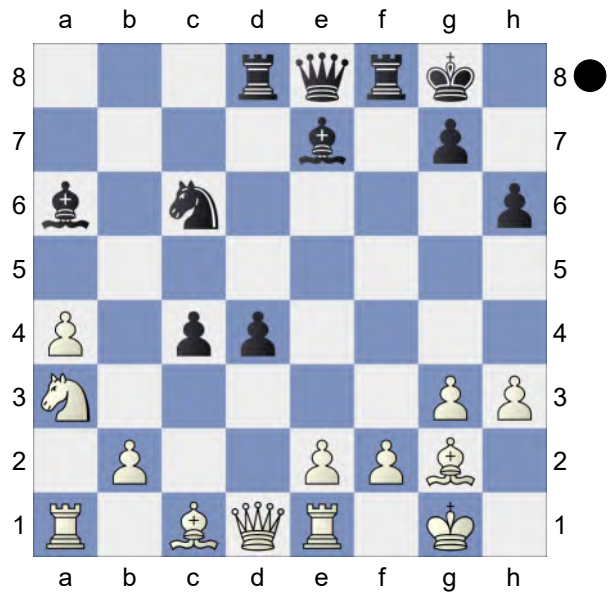
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit Bjelajac,M: 'Inf 109/338' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 b5 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.g3 a6 8.bxa6 Nc6 9.Bg2 Be7** White has an edge. **10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc3 Bxa6 12.Re1**
[12.b3 h6 13.Bb2 Qe8 14.Rc1 Qh5 15.Re1 Rad8 16.Na4 Ne4 17.Ba3 Ne5 18.Bxc5 Ng4 19.Bxe7 Rxf3 20.Bh4 Rxf2 21.Bxe4 Rxh2 22.Bf3 Rxh4 23.gxh4 Qxh4 24.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 25.Kh2 Qh4+ 26.Kg2 d4 0-1 Ferrer Sanchez,P (2729)-Trice,E (2770) Togliatti 86/(399) 2002 (3.7) 27.Nc5 Qg4+ 0-1 Duda,J (2731)-Salem,A (2677) Speed Chess Q2 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (9)]
12...h6N Prevents Ng5
[12...Qe8 13.Bg5 Rd8 14.Rc1 c4 15.Qa4 Ra8 16.e4 d4 17.e5 dxc3 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Bh6 cxb2 20.Rxc4 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 Qg6 22.Bxf8 b1Q 23.Qxc6 Rxf8 24.Qxe6+ Kh8 25.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 26.Bf1 Bc5 27.Ne1 ½-½ Shulman,Y (2613)-Nakamura,H (2733) (ch) 109/338 United States 2010 Qb7 28.Nd3 Qe7 29.Qf5 Bb6 30.Nf4 Qc5 31.Nd5 Ba7 32.Bd3 Rf7 33.Kg2 Qc6 34.Be4 Qd7 35.Qf3 Qe6 36.h4 Qe5 37.Bc2 f5 38.Nf4 Rf8 39.Qh5 Qc5 40.Qe2 Bb8 41.Ne6 Qd5+ 42.Kh2 ½-½ Shulman,Y (2613)-Nakamura,H (2733) USA (ch) 109/338 2010 Re8 43.Bb3 Qe4 44.Qc4 Qxc4 45.Bxc4 f4 46.gxf4 Bxf4+ 47.Kh3 Bd2 48.Kg4 Rb8 49.f4 Rb4 50.Bb3 Kg8 51.Kf5 Kf7 52.Nc7+ Kg7 53.Nd5 Rb8 54.Kg4 ½-½ Santasiere,A (2613)-Giorgadze,T (2733) 55: Dagomys 2008 (5)]
13.h3 -0.37/21
[13.Bf4= 0.30/20]
13...Qe8∓ Black has compensation.
14.a4 -1.02/19
[14.Bd2∓ -0.37/20]
14...d4∓ 15.Nb1 e5 16.Nfd2 Rd8 -0.84/19
[⌓16...c4 -1.37/19 17.e3 dxe3 18.Rxe3 Bc5 19.Nxc4 Bxc4]
17.Na3 e4 White must now prevent ... Qg6. Deflection **18.Nxe4** -1.00/20
[18.Qb3+∓ -0.52/22 c4 19.Qb6]
18...Nxe4 Discovered Attack **19.Bxe4 c4** Hoping for ...Bb4. **20.Bg2** -1.49/23
[⌓20.Nb5 -0.76/17]

(Diagram)

20...Qf7! -1.10/22 **21.Bf4**
[21.Rf1 Na5]
21...Nb4 -0.18/19
[21...Na5∓ -1.15/19 Strongly threatening ...Nb3. 22.Bc7 Bd6 *(22...Qxf2+ 23.Kh1∓)* 23.Bxd6 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Rxd6]
22.Rf1 -0.64/21



[22.Nb5= -0.18/19 might be stronger.]

22...Bc5 0.00/21

[22...c3!∓ -0.64/21]

23.Nb5= g5 1.17/21

[23...Bb7= 0.00/21 keeps the balance.]

24.Bc7 Rd5 1.98/19 **25.Ba5!+-** And now Bxb4 would win. **25...Rf5** 3.04/19

[Not 25...d3? 26.Bxb4 Bxb4 27.Bxd5 *(27.Nc7 Qxc7 28.Bxd5+ Kg7+-)* 27...Qxd5 28.Nc7+- *(28.exd3 Bb7=)*]

[25...Rd7± 1.54/20 26.Qd2 *(26.Bxb4 Bxb4 27.Qc2 Rfd8±)* 26...Qe7]

26.Bxb4

[26.Nxd4 Rxf2 27.Bxb4 Rxf1+ 28.Qxf1 Bxd4+ 29.Kh2 Qxf1 30.Rxf1 Rxf1 31.Bxf1 Bxb2±]

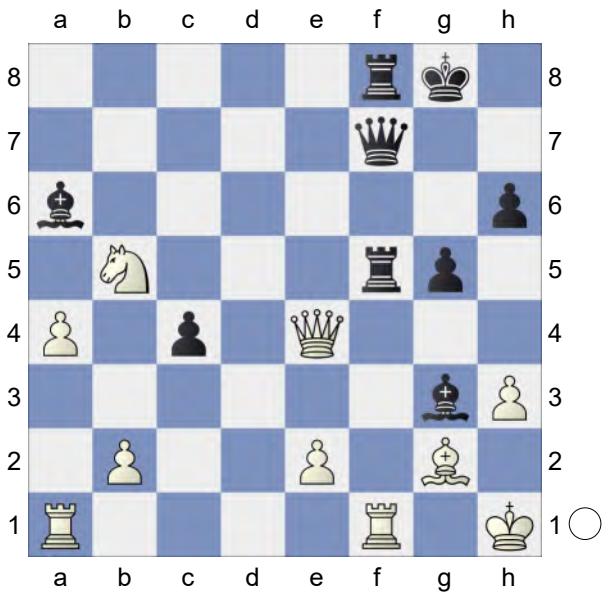
26...Bxb4 27.Qxd4

[Less strong is 27.Nxd4 Rxf2 28.Kh1 Rxf1+ 29.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 31.Bxf1 c3 32.bxc3 Bxc3±]

27...Bc5 28.Qe4 Bxf2+ 29.Kh1 Bxg3

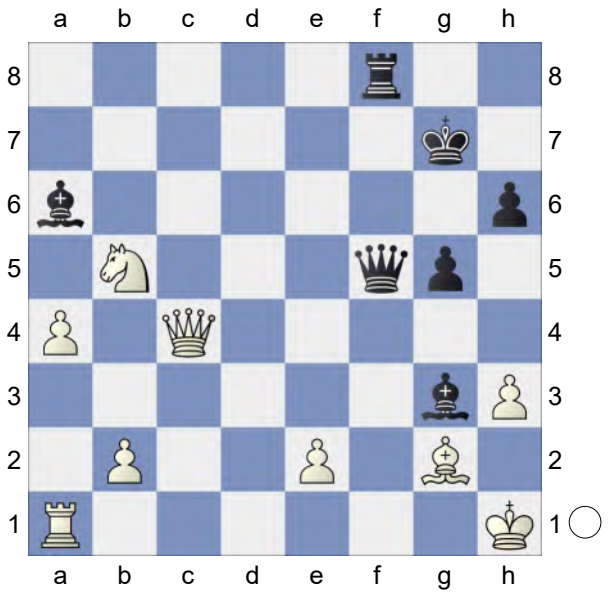
(Diagram)

30.Rxf5? 1.00/19



[30.Nd4!+- 3.06/20 is the precise move to win. Rf4 31.Qc6]

30...Qxf5± 31.Qxc4+ Kg7



32.Rf1! Qe5 33.Rxf8 Kxf8 34.Qc6 Bxb5 35.Qxh6+ Ke7 36.axb5 Endgame. Qh7+ would now be deadly. KQB-KQB **36...Bf4 37.Qh7+ Kf8?** 2.71/18 This costs Black the game.

[37...Kd6± 0.73/20 was called for.]

38.Qd3+- Qc5 3.60/23

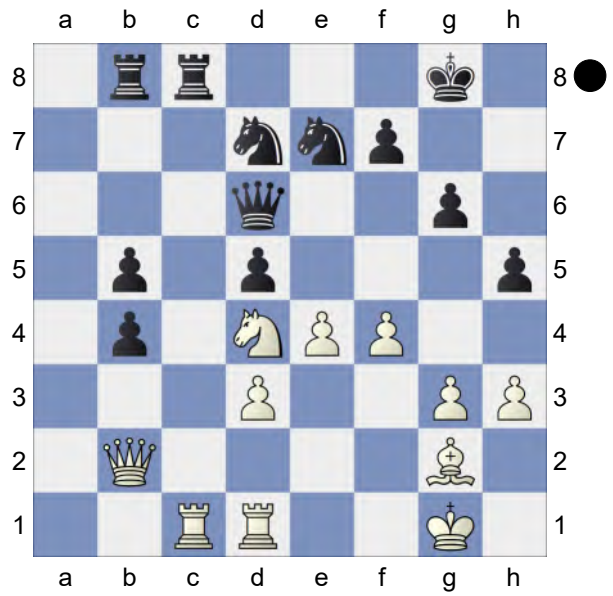
[38...Qf6 2.37/19 was worth a try. 39.Qa3+ Bd6]

39.Qd8+ 5.15/19

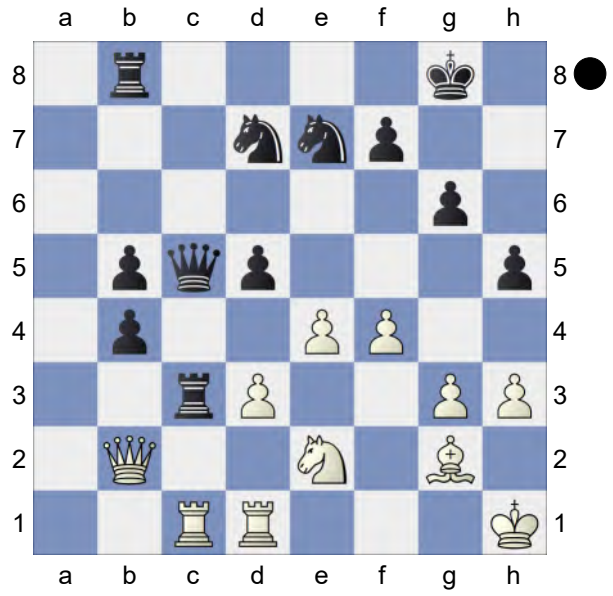
[⌓39.Qa3 3.60/23 Bd6 40.Qxc5 Bxc5 41.Kh2]
39...Kg7 40.Qd7+ Kf6 (→ ...Qc1+) **41.Qc6+ Bd6 42.b6 Qxc6?** 6.55/21
[42...Qe5 3.41/24 43.Qf3+ Ke6]
43.Bxc6 KB-KB. White is clearly winning. **43...Kf5 44.e3 Bc5 45.b7 Bd6 46.Kg2 Bb8 47.Kf3 Bc7 48.b3 Bb8 49.Bb5 Bc7 50.Bd3+ Ke5 51.Kg4 Kf6 52.Kh5 Bb8 53.Kh6 Bc7 54.Kh7 Be5 55.Kg8 Ke7 56.Bb5 Kd8 57.Bc6 Kc7 58.Bd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.49
1-0

A36
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham 2703**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin 2501**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.10) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 **1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d3**
[5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rab1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Rb8 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Bc3 Rfc8 19.b3 Ba8 1-0 Sebenik,M (2524)-Milanovic,D (2494) 112/25 Sarajevo 2011]
5...Nf6N
[5...d6 6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.Bg5 Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.f4 Nf7 13.exf5 Nxg5 14.fxg5 Bxf5 15.g4 Bd7 16.Ne4 Rb8 17.Qd2 Nd4 18.Nf4 Bc6 19.Nd5 a5 20.Rxf8+ 0-1 Wunderlich,F-QUEEN'S GAMBIT WITH h6 56/570 Tilburg 1992 Qxf8 21.Rf1 Qd8 22.Kh1 Be5 23.Qe3 b5 24.Nxc5 bxc4 25.dxc4 Rxb2 26.Ne4 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rxa2 28.Nd2 a4 29.Nc4 Re2 30.Qd3 Bg7 31.h4 Qc8 32.Rf4 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Nb3 34.h5 Qc5 35.Bf1 0-1 Duchamp,M-Le Lionnais,F Paris offhand 1932 gxh5 36.gxh5 Re5 37.Rf5 Rxf5 38.Qxf5 Nd4 39.Qe4 a3 40.Bd3 Nf3+ 41.Qxf3 a2 42.g6 hxg6 43.Bxg6 Bf6 44.Qg2 a1Q 45.Bh7+ Kxh7 46.Qg6+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ Kg7 48.Qg6+ Kf8 0-1 Duchamp,M-Schroeder,M New York Metropolitan Team-ch 1922 (1)]
6.a3 d6 7.Rb1 0-0 8.b4 cxb4 9.axb4 a6 10.e3 Bg4 0.49/20
[10...Bd7= -0.01/23]
11.Nge2± White is slightly better.
11...Qd7 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 b5! 14.0-0 Rab8 15.Ba3 e6 16.Rfd1 d5 0.73/24
[16...Rfc8± 0.33/22]
17.cxd5 -0.02/24
[17.Qa2± 0.73/24]
17...exd5= 18.Rbc1 Rfc8 19.Nb1 -0.90/22
[19.Qa2= -0.06/23]
19...Qd6 -0.19/23
[19...d4∓ -0.90/22 20.e4 a5]
20.Nd2 a5
[20...Nxb4?! 21.Nb3±]
21.Nb3 axb4 22.Bb2 h5 0.49/25
[22...Nd7= 0.00/21]
23.e4 -0.05/26
[Better is 23.Bxf6± 0.49/25 Bxf6 24.d4]
23...Nd7 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.f4 -0.70/19
[25.exd5= -0.07/25 Ne7 26.Qb2+ Nf6 27.Nd4]
25...Ne7!∓ 26.Qb2+ Kg8! 27.Nd4 -1.33/23
[⌓27.e5 -0.95/22 Qb6+ 28.Kh2]

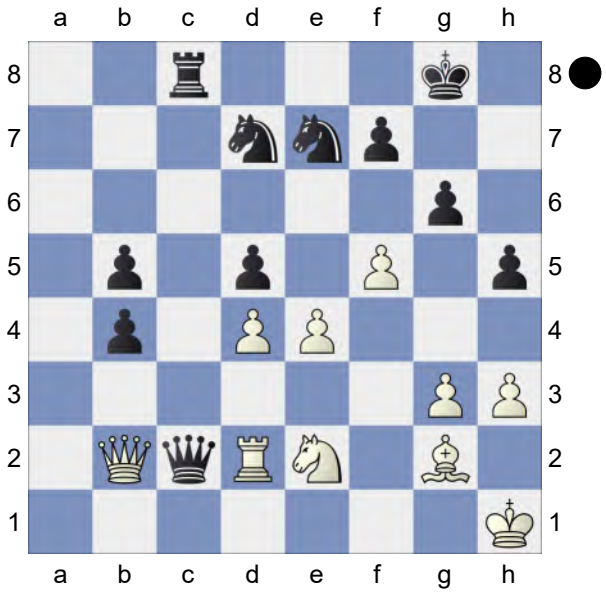


27...Rc3 -0.42/23 **28.Kh1** -0.84/20
[28.Rxc3 bxc3 29.Qxc3 h4 *(29...b4 30.Qe1∓)* 30.gxh4 *(30.e5? Qb6-+)* 30...b4 *(30...Qxf4 31.Qb4∓; 30...dxe4 31.dxe4 Nf8 32.h5=)*]
[28.Rb1!∓ -0.42/23 is more appropriate.]
28...Qc5∓ 29.Ne2 -1.72/23
[29.Nb3∓ -1.01/21 keeps fighting. Qe3 30.Rxc3 bxc3 31.Qxc3]



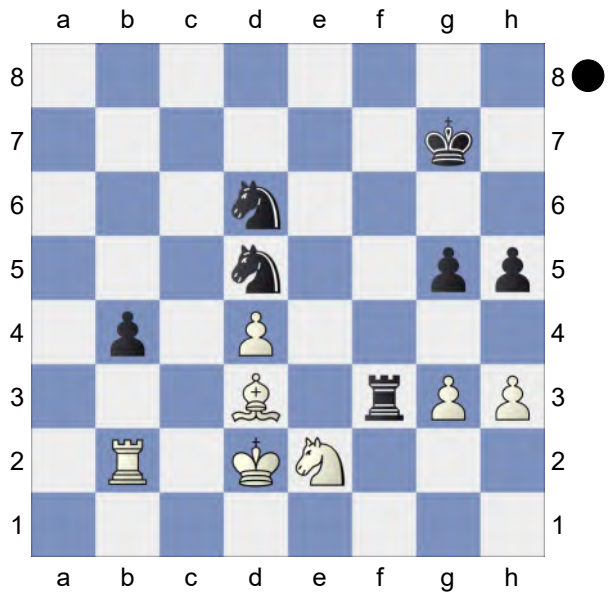
29...Rc8! 30.d4
[30.Nxc3 bxc3 31.Qa2 d4∓]

30...Qc4 31.f5
[31.Nxc3 bxc3 32.Qa3 b4]
31...Rc2 -0.85/24
[31...Nf6-+ -1.69/25 ...Nxe4! is the strong threat. 32.fxg6 fxg6 33.exd5 Nf5 34.Nxc3 bxc3 *(34...Nxg3+ 35.Kh2=)*]
32.Rxc2 Qxc2 33.Rd2



Qxb2 -0.16/22
[33...Qc4!∓ -0.97/22 aiming for ...Nf6. 34.Qb1 dxe4 35.Bxe4 gxf5 Overworked Piece 36.Bxf5 Qd5+ 37.Be4 Qg5]
34.Rxb2= dxe4 Hoping for ...Nf6.
35.fxg6 fxg6 36.Bxe4 Nf6 37.Bd3 Nfd5 38.Bxb5 Kg7 39.Kg2 Nf5 40.Kf3 -2.76/25
[White should play 40.Rb3∓ -0.62/20]
40...Nd6? -0.50/24 A dynamic duo of knights.
[40...Rf8-+ -2.76/25 41.Kg2 Nfe3+ 42.Kh1 Rf1+ 43.Ng1 Ra1]
41.Bd3∓ g5 Prevents Nf4. **42.Kf2 Rf8+ 43.Ke1** -1.17/21
[43.Kg2!∓ -0.62/24]
43...Rf3∓ 44.Kd2

(Diagram)



h4! 45.Ra2? -3.59/21
[45.gxh4∓ -0.72/21 gxh4 46.Ra2]
45...b3-+
[45...hxg3 46.Ra5 Ne3 47.Rxg5+ Kf7 48.Nxg3 Nec4+ 49.Bxc4+ Nxc4+ 50.Ke2 Re3+ 51.Kf2∓]
46.Ra7+ Kf6? -0.76/22
[46...Kf8-+ -3.09/22 is more deadly. 47.gxh4 Nb4 *(47...gxh4 48.Ra8+ Kg7 49.Rb8∓; 47...Rxh3 48.Ra8+ Kf7 49.hxg5=)*]
47.Ra8? -3.49/23
[47.gxh4∓ -0.76/22 only move. b2 *(47...Rxh3 48.hxg5+ Ke6 49.Ra8±; 47...gxh4 48.Ra8∓)* 48.hxg5+ Ke6 *(48...Kxg5 49.Rg7+ Kf6 50.Rg6+ Ke7 51.Rg1∓)* 49.Bg6]
47...Ke6 -1.47/21
[47...hxg3? 48.Rf8+ Nf7 49.Be4+-]
[47...Ke7-+ -3.49/23 48.gxh4 Nb4 *(48...Rxh3 49.hxg5 Nb4 50.Nf4=; 48...gxh4 49.Rb8∓)*]
48.gxh4∓ Nb4
[48...gxh4 49.Rb8∓]
[48...Rxh3 49.hxg5 b2 50.Rb8±]
49.Bh7 -1.95/27
[49.Bb1∓ -1.15/20]
49...b2-+
[49...gxh4 50.Ra4 Nc2 51.Bxc2 bxc2 52.Kxc2=]
50.Rb8
[50.hxg5? Nc4+ *(50...Rxh3? 51.Nf4+ Kd7 52.Nxh3+-)* 51.Ke1 Rd3 *(51...Rxh3? 52.Nf4+ Kd7 53.Nxh3+-)* 52.d5+ *(52.Nf4+? Kd6-+)* 52...Kd6-+ *(52...Kxd5 53.Kf2∓; 52...Kxd5 53.Kf2∓)*]
50...Rb3 0.00/31
[50...Nc4+∓ -0.99/23 51.Ke1 Rb3]
51.Nc3!= The position is equal.
51...Nc4+ Deflection **52.Ke2 Rxc3 53.Rxb4 gxh4** Strongly threatening ... Kd5! **54.Bg8+ Kf6** Threatens to win with ...Rc2+. **55.Bxc4**
[55.Rxc4 Rxc4 *(55...b1N 56.Rxc3 Nxc3+ 57.Ke3±)* 56.Bh7 Rc7 *(56...Rxd4* is a self mate. *57.Bc2 Rb4 58.Bb1 Rb3 59.Kd2 Rxh3 60.Kc2 Rh2+ 61.Kd3 h3 62.Ke3 Rg2 63.Kf3 Rg1 64.Bh7 h2 65.Be4 h1Q+ 66.Ke3 Re1+ 67.Kd4 Qxe4+ 68.Kc5 Rc1+ 69.Kb6 b1Q+ 70.Ka7 Qeb7#)* 57.Bd3 Rc3 58.Bb1 Rc1 *(58...Rxh3 59.Kd2 Rf3 60.Ke2 Rc3 61.Kf2 h3 62.Be4 Kg5 63.Bh7 Kf4 64.Ke2 h2 65.Kd2 Rc1 66.Bc2 h1Q 67.Kd3 Rxc2* Remove Defender, Promotion *68.Kxc2 b1Q+ 69.Kd2 Qhe1#)* 59.Bh7 b1Q *(59...b1B? 60.Bg8-+)* 60.Bxb1 Rxb1 61.d5 Ke5 62.Kf3 Kxd5 63.Kg4 Rf1 *(63...Rb4+ 64.Kf5 Kd6 65.Kg6 Ke6 66.Kg5 Ke5 67.Kg6 Rb7 68.Kg5 Rg7+ 69.Kh6 Kf6 70.Kh5 Rg8 71.Kxh4 Kf5 72.Kh5 Rh8#)* 64.Kxh4 Rg1 65.Kh5 Ke6 66.Kh6 Kf5 *(66...Rh1 67.Kg5 Rxh3 68.Kf4 Rd3 69.Ke4 Rd5 70.Kf4 Re5 71.Kg4 Rf5 72.Kg3 Kf6 73.Kh2 Rg5 74.Kh3 Kf5 75.Kh4 Kf4 76.Kh3 Kf3 77.Kh2 Rh5+ 78.Kg1 Rh8 79.Kf1 Rh1#)* 67.Kh7 Kf6

68.Kh6 Rf1 *(68...Rh1 69.Kh5 Rg1 70.Kh4 Rg8 71.Kh5 Rg7 72.Kh6 Rc7 73.h4 Rc5 74.Kh7 Rh5+ 75.Kg8 Rxh4 76.Kf8 Rh8#)* 69.h4 Rf5 70.Kh7 Rh5+ 71.Kg8 Rxh4 72.Kf8 Rh8#]

55...Rxc4 Promotion **56.Rb6+ Kf5 57.Rxb2** Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.34

½-½

C48

□ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.11) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4 Joe was pleased with this game afterwards and told me he tried it as he's faced some problems in online blitz games on the Black side! **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bd6 8.f4 Nc6** ...Be7 would now be deadly. **9.e5 Be7 10.exf6 Bxf6** White has an edge. **11.d5 Nb4 12.a3**

[12.Bc4 d6 13.Ne4 Bf5 14.Ng3 Qd7 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.c3 Na6 17.g4 Qd7 18.g5 Bd8 19.Be3 Nc5 20.Qf3 b5 21.Be2 f5 22.Rae1 Re8 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.d6 Rb8 25.Qd5+ Kh8 26.Bd3 c6 1-0 Gallagher,J (2501)-Karim,I (2375) Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG 2011 (10.26)]

12...c6N 0.72/22

[12...Bxc3= 0.21/20

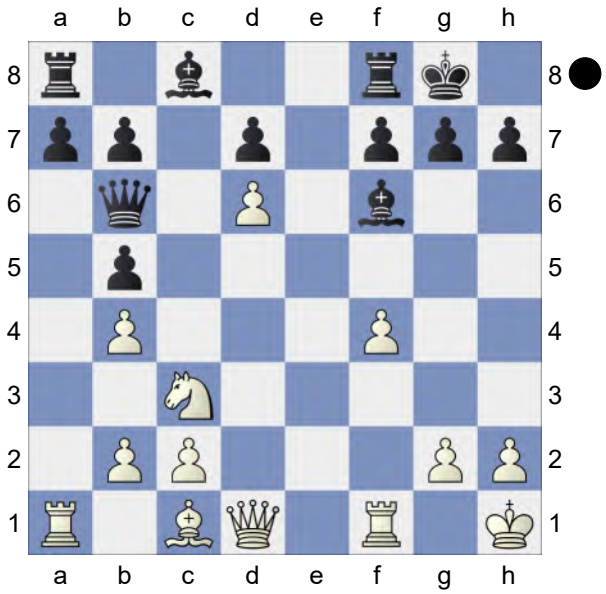
A) 13.bxc3 Nxd5 Decoy 14.Qxd5 c6= 15.Qd3 cxb5 16.f5 *(16.Qxb5 Qf6 17.Qe5 Qxe5 18.fxe5 b6 19.Bf4 Ba6 20.Rfd1 Bb5* C 48/01 2000*)* 16...f6 17.a4 bxa4 18.Rxa4 d5 19.Rh4 *(19.Rd4)* 19...Re8 20.Qd1 Re5 21.Qh5 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Bxf5 23.Bf4 Qf2 24.Qd1 Qxh4 25.Bxe5 fxe5 26.Rxf5 Qe4 27.Rf1 Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.h3 Kg8 0-1 Ibd2 (2610)-Alexei Shirov Vs Ivan Saric,S (2570) Minsk op 1997 (1);

B) 13.axb4 Bxb4]

13.axb4± **cxb5** **14.d6** 0.10/19 White is more active.

[White should play 14.Ne4± 0.70/23]

14...Qb6+= 15.Kh1



Hoping for Ra3. **15...Bxc3!** **16.bxc3 Qc6! 17.f5 f6 18.Rf3 b6! 19.Rg3 Bb7 20.Bh6 Rf7 21.Qg4**

[21.Kg1!?]

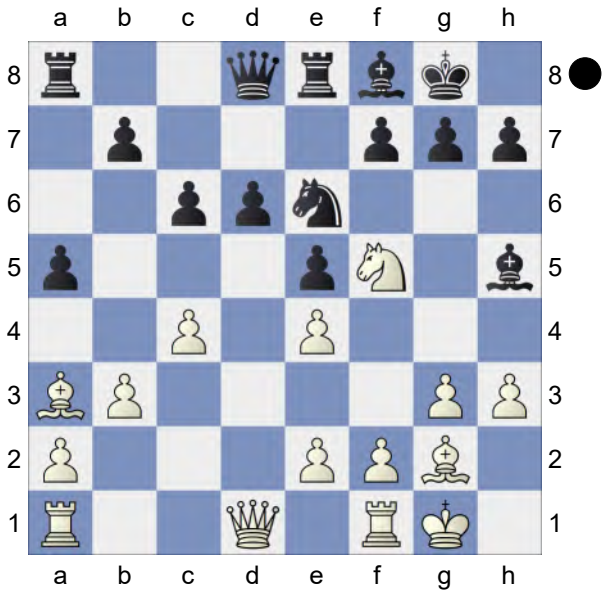
21...Qe4! 22.Qh5 Bd5 23.Rg1! Qe5 24.Qg4 Qe4! Strongly threatening ... Qxg4. **25.Qh5 Qe5 26.Qg4! Qe4!** And now ...Qxg4 would win. **27.Qh5!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

A20

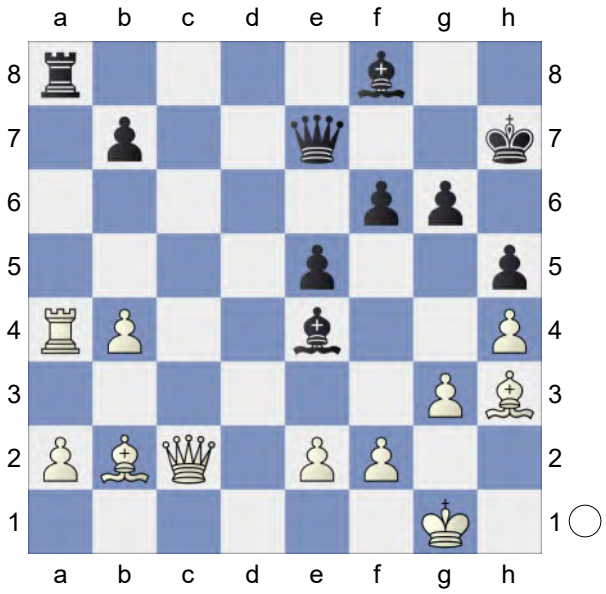
□ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
■ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.12) 06.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
1.c4 e5 2.d3 Nf6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 d6 5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Nd2N 0.12/24 Against d5. White is more active.
[8.e4± 0.67/20 Re8 9.h3 a6 10.Be3 b5 11.a3 Bb7 12.Nd2 Nf8 13.b4 Ne6 14.Nb3 Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO A4 Survey 2000]
[8.Qc2 Rb8 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 Nb6 11.Nd2 Bf5 12.e4 Be6 13.Ne2 Nfd7 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Bf6 16.N2f3 Rfe8 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Ne1 Bxb2 19.Qxb2 Nf6 20.Nd3 e5 21.Rac1 Qe7 22.Qa3 d5 ½-½ Kolibik,J (1528)-Fuksa,J Valasska Bystrice op 13th 2022 (3)]
[8.Ne1 Nb6 9.e4 d5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.exd5 Nbxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.d4 exd4 14.Qxd4 Be6 3 Chapter-Games Chapter 3 (2) Game 15.Nc2 Bf6 16.Qe4 Qa5 17.Nd4 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Rfd8 19.Bg5 Rd7 20.a3 Nb6 21.Qh4 Nc4 22.b4 Qb6 23.Rfe1 h6 24.Be7 Qc7 25.Bc5 Ne5 26.Be3 Nd3 27.Red1 Bb3 28.Rf1 Bd5 29.Bxd5 Rxd5 0-1 Zbikowski,K-Sierra Vallina,L 25/506 Bogota 1978]
8...a5= 9.b3 Nc5 10.Ba3 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nf3 Ne6 13.Nh4 Re8 0.24/25
[13...Nd4∓ -0.35/26]
14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Ne4 Nxe4
[15...d5 feels hotter. 16.Ned6 Nd4 17.Nxe8 Bxe2 18.Qc1 Nxf5 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.Re1 Bxa3 21.Qxa3 Nd4]
16.dxe4



a4 0.33/22 **17.b4± f6 18.Qd2 Qc7 19.Rfd1 Red8 20.Rac1 Bf7 21.h4 h5 22.Rc3 Kh7 23.Rd3** -0.34/18
[23.Qd3= 0.28/21]
23...g6!∓ 24.Ne3
[24.Nxd6? Bxd6 25.e3 *(25.Rxd6? Rxd6 26.Qxd6 Rd8-+* Skewer *)* 25...Bf8-+]
24...Bh6 25.Bb2 Inhibits Nd4.
[25.Rxd6 Bxe3 26.Rxd8 *(26.fxe3? Rxd6 27.Qxd6 Rd8-+)* 26...Rxd8-+ *(26...Bxd2? 27.Rxa8 Bh6 28.c5-+)*]
25...Qe7 26.Bh3
[26.Rxd6 Nd4 27.Rxd4 *(27.Rxd8? Rxd8 28.Bxd4 Rxd4-+)* 27...exd4 28.Bxd4 Bxc4∓]
26...Bf8 0.29/22
[⌓26...Nc7 -0.14/23]
27.Qc2= Nc7 28.Ra3 d5 29.exd5
[29.Rxa4? Rxa4 30.Qxa4 d4-+ *(30...Qxb4 31.Qxb4 Bxb4 32.cxd5±; 30...dxc4 31.Rxd8 Qxd8 32.Qa7=)*]
29...cxd5 30.cxd5
[30.Rxa4 Rxa4 31.Qxa4 d4∓ *(31...Qxb4 32.Qxb4 Bxb4 33.cxd5±; 31...dxc4 32.Bg2=)*]
[30.Nxd5 is interesting. Nxd5

31.cxd5 Bxd5 32.Rc3]
30...Nxd5 31.Nxd5
[31.Rxa4 Nxe3 32.fxe3 Rxd1+ *(32...Bxa2? too greedy. 33.Rxa8* Deflection *Rxa8 34.Rd7+-)* 33.Qxd1 Rxa4 34.Qxa4 Qxb4 35.Qxb4 Bxb4∓]
31...Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Bxd5 33.Rxa4 Be4



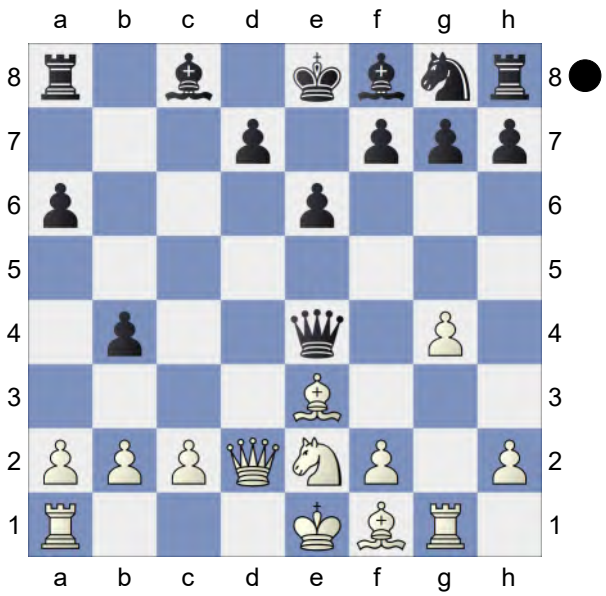
Deflection. The position is equal. **34.Qb3**
[Much weaker is 34.Qxe4 Rxa4 35.a3 Ra6∓]
34...Rxa4
[34...Bd5 with more complications. 35.Qa3 Rxa4 36.Qxa4 Qxb4 37.Qd7+ Bg7]
35.Qxa4 Qxb4 36.Qxb4 Bxb4
Endgame. KBB-KBB **37.Be6 Bc5 38.Kf1 Kg7 39.f3 Bc6 40.Bc4 Be8 41.Bd3 Be3 42.Bc3 Bc6 43.Bb4 Bd5 44.a4 b6 45.Bb5 Kf7 46.Bc3 Ke7 47.Kg2 e4 48.f4 Bc5 49.Kf1 Be6 50.Ke1 f5 51.a5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

B48
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin 2681**
■ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar 2437**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.13) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

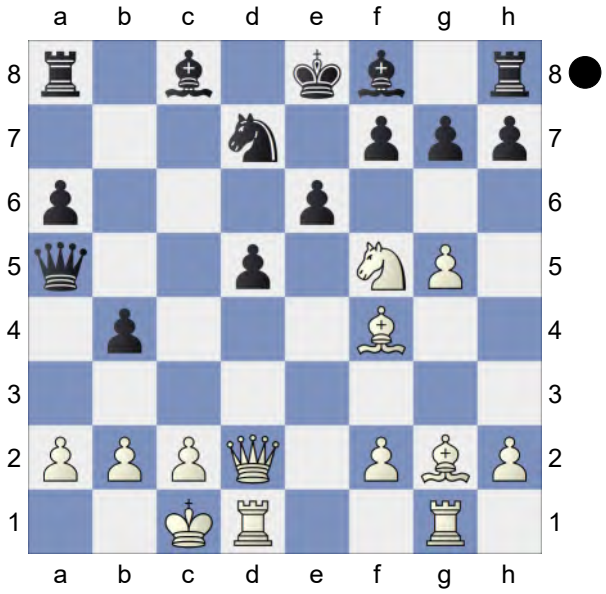
B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3**
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.g4 b5 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Qd2 White is slightly better. **9...b4 10.Ne2 Qxe4 11.Rg1**

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening Bg2. **11...Qc4 12.Ng3** White has compensation.
12...Qc7
[12...Qxg4 13.f3 Qg6 *(13...Qxf3? 14.Bg2+-* Skewer, Deflection*)* 14.Ne4=]
13.0-0-0 Nf6 14.Bf4 Qa5 0.64/20
[14...Qb6= 0.25/22 is superior.]
15.Bg2± White is more active. **15...d5**



16.g5 Nd7 17.Nf5



Threatens to win with Nd6+. Deflection **17...Bb7** 1.90/21 This move loses the game for Black.
[17...Qxa2!± 0.46/23 18.Qd4 Rg8 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.Bxd6 b3]
18.Nd6++- Bxd6 19.Bxd6 Rc8 2.56/23
[19...0-0-0 1.83/20 was called for. 20.Qxb4 *(20.Bxb4 Qxa2 21.Qc3+ Kb8=)* 20...Qxb4 21.Bxb4 Rdg8]
20.Kb1
[20.Qxb4 Qxb4 21.Bxb4 h6±]
20...Qb6 21.Bxb4 This pair of bishops is nice.
[21.Qxb4 Qxb4 22.Bxb4 h6=]
21...Rc4 22.a3 Qc7 23.b3 Rh4 24.Rge1 Nb6 25.h3 Kd7 26.Ba5 Rb8 27.Bc3 Ba8 28.Qd3 Be5! is the strong threat.
[28.Bxg7 Nc4 29.Qc1 Qc5+-]
28...Nc4 29.Ka2
[29.Bxg7 Nxa3+ 30.Kc1 Qf4+ 31.Qe3 Rc8±]
29...Rc8 30.Bxg7
[Resist 30.bxc4 Rxc4 31.Bb2 *(31.Bxg7 Rxc2+ 32.Ka1 Bb7+-)* 31...Rxc2]
30...Qc5 31.bxc4 Rxc4 32.Re2
[32.Qxh7? is the wrong capture. Rxc2+-+]
32...Rxc2+ 33.Bb2 Qc4+ 34.Qxc4 R8xc4 35.Rdd2 Rxd2 36.Rxd2 Bc6 37.Be5 Rh4 38.Rd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.35
1-0

B90
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
■ **Goutham Krishna H** **2466**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.14) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.g4**
[7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.a3 *(9.0-0-0 Bb7 10.g4 Nb6 11.a3 Rc8 12.h4 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc5 14.Bd3 Qc7 15.Kb1 Be7 16.g5 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Qg2 Ba8 19.Bc1 Qb7 20.Rde1 Kd7 21.Qg4 Kc7 22.f5 Kb8 23.fxe6 fxe6* 1-0 Jain,K (1472)-Bharadia,Y (2092) Asia-ch Rapid

U20 Jamshedpur 2023 (1)) 9...h5 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Kb1 Be7 12.Rg1 Rc8 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Qe1 Nfd7 15.g4 hxg4 16.Rxg4 g6 17.Rxg6 Rxc3 18.Nxe6 Qc8 19.Ng7+ Kf8 20.Rh6 Rxh6 21.Bxh6 Rxc2 ½-½ Alekseenko,K (2698)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2767) Candidates Tournament Ekaterinburg 2020 (5)]

7...h6N

[7...Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.f4 Rb8 14.h4 b4 15.Ne2 Qc7 16.Kb1 e5 17.Qd2 Nc5 18.Bg2 Bb7 19.Ng3 exf4 20.Bxf4 Rfe8 21.Rhe1 Qa5 22.Nf5 1-0 Schmaltz,R (2529)-Dinstuhl,V (2416) Bermuda-B 2003 (1) Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Qxf5 25.Rde1 Qd7 26.Qe2 Rb7 27.Qxa6 g6 28.Bxd6 Rd8 29.Rxe7 1-0 Solution (2529)-Evan,S (2416) (m/1) 101/(58) Khanty Mansiysk 2007 (1)]

8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.h4 White is more active. White is slightly better. **9...b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Rh3 g6 12.Be3 Rc8 13.0-0-0 Ne5** 1.11/19

[⌓13...Rxc3 0.74/18 14.bxc3 d5]

14.Qe1± Nc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Nb3 Qc7 17.Kb1 Be7 18.g5? -1.10/20

[18.Na2± 0.78/20 and life is bright.]

18...hxg5∓ 19.Bxg5 Rh5? 0.87/19

[19...Nxe4!∓ -0.94/23 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 Remove Defender *(20...Rxc2? 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Nxd6+-)* 21.fxe4 Bxg5 Pin *(21...Rxc2? 22.Qe3+-)*]

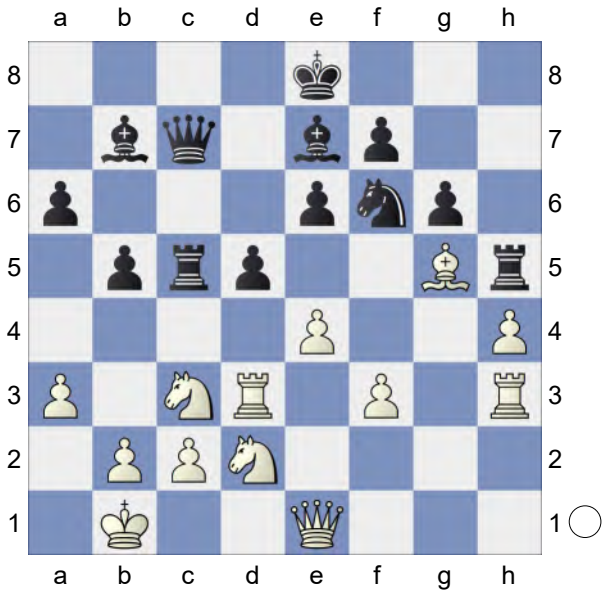
20.Rd3 0.00/21

[20.Nd2± 0.87/19]

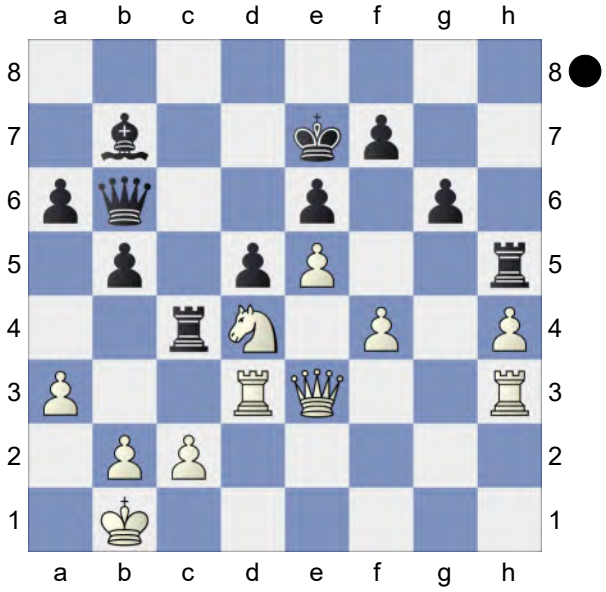
20...d5= 21.Nd2 Rc5 1.55/18

[21...b4!= 0.00/21 22.exd5 Rxc3 *(22...bxc3 23.Nxc4 Qxc4 24.dxe6=)*]

(Diagram)



22.e5!↑ White has strong initiative. **22...Ng8 23.f4 Nh6 24.Bxe7 Kxe7 25.Nb3 Rc4 26.Nd4** Strongly threatening Nce2. **26...Nf5 27.Nce2 Nxd4 28.Nxd4 Qb6 29.Qe3**



Nf5+! would now be deadly. **29...Kd7 30.b3 Rc8 31.Rc3 Rch8 32.Qf2 b4 33.axb4 Qxb4 34.Ne2** Some like it hot **34...Rc8?** 3.38/21

[34...a5± 1.26/20 was called for.]

35.Rxc8+- Kxc8 36.Qa7 Hoping for Rc3+. **36...Rh8**

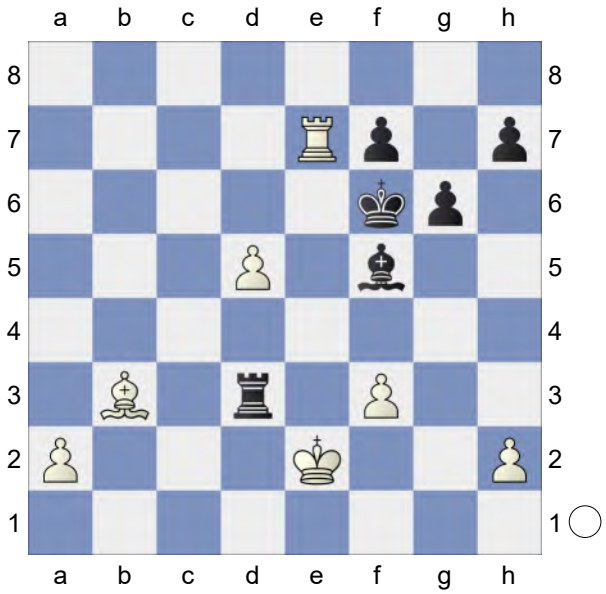
[36...Qe1+? 37.Kb2+-]

37.Kb2 Kc7 38.Rc3+ Kd7 39.Nc1 2.02/25
[⌓39.f5 3.39/21]
39...Ra8 3.25/26
[⌓39...Rc8 2.02/25 40.Rxc8 Kxc8]
40.Qg1 Rc8 41.Rxc8 Kxc8 Endgame. KQB-KQN **42.Nd3 Qe7 43.Qb6** Dodges a5 **43...Qc7 44.Qb4** 1.81/22
[⌓44.Qd6 3.23/27 Bc6 45.Nc5 *(45.Qf8+ Kb7±)* 45...Qxd6 46.exd6]
44...Bc6 45.Qf8+ Kb7 46.Ne1 1.02/21
[Much less strong is 46.Nc5+?! Kb6=]
[46.Qd6+- 1.80/25]
46...d4 2.04/22
[46...Bb5± 1.02/21 47.Nf3 Kb6]
47.Nd3 aiming for Qb4+. **47...Bb5 48.Nc5+ Kc6?** 3.67/19
[48...Kb6 1.66/20 49.b4 Bc6]
49.Ne4 Kd5 5.77/24
[49...Kb7 3.94/20 keeps fighting. 50.Qb4 Qb6 51.Nd6+ Kc7 52.Nxf7 Be2 53.Qe7+ Kb8 54.Qe8+ Ka7]
50.Nf6+ Kc6 51.Ne8 1.53/19
[51.Ne4+- 3.35/22 and White stays clearly on top.]
51...Qd8? 7.02/19
[51...Qc8± 1.53/19]
52.Qxf7 White is clearly winning. **52...d3 53.Qxe6+**
[Inferior is 53.Qxg6 Qd4+ 54.Ka2 Kb6 55.Qxe6+ Ka5 56.cxd3 Qf2+ 57.Ka1 *(57.Ka3 Qe1=)* 57...Qe1+ 58.Kb2 Qd2+ 59.Ka1 Qc1+ 60.Ka2 Qc2+ 61.Ka1 Qc1+ 62.Ka2 Qc2+ 63.Ka1 Qc1+=]
53...Kc5 54.Nd6 Kd4 55.Nxb5+ axb5 56.Qd6+ Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.37
1-0

C67
□ **Nigmatov,Ortik 2447**
■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son 2646**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.15) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

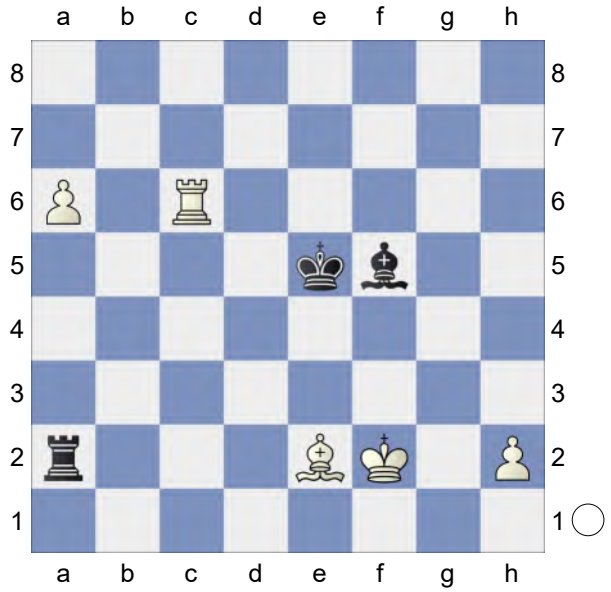
C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 0-0 8.d4 Nf5 9.Nf3 d5** White is slightly better. **10.g3**
[10.c3 Re8 11.Bd3 Bf8 12.Rxe8 Qxe8 13.Nbd2 Nd6 14.Nf1 Ne7 15.Ng3 Nef5 16.Qc2 g6 17.Bf4 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Qd8 19.Re1 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.g4 Nd6 22.Qb3 Qc8 23.Qxd5 c6 24.Qb3 Qxg4 1-0 Braeu,L (2539)-Pasini,N (2645) 2000 (7)]
10...Nd6N
[10...h6 11.c3 Be6 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.a4 a5 14.Nb3 Bd6 15.Bd2 Qd8 16.Nc1 Nfe7 ½-½ Ilie,V (2633)-Campos (2704) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (10.2)]
[10...Re8 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Ne2 g5 *(12...Bf8 13.Nf4 Bd7 14.Rxe8 Bxe8 15.Bh3 Nce7 16.Qd3 g6 17.Bd2 c6 18.Re1 Bd7 19.Ne5 Bc8 20.Bb4 Nd6 21.Qf3 Bxh3 22.Nxh3 Nef5 23.c3 a5 24.Bxd6 Nxd6 25.Qf4 Bg7 26.Ng5 Qf6 27.Qxf6* 0-1 Latvian Gambit (2663)-Molina,R (2837) (ch) 125/185 Russia 2015 (5)*)* 13.b3 h6 14.h3 Bf6 15.c3 Nd6 16.Bg2 Bg7 17.Be3 Qd7 18.h4 f6 19.hxg5 hxg5 20.Bxg5 fxg5 21.Nxg5 Bg4 22.Bxd5+ Kh8 23.Kg2 Bh6 24.Qd3 Bf5 25.Rh1 0-1 Ernst,H (2766)-Osnos, V (2769) 77/(452) Batumi 1999 (3)]
11.Nc3 Be6 12.Bg2 Bf6 13.Bf4 Nf5 14.Nb5 Rc8 15.c3 a6 16.Na3 Nd6 0.69/20

[16...Nce7= 0.23/22]
17.Ne5± Be7 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Qa4 Rb8 20.Nc2
[20.Qxa6 Qd7∓]
20...a5 0.76/19 Dodges Nb4
[20...Rxb2± 0.32/19 deserves consideration. 21.Nb4 Bg5]
21.Qxc6 Rb6 22.Qa4 White is much more active. **22...Nc4 23.Ne3** 0.56/22
[23.b4± 0.97/22]
23...Nxb2 24.Qxa5 Nd3 25.Reb1 0.21/26
[25.Nxd5!± 0.91/24 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 *(26.Bxd5 Nxf4 27.gxf4 Bd6=)* 26...Qxd5 27.Bxd5 Nxe1 28.Rxe1]
25...Nxf4= 26.gxf4 Rxb1+ 0.81/17
[26...Qb8!= 0.21/22 27.Rb3 Rxb3 28.axb3 g6]
27.Rxb1± c6 28.Qxd8 Bxd8 29.c4! Bf6 1.46/25
[⌓29...dxc4 0.78/22 30.Bxc6 c3]
30.cxd5 cxd5 31.f5!
[31.Bxd5?! Bxd4 32.Rd1 Bf6=]
31...Bd7 32.Nxd5
[32.Bxd5?! Bxd4 33.Rb4 Bc5±]
32...Bg5 1.96/23
[32...Bh4± 1.38/20 33.Ne3 Rd8]
33.Rb7 0.86/22
[33.Ra1+- 1.96/23]
33...Bxf5 34.Ne7+ 0.19/17
[34.a4± 1.09/22 Threatens to win with a5. g6 35.Nb6 *(35.a5 Ra8±)*]
34...Bxe7= 35.Rxe7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **35...Rc8** Against Bc6 **36.Bd5 g6** 1.41/24
[36...Be6= 0.13/23 37.Bxe6 fxe6]
37.Bb3
[37.Rxf7? Rc1+ 38.Kg2 Be4+ 39.Bxe4 Kxf7 40.Bd5+ Kf6-+]
37...Rc3 38.Kf1!
[38.Rxf7? Rxb3 39.Rc7 Rd3-+]
[38.Bxf7+?! Kf8 39.Ra7 Bh3±]
38...Rd3 39.d5! Against Be6
[39.Rxf7? is the wrong capture. Rxb3 40.Rc7 *(40.Rxf5? Rb1+ 41.Kg2 gxf5-+)* 40...Rd3-+]
39...Bg4 2.10/21
[39...Kg7± 1.24/21]
40.Re3+- Rd4 41.f3 Bd7 3.04/23
[⌓41...Bf5 1.89/21 42.Ke2 Kf8]
42.Re7 Bf5 43.Kf2 And now Rb7 would win. **43...Kg7 44.Ke3** 1.27/19
[Better is 44.Rb7!+- 1.86/23]
44...Rd3+± 45.Ke2! Kf6 2.06/20
[45...h5± 0.68/19]

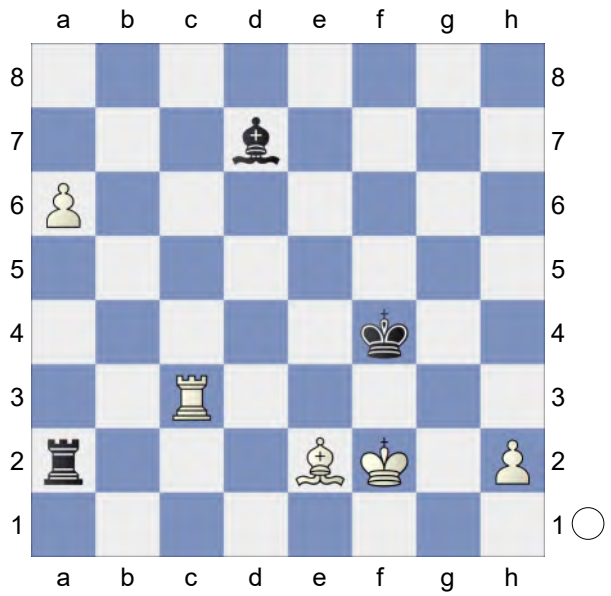


46.d6!+- Rxd6 47.Rxf7+ Ke5 48.Rxh7 g5 49.Rh8 Kf4 2.42/25
[49...Rd4± 1.34/20 50.Re8+ Kf4]
50.Rf8 aiming for Bc2. **50...Rh6 51.Kf1 Rc6** Dodges Bc2
[51...Rxh2? too greedy. 52.Be6 Kxf3 53.Rxf5++- *(53.Bxf5? Rh1#)*]
52.Rf7 0.69/21
[52.Kf2+- 1.91/21]
52...Ke5 1.96/22
[52...g4!± 0.69/21]
53.Kf2 Rc1 2.37/23
[53...Rh6 1.71/20 keeps fighting. 54.Kg3 Rc6 55.Re7+ Kf6]
54.Rb7 Rc3 2.47/28

[54...g4± 1.58/19 55.fxg4 Bxg4]
55.Rb5+ Kf6 56.Rb4 Rc1 57.a4 Bd7 3.12/21
[⌓57...Ra1 2.22/19 58.h4 gxh4]
58.a5 a6 would now be deadly. **58...Ra1 59.Rb6+ Ke5 60.a6 g4** 3.60/20
[60...Ra5 2.23/21 might work better. 61.Rg6 Bf5 62.Rxg5 Kf4]
61.fxg4 Bxg4 62.Bc4 Bc8 63.Rc6 Bf5 64.Be2 Ra2



65.Rc5+! Kf4 66.Rc3 Repels Bd3
66...Bd7



67.Rc4+? 0.06/20
[67.Ke1!+- 3.30/22]
67...Ke5= The position is equal. **68.Ke3** Black must now prevent Rc5+. **68...Rxe2+ 69.Kxe2** KR-KB **69...Bb5** Pin **70.Kd3 Bxa6** Pin **71.Kc3 Bxc4 72.Kxc4 Kf4 73.Kb5 Kg4 74.Ka4 Kh3 75.Ka5 Kxh2** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.31
½-½

B51
□ **Pranav,V.** **2621**
■ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.16) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1

18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.0-0 a6 5.Bxd7+ Bxd7 6.Re1 Nf6 7.c3 e6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 The position is equal. **9...Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bg5 Bc6 12.Qb3 d5 13.e5 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Ne2 Rac8 16.Nf4 Rc7 17.Rec1 Rfc8 18.Qe3 Bb5 19.Rxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne1** Repels Qc2 **20...h6 21.a4**

[21.f3!? Ng5□ 22.a4=]

21...Be8 22.f3 Ng5 23.Qd2 Qb6 24.a5 Qb5 0.63/23

[Black should try 24...Qa7!= 0.10/22]

25.Ned3 b6 0.76/23

[25...Rc4= 0.28/23 should be considered.]

26.axb6± Qxb6 27.Nc5 Bb5 28.b3 0.49/23

[28.h4± 0.90/22 Nh7 29.Qa5]

28...Nh7 29.Nfd3 0.15/23 White has more active pieces. Excellent horsemanship.

[29.g4± 0.69/22]

29...Nf8= 30.Qa5 Qxa5 31.Rxa5 Bxd3 32.Nxd3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **32...Nd7** 0.60/25

[32...Rc3= -0.01/26 33.Nf4 *(33.Nc5 Ng6=)* 33...Rxb3]

33.Rxa6± And now b4 would win.

33...Rc3 34.Ra8+ Kh7 35.Nf4 Rc7 Inhibits Ra7. **36.Kf2 Nb6** 1.47/22

[⌓36...Rb7 0.73/23]

37.Rf8± g6 38.Ke2 1.11/24

[White should play 38.Rb8+- 1.86/25 Nd7 39.Rd8]

38...Nc8 39.Kd2 0.33/23

[39.Nd3!± 1.27/24]

39...Kg7± 40.Re8 Ne7! 41.Ra8 Nf5 42.Ra4 Nh4 0.84/27

[42...h5!= 0.30/22]

43.Kd3 0.33/30

[43.Nd3± 0.84/27]

43...g5 44.Nh5+ Kg6 45.g4 Rc8 0.95/23 Wards off Ra8

[45...Rb7!± 0.55/25]

46.Ra2 0.18/23

[46.Ke2!± 0.95/23]

46...Rb8 1.36/24

[46...Nxf3= 0.18/23 remains equal. 47.Rf2 f5 48.gxf5+ *(48.Rxf3 fxg4 49.Rf6+ Kxh5=; 48.exf6 e5=)* 48...Kxh5 49.Rxf3 Kg4 50.Rg3+ Kxf5]

47.Rb2!± Nxf3 48.Ke3! Nxh2 49.Rxh2 Rb2 is the strong threat. **49...Rxb3+** KRN-KR **50.Kf2 Rb2+ 51.Kg3 Rb3+ 52.Kg2** Strongly threatening Rh1. **52...Rd3 53.Rh1 Rxd4 54.Nf6 Rc4 55.Rb1 Rc8** Repels Rb8 **56.Rb3 Ra8 57.Kg3 Rd8 58.Rf3 Rc8 59.Rb3 Rd8 60.Rc3 Ra8 61.Kf3 Rd8 62.Ke2 Ra8 63.Kd3** 0.87/34

[⌓63.Rc2 1.50/31]

63...Rd8 64.Rc6 Kd4 would now be deadly. **64...Ra8 65.Rd6** 0.00/26

[But not 65.Nxd5?! h5 66.gxh5+ Kxh5+-]

[65.Rc2± 0.94/30]

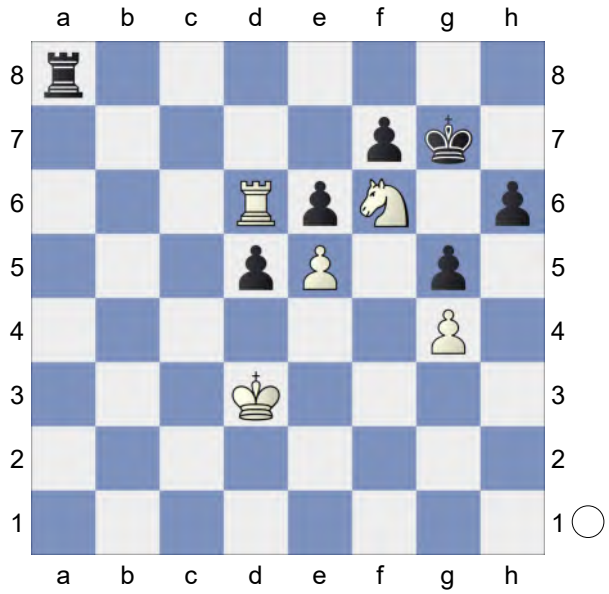
65...Kg7? 1.63/34

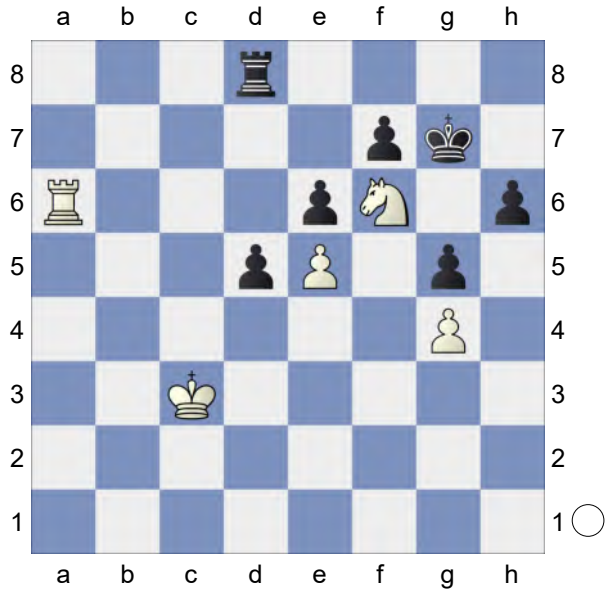
[65...Ra3+= 0.00/26 and Black is okay. 66.Kd4 Ra8]

(Diagram)

66.Kc3!+- Rb8 67.Ra6 Rd8 1.97/23

[67...Kh8!± 0.48/27]





Black cannot hold the game after this. **68.Kb4! Rc8 69.Kb5 Rb8+?** 5.40/24
[69...Kg6 2.04/23 is tougher. 70.Nxd5 Rc1]
70.Kc5 Rc8+ 4.57/22
[⌓70...d4 3.12/23 71.Kxd4 Rc8]
71.Kd6 Rh8 72.Ra1 Kg6 73.Kc7 Inhibits Rb8. **73...Rf8 74.Nh5 Re8 75.Rf1** aiming for Kd7. **75...Re7+ 76.Kd8 Ra7 77.Rf6+ Kh7 78.Ke8 Kg8 79.Rxh6 d4?** 7.53/20
[79...Rc7 3.97/23 80.Nf6+ Kg7]
80.Nf6+ Kg7 81.Rh3 Ra5 82.Nd7 Black must now prevent Rf3. **82...Rd5 83.Rf3 Ra5 84.Rxf7+ Kh6 85.Rf3** 12.49/22
[⌓85.Re7 #11/20 Ra8+ 86.Kf7 Kh7 87.Rxe6 *(87.Kxe6+ Kg6+-)* 87...Rd8 88.Nf8+ Rxf8+ 89.Kxf8 d3 90.Rd6 d2 91.Kf7 *(91.Rxd2 Kh6 92.Kf7 Kh7 93.Rh2#)* 91...Kh8 92.Rh6#]
85...Kg7 86.Ke7 Ra4 87.Nc5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
1-0

A07
□ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**
■ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.17) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'What is wrong with 1.e4!? or 1.d4!? ?? :-)' Bojkov,Dejan: 'Alex Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'What is wrong with 1.e4!? or 1.d4!? ?? :-)'' After the first two "warm-up games" we started to see real fights in the World Championship. Atalik, Suat: 'Bojkov,Dejan: 'Alex Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'What is wrong with 1.e4!? or 1.d4!? ?? :-)'' Mark Crowther: ' Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'What is wrong with 1.e4!? or 1.d4!? ?? :-)' After the first two "warm-up games" we started to see real fights in the World Championship.' Mark Crowther: 'Bojkov, Dejan: 'Alex Baburin (www.chesstoday.net): 'What is wrong with 1.e4!? or 1.d4!? ?? :-)'' After the first two "warm-up games" we started to see real fights in the World Championship.'' **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Na3N**
[4.Qa4+ Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e5

7.Qxc4 Nge7 8.d3 h6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Bd2 Be6 *(10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Ne4 c6 13.Bb4 Be6 14.Qc1 Bd5 15.a4 b6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.a5 Rab8 18.Re1 Rfc8 19.axb6 axb6 20.Qf4 Rd8 21.h4 Kh7 22.Nd2 Be5 23.Qg4 h5 24.Qh3 Be6 25.Qh1 ½-½* Carlsen,M (2870)-Anand,V (2775) WCh 2013 Chennai IND (3)*; 10...a5 11.Rfc1 Be6 12.Qa4 Nd4 13.Qd1 b6 14.Ne1 Rc8 15.e3 Ndf5 16.Ne4 c5 17.Bc3 Nd5 18.Nf3 Nxc3 19.Nxc3 Ne7 20.Qe2 Qd7 21.Nd2 Rfd8 22.Bf1 Rb8 23.Qd1 f5 24.Nc4 b5 25.Nxa5* 1-0 Grigoryan,K (2619)-Andersen,M (2610) ESP-chT CECLUB Div1 Linares 2023 (3.2)*)* 11.Qh4 Qd7 12.Qa4 f5 13.Rfc1 Rad8 14.b4 a6 15.Rab1 g5 16.Be1 Nd5 17.b5 axb5 18.Rxb5 Nb6 0-1 Olafsson,F-Ivkov,B World U20-ch01 Birmingham 1951 (2) 19.Qa3 Ra8 20.Qc5 Rfe8 21.a4 g4 22.Nh4 Nd4 23.Rb2 Bf7 24.Qa3 Bf8 25.Qa1 Nxa4 26.Nxa4 Rxa4 27.Qb1 Ba3 0-1 Teumer,J-Tarnowski,R WC-2014-S-00012 LSS email 2011]

4...Bg7 5.Nxc4 Nc6 6.d3 e5 7.Bd2 Nge7 8.b4 The position is equal. **8...b5** 0.26/24

[8...Nd5 -0.10/20 deserves consideration.]

9.Na5 Nxa5 10.bxa5 Bb7 11.Bg2 e4 12.a6 Bd5

[12...Bxa6!? 13.dxe4 c5∓]

13.dxe4 Bxe4 14.Rc1 0-0 15.0-0 -0.21/19

[⩲15.Qb3 0.15/21]

15...Qd6 0.61/22

[15...c6!= -0.21/19]

16.Qb3!± Qxa6 17.Bb4 c5 18.Bxc5 Qb7 19.Bd6 Rac8 Prevents Rc7

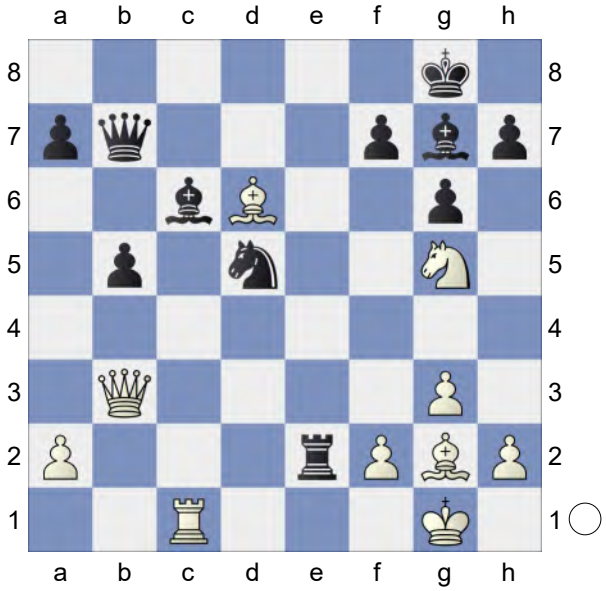
20.Bh3 Rc6 21.Rxc6 Bxc6 22.Rc1 Strongly threatening Bxe7. **22...Re8 23.Ng5 Nd5** 1.62/20

[23...Bd5!= 0.16/24 and Black is okay. 24.Qe3 *(24.Rc7? Qxc7 25.Bxc7 Bxb3-+)* 24...h6]

24.Bg2!+- Black must now prevent Rxc6!

[24.e4 Bh6 25.Rc5 *(25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Qd1 Bxg5∓)* 25...Bxg5=]

24...Rxe2



...Bd4 is the strong threat. **25.Bf3?** -0.28/24

[25.Qd1!± 1.32/24 Rxa2 26.Rxc6 Remove Defender, Decoy Qxc6 27.Bxd5]

25...Rb2 0.69/20

[25...Rd2!= -0.28/24 26.Ne4 Rb2]

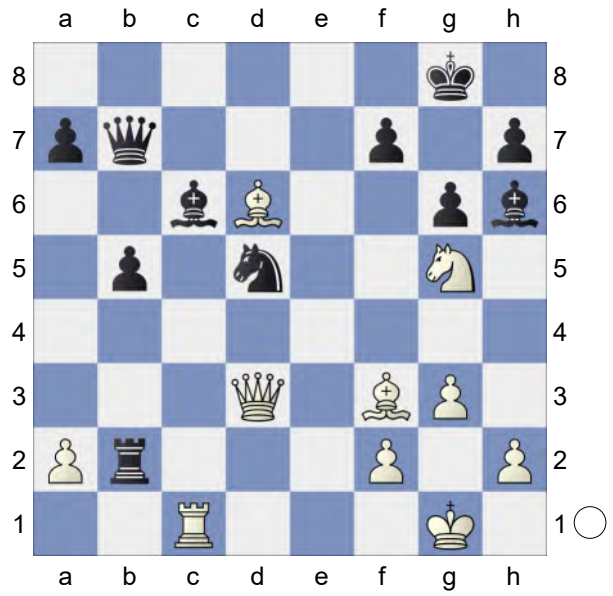
26.Qd3!± And now Nxf7! would win.

26...Bh6? 3.30/21

[26...Rxa2? 27.Nxf7 *(27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.Bxd5 Qc1+ 29.Kg2 Ra1±)* 27...Nc3 *(27...Kxf7? 28.Rxc6 Ne7 29.Qb3+ Ke8 30.Qxa2+-)* 28.Rxc3 Bxf3 *(28...Ra1+? 29.Kg2+-)* 29.Qxf3+-]

[26...b4± 0.73/19 27.Rxc6 Remove Defender Qxc6 28.Qxd5 *(28.Bxd5 Qc1+ 29.Kg2 Qxg5∓)* 28...Qxd5 29.Bxd5 Bf6 30.Nxf7

(30.Bxf7+ Kg7∓) 30...Kg7]



27.Rxc6?? -3.51/15 **Qxc6-+ 28.Nxf7**
[28.Bxd5 Qc1+ *(28...Qxd6? 29.Bxf7+ Kg7 30.Ne6+ Kxf7 31.Qxd6+-)* 29.Kg2 Qxg5-+ *(29...Bxg5? 30.Qf3+-)*]
28...Qc1+ 29.Kg2 Threatening mate with Nxh6+. **29...Ne3+ 30.Kh3 Kxf7 31.fxe3 Qd2**
[And not 31...Rxa2 32.Qd5+ *(32.Qxb5 Rxh2+* Decoy *33.Kxh2 Qd2+ 34.Be2 Qxd6=; 32.Bd5+ Ke8 33.Qe4+ Kd8 34.Qe7+ Kc8 35.Qe8#)* 32...Ke8 33.Qe6+ *(33.Qxa2 Qc4+-; 33.Qe5+ Kd8 34.Qe7+ Kc8 35.Bg4#)* 33...Kd8 34.Qe7+ Kc8 35.Bg4#]
32.Bd5+ Kf6 33.Qf1+ Qf2 34.Qh1 -5.76/21
[34.Qxf2+ -2.17/19 was the crucial defense. Rxf2 35.e4]
34...Bxe3 Threatens to win with ...Rd2. Black is clearly winning. **35.g4 Bf4 36.g5+ Kg7 37.Be7 Qe3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

B90
□ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar 2578**
■ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas 2410**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.18) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N**
[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7 ½-½* 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 ICCF (2.6)) 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
7...Be6 8.f3 h5 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nbd7 11.Qd2 White is slightly better. **11...g6 12.0-0-0 Nb6 13.Kb1 Nbxd5 14.Bg5** aiming for Qxd5. **14...Be7! 15.Bd3** White has compensation. **15...Rc8 16.Rhe1 0-0 17.h3 b5 18.g4 Rc7 19.Bh6** White is more active. **19...Re8** 1.87/18
[19...h4± 0.75/20 was worth a try.]
20.g5!+- Nc3+ 2.17/21
[20...Nh7± 1.57/19]
21.bxc3 Nd5

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22.c4 bxc4

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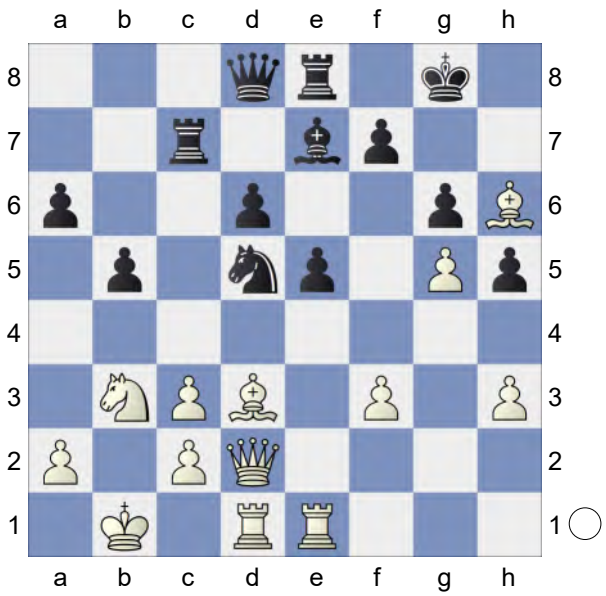
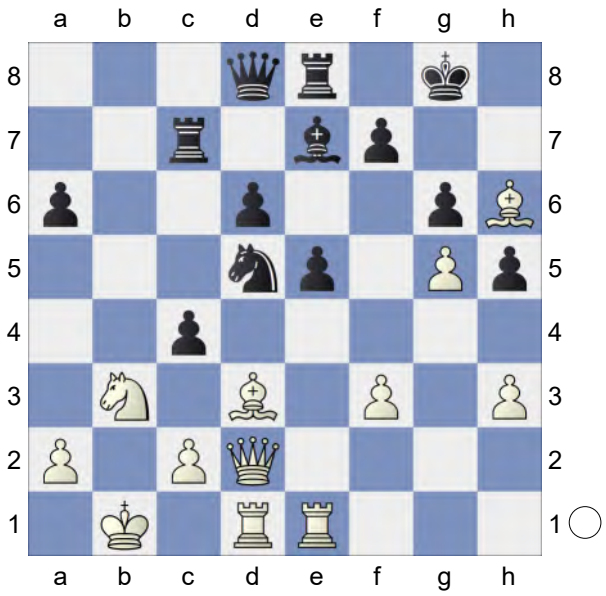
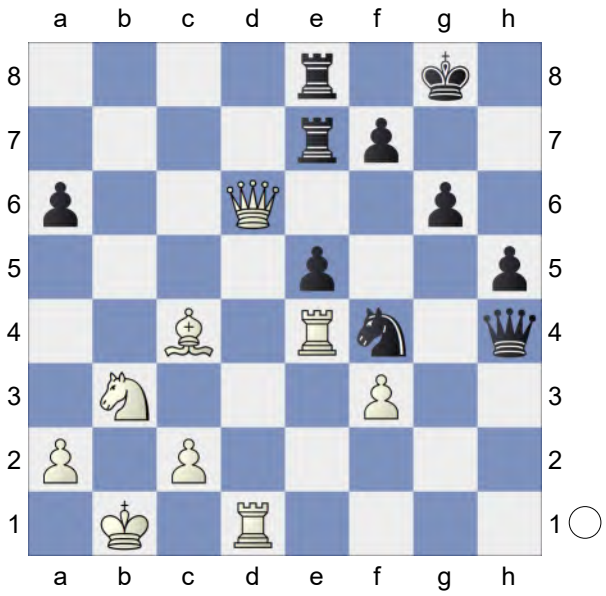




23.Bxc4 0.62/18
[23.Bxg6!+- 1.91/22 Nf4 24.Be4]
23...Nf4 2.07/18 This costs Black the game.
[23...Rxc4± 0.62/18 24.Qxd5 Qc7]
24.Re4
[24.Bxa6 Qa8 25.Bb5 Rec8]
24...Bxg5 3.43/18
[⌓24...Qc8 2.12/17]
25.Bxg5
[25.Qxd6? Qxd6 *(25...Nxh3 26.Qxg6+ Kh8 27.Qg7#)* 26.Rxd6 Bxh6-+]
25...Qxg5 26.Qxd6 Rce7 27.h4
[27.Qxa6 Nxh3+-]
27...Qxh4



28.Rxf4! Remove Defender **28...Qxf4**
Black is weak on the light squares
29.Qxg6+
[29.Bxa6 Re6 *(29...Qxf3 30.Bc4∓)* 30.Qd3 Kg7∓]
29...Kf8 30.Qxh5
[Much less strong is 30.Qxa6 e4+-]
30...Rc7 31.Bxa6
[31.Qh8+ Ke7 32.Qh7 Qxc4∓ *(32...Rxc4 33.Qd3=)*]
31...Qf6 32.Bd3 Re6 33.Rg1 Rd6 34.Qg4 Ke7 35.Re1 Kf8 36.Qe4 Re7 37.a4 White is clearly winning. **37...Re8 38.Bb5 Ree6** 7.36/18
[⌓38...Rb8 4.66/15 39.Qxe5 Qxe5 40.Rxe5 Kg8]
39.Nc5 Re7 40.Qa8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.39
1-0

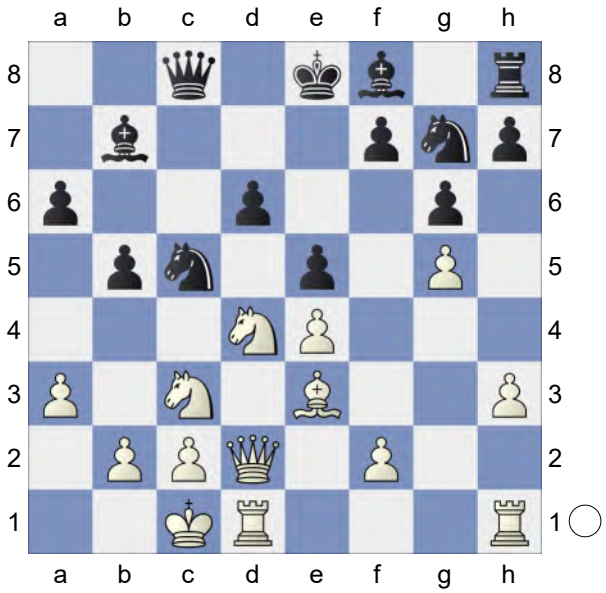
B90

□ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**
■ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.19) 06.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

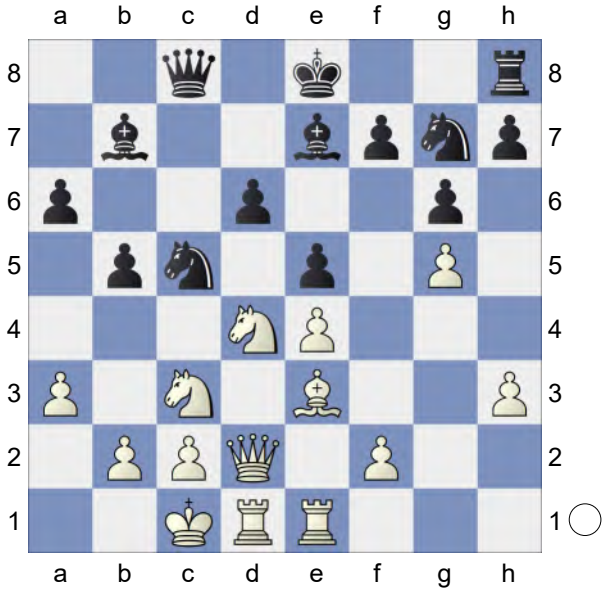
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 My opponent played Pirc/Modern exclusively, which made the preparation process relatively easier. I noticed Mareco Sandro used an interesting idea against my opponent in round two, and I did not see any harm in repeating the same if I got the opportunity. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 g6 7.Be3 Nbd7N**

[7...Nc6 8.Qd2 Bg7 9.0-0-0
A) 9...0-0 10.g4 *(10.f3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd4 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qc7 15.Bc4 e5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Bxd5 Rad8 18.Bxe6 Rxd2 19.Rxd2 fxe6 20.Rhd1* 3) Najdorf: 6.h3 g6-7...Bg7 8.Qd2 Nc6 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023*)* 10...Bd7 11.Be2 Rc8 12.g5 Ne8 13.h4 Nc7 14.Nb3 b5 15.Bb6 Qe8 16.f4 Na8 17.Be3 Nb4 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Nc6 20.Qg1 Be6 21.h5 f5 22.hxg6 Qxg6 23.Rh6 1-0 Ganguly,S (2609)-Almeida Quintana,O (2536) Capablanca Memorial Elite 55th Havana 2022 (4);
B) 9...Bd7 10.g4 Rc8 11.f3 0-0 12.h4 h5 13.gxh5 Nxh5 14.Rg1 Qa5 15.Rg5 b5 16.a3 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 e5 18.Be3 Be6 19.Qxd6 Rxc3 20.bxc3 Qxc3 21.Bd3 Re8 22.Qb4 Chapter-Systems With Dxc4 f) 3...Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Qa4+ c6 w 9.Rc8 2018]

8.g4 b5 1.34/20
[8...h6!± 0.66/19]
9.g5± White is clearly better. **9...Nh5 10.Be2 Ng7** 1.89/22
[10...Bb7± 1.19/20]
11.Qd2 1.45/22
[11.a4+- 1.89/22]
11...Bb7 12.0-0-0 Rc8 13.a3 Nc5 14.Bg4 e5 15.Bxc8 Qxc8

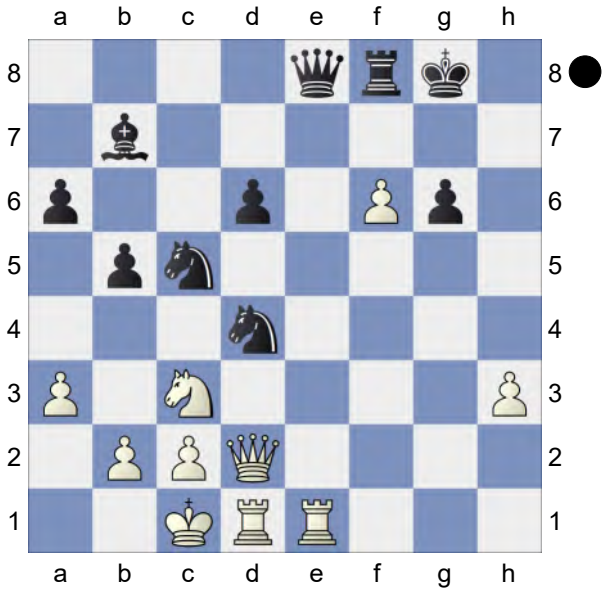


16.Rhe1 0.73/18 **Be7**

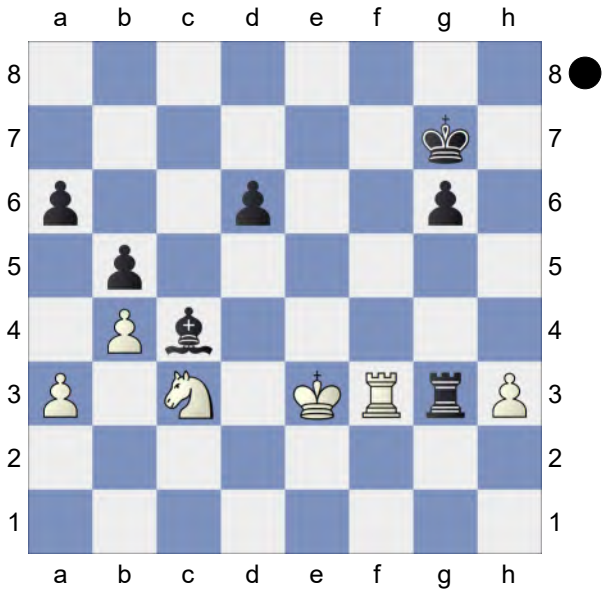


17.f4 -0.38/20 **exd4∓ 18.Bxd4 0-0 19.f5! f6** 0.84/21
[19...Bd8∓ -0.37/21 stays ahead.]

20.fxg6 0.19/23
[20.gxf6?! Bxf6 21.Bxf6 Rxf6=]
[20.h4!± 0.84/21]
20...hxg6 21.gxf6 Bxf6 22.Qh6 -0.23/22
[22.Bxf6± 0.42/19 Rxf6 23.Qd4]
22...Qe8 23.e5 Nf5 Really sharp!
24.Qd2 Nxd4 A dynamic duo of knights.
[24...dxe5? 25.Bxc5 Rf7 26.Ne4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4+-]
[24...Bxe5 25.Rxe5±]
25.exf6

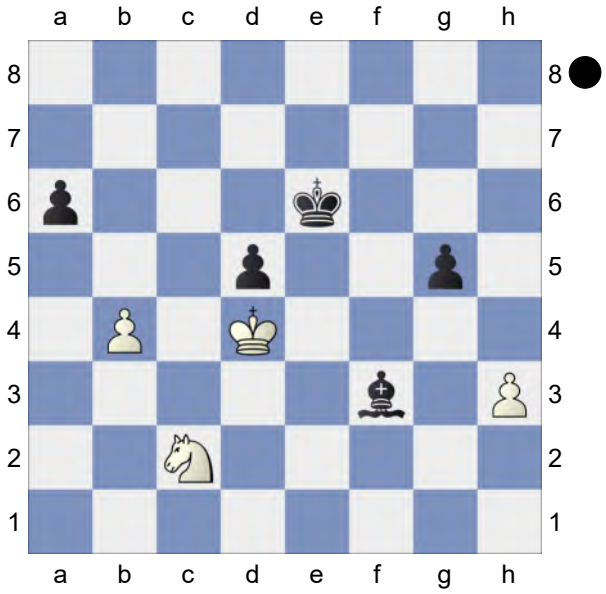


Discovered Attack **25...Ndb3+! 26.cxb3 Nxb3+ 27.Kc2 Nxd2 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Kxd2=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **29...Kf7 30.Rg1** -0.74/22
[30.h4= -0.28/20 is more appropriate.]
30...Kxf6 -0.21/24
[30...Rh8∓ -0.74/22 31.Re1 Kxf6]
31.Rg3 -0.92/23
[31.Rf1+= -0.21/24 keeps the balance. Ke7 32.Re1+ Kd7 33.Rxe8 Kxe8 34.Ke3]
31...Re5 -0.33/22
[31...g5∓ -0.92/23 32.Rd3 Ke6 33.Re3+ Kf7]
32.Rd3 Ke6 33.Rd4 -1.12/24
[White should try 33.h4∓ -0.45/20]
33...Rg5∓ 34.Ne2? -2.64/25
[34.a4∓ -0.96/18]
34...Ke5 35.Ke3 Rg2! Strongly threatening ...Rxe2+! **36.Rh4 Bd5! 37.b4 Bc4 38.Re4+ Kf6 39.Rf4+ Kg7 40.Nc3** -3.86/19
[⌓40.Nd4 -2.52/19]
40...Rg3+-+ 41.Rf3



Rxf3+ 42.Kxf3 KB-KN **42...Kf6 43.Kf4 g5+ 44.Ke3 d5** -2.71/20 Repels Ne4+
[⌓44...Kf5 -4.74/33 ...d5 would now be deadly. 45.Ne4 Bd5 46.Nxd6+ Ke5]
45.Kd4 Ke6 46.a4 bxa4 47.Nxa4 Bf1 48.Nc3 Bg2 -0.13/29
[48...Bxh3 49.Nxd5 Kf5 50.Ke3∓]
[48...Kd6-+ -3.67/32 And now ...Bg2 would win. 49.Nxd5 Bxh3]
49.Nd1? -4.72/33
[49.b5!= -0.13/29 and White is okay. axb5 *(49...Bxh3 50.bxa6 Kf5 51.a7+-)* 50.Nxb5]
49...Be4? -0.23/27
[Weaker is 49...Bxh3 50.Ne3∓]
[Black should play 49...Bf3-+ -4.72/33 50.Nb2 Be2]
50.Nc3= Bg2 aiming for ...Kd6!

51.Nd1? -4.43/25 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[51.b5!= -0.18/26 and White has nothing to worry. axb5 *(51...Bxh3? is the wrong capture. 52.bxa6 Bg4 53.a7+-)* 52.Nxb5]
51...Bf3-+
[51...Bxh3 52.Ne3∓]
52.Ne3 -6.94/25
[52.Nb2 -2.76/28 Bg2 53.Nd1]
52...Be4 53.Ng4 Kf5 54.Nh6+ Kf4 55.Nf7 Bg2 56.Ne5 Kf5 57.Ng4 Ke6 58.Ne3 Bf3
[Less strong is 58...Bxh3 59.Nxd5 Bf1 60.Nc7+ Kd7 61.Nd5∓]
59.Nc2



Kf5! 60.Ke3 Bg2 61.Kd4 Kf4 62.Ne3 Be4 63.Nf1 Kf3 White must now prevent ...Kg2. **64.Nd2+ Kg3 65.Ke3 Kxh3 66.Kf2 Bg2 67.Nb3 g4 68.Kg1 Bf3 69.Nd4 Kg3 70.Ne6 Be2 71.Nd4 Bd3 72.Nb3 Kf3 73.Nc5 Bc4** Threatens to win with ...d4. **74.Ne6 Ke3 75.Kg2 d4 76.Nc5 d3 77.Na4 d2 78.Nb2 Be2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.40
0-1

E10
□ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
■ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
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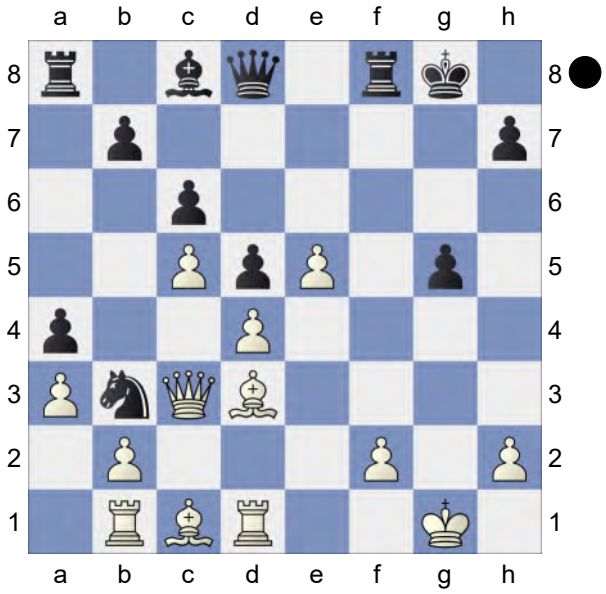
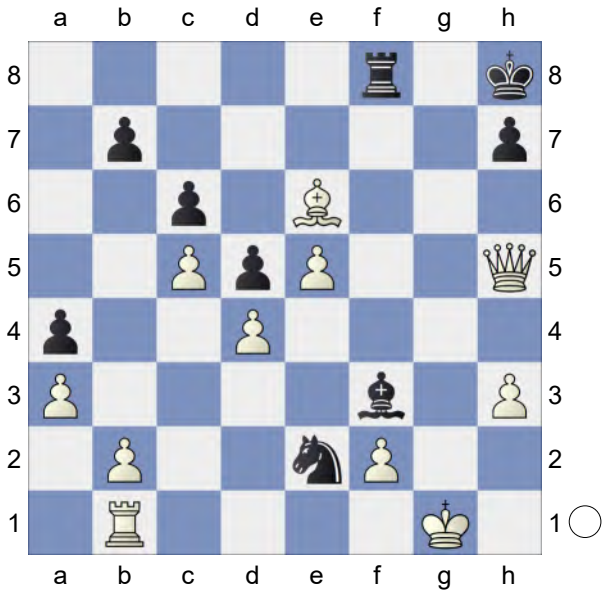
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]
7...c6 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bf4 a5 10.Rd1 a4 11.a3 Ne4 12.Nc3 The position is equal. **12...Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Nb6 14.c5 Nc4 15.e4 g5 16.Bc1 f5 17.exf5** -0.33/20
[17.e5= 0.06/23]
17...exf5∓ 18.Bf1 Na5 19.Ne5 -0.80/21
[19.b4∓ -0.35/22 axb3 20.Re1]
19...Nb3∓ 20.Rb1 f4 21.Bd3 Bf6

Strongly threatening ...Bxe5. **22.gxf4** -1.99/20
[22.Re1∓ -0.87/18]
22...Bxe5-+ 23.fxe5



Bg4! 24.Re1 Rf3 -1.20/24
[24...Qe7-+ -1.87/23 And now ...Qf7 would win. 25.f3 Rxf3]
25.Re3 Qf8 White must now prevent ... Qh6. Black has more active pieces.
26.Rxf3 -1.98/26
[26.h3∓ -1.03/23 was worth a try. Rxe3 27.Bxe3 Bxh3 28.Be2 *(28.Bxg5 Qg7∓)*]
26...Bxf3 -1.41/24
[26...Qxf3-+ -1.98/26 27.Bc2 Nxd4 *(27...h6 28.Bxb3 axb3 29.Qxf3±)* 28.Qxf3 Remove Defender *(28.Qxd4 gets mated. Bh3)* 28...Bxf3 *(28...Nxf3+ 29.Kg2∓)*]
27.h3? -3.18/22 White does not recover from this.
[27.Qe1∓ -1.41/24]
27...Qh6 28.Bf5 Qh5 Threatens to win with ...Rf8. **29.Qe3 Rf8 30.Be6+ Kh8 31.Qxg5 Nxc1** Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 31...Nxd4 32.Qxh5 Bxh5 33.Bg4∓]
32.Qxh5 Ne2+



Zwischenzug, Double Attack **33.Kf1 Bxh5 34.Bd7 Rg8 35.Bg4 Bxg4**
[Worse is 35...Nxd4 36.Bxh5 Rg5 37.Bd1±]
36.hxg4 Nxd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

B47
□ **Al Hosani,Omran** **2239**
■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
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[Kitty Kat]

B47: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4, 6 g3 and 6 Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3**
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Qd3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5

20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]

6...Nxd4 7.Qxd4 a6 Inhibits Nb5. **8.a4 b6** 1.10/20

[8...Nf6± 0.35/20]

9.Be3± Rb8 10.Be2 0.55/18

[10.0-0-0± 1.05/20]

10...Ne7!± 11.Qd2 Ng6 1.06/19 Inhibits Bf4.

[11...Nc6± 0.55/21]

12.0-0 0.38/23

[12.0-0-0± 1.06/19]

12...Be7 Wards off h4 **13.f4 0-0 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Kh1** -0.22/17

[⌓15.Rad1 0.30/20]

15...f5= 16.Rad1 Bb4 17.exf5 Nh4 18.Rf2 Rxf5 0.52/20

[Black should try 18...Nxf5= -0.05/22 19.Bxf5 Rxf5]

19.Bxf5± Nxf5 20.Re2!

[20.Qxd7 Qxd7 21.Rxd7 Nxe3∓]

20...Bc6 A strong pair of Bishops.

21.Qd3 Qb7 22.Bg1 0.00/21

[22.Bd4± 0.51/18]

22...Bxc3 0.43/21

[22...Rf8= 0.00/21]

23.Qxc3 Bxa4 24.b3 Bc6 25.Bd4 Rc8 And now ...Bxg2+! would win.

26.Qe1 a5 0.90/18

[26...b5± 0.51/20]

27.Kg1!± Threatens to win with Rxe6!

27...Re8 28.Bb2 aiming for Re5.

28...Qa8? 3.18/19

[28...h5± 0.93/18]

29.Qc3? 0.90/20

[29.g4+- 3.18/19 has better winning chances. Nh6 30.f5 *(30.Qc3 Re7+-)*]

29...Rc8 1.89/21

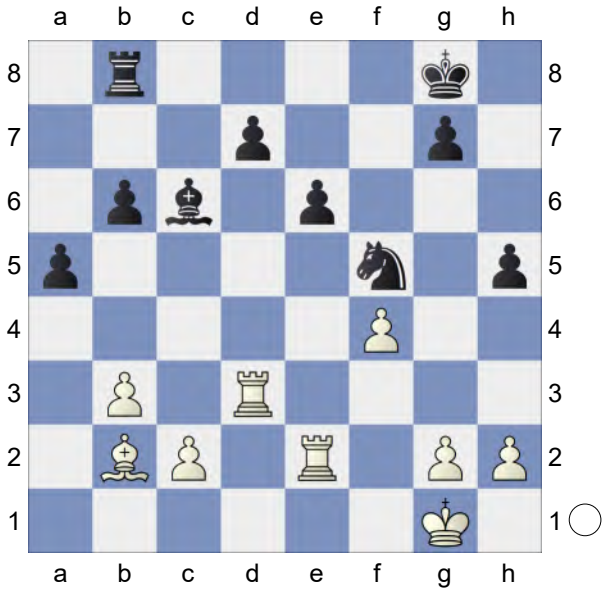
[29...Re7± 0.90/20]

30.Qe5 1.27/23

[30.Qe1!+- 1.89/21 g4 is the strong threat. Rf8 31.g4]

30...h5 31.Rd3 White wants to mate with Rg3! White has more active pieces.

31...Qb8 32.Qxb8! Rxb8



33.Red2 0.39/21

[33.Rh3!± 1.17/19]

33...b5 0.93/21

[33...Rb7± 0.39/21]

(Diagram)

34.g3 0.27/22

[34.Rh3!± 0.93/21]

34...Rb7 35.h3 Kf7 1.16/19

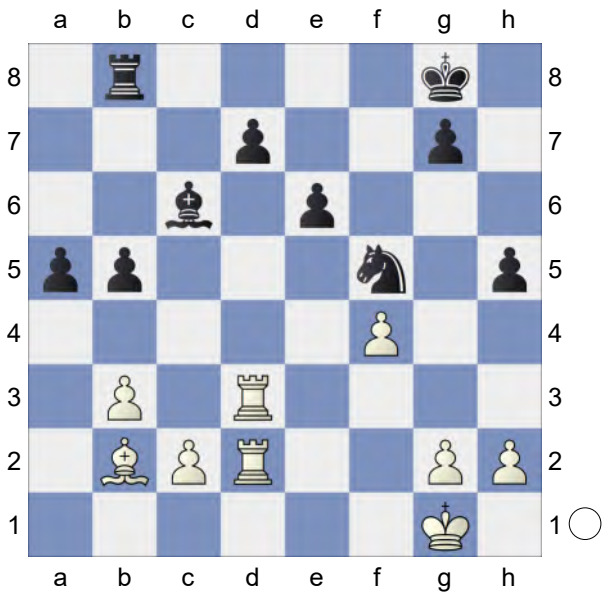
[Black should play 35...h4!± 0.37/19]

36.Kf2 0.50/20

[36.g4± 1.16/19 hxg4 37.hxg4]

36...a4 37.g4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.30

½-½



D31

□ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** **2524**
■ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**
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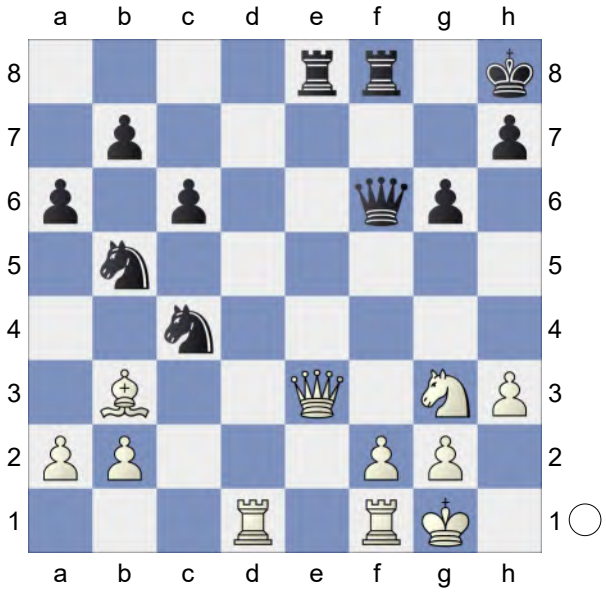
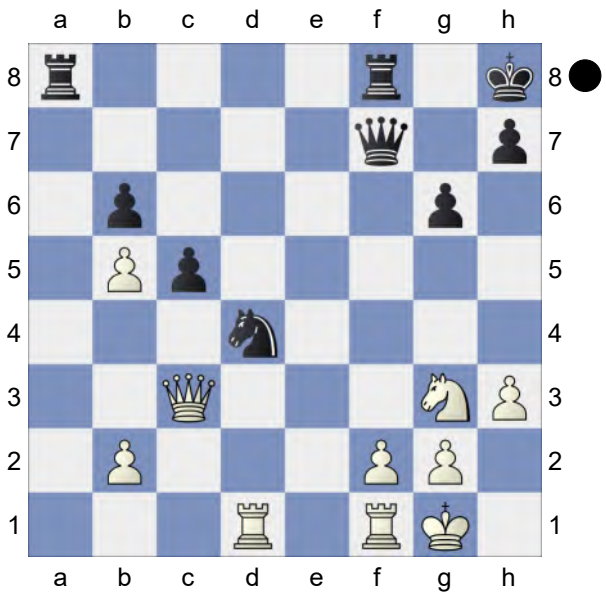
D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.h3 White is slightly better. **8...Bd6 9.Bd3 c6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0 g6N**
[13...Rfe8 14.a3 Rac8 15.b4 b5 16.Qb2 Nb6 17.Ne5 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Rfd1 Ra8 20.e4 a5 21.f4 axb4 22.Qxb4 Qxb4 23.axb4 Nd7 24.Nxc6 f6 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.d5 Bf7 27.e5 fxe5 28.fxe5 1-0 Vaisman,V (2586)-Ludwig,A (2276) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2005 (1) Bg6 29.e6 Nf6 30.d6 Bd3 31.d7 1-0 Paravyan,D (2586)-Kokoszczynski,J (2276) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]
14.Ng5 Ne8 15.e4 Qf4 0.64/22
[15...Ng7= 0.24/20]
16.Nxe6± fxe6 17.Rae1 Qf6 18.Ne2 Kh8 1.15/19
[18...dxe4± 0.48/18 19.Bxe4 Nd6]
19.Qd2 0.49/19
[White should try 19.e5± 1.15/19 Qe7 20.Qd2]
19...dxe4! 20.Bxe4 Nd6 21.Bc2 e5 22.Bb3 Rad8 23.Rd1 Nb5 24.dxe5 Nxe5 25.Qe3 Wards off Nf3+ **25...Rde8 26.Ng3 Nc4**



Discovered Attack, Double Attack
27.Qc1
[27.Qc5!? Nxb2 28.Rd7+-]
27...Na5 1.24/21
[27...Ncd6!± 0.46/20]
28.Bc2± aiming for Bd3. **28...c5** 1.43/23
[⌓28...Qf4 0.87/20]
29.Bd3 0.83/20
[⌓29.Ne4 1.43/23 Qf4 30.Nxc5]
29...b6 30.a4 Nd4 31.Bxa6 Nac6 32.Qc3 0.48/21
[32.Kh1± 0.99/19]
32...Ra8± 33.Bb5 Nxb5 34.axb5 Nd4 35.Qc4 Qf7 36.Qc3↑

(Diagram)



Hoping for Ne2. White is more active.
36...Ra5 1.06/22
[36...Ra4= 0.25/21]
37.b4 0.53/19
[White should play 37.Ne2± 1.06/22]
37...Rxb5 38.bxc5 bxc5 39.Ne4 Qd5 40.Rfe1 Kg8 0.88/17
[40...Rb3± 0.50/20 might be stronger. 41.Qxc5 Qxc5 42.Nxc5 Rb4]
41.Rc1 0.43/18
[41.Kh1± 0.88/17]
41...Qb3 1.06/19
[41...Rb3± 0.43/18 42.Qxc5 Qxc5 43.Rxc5 *(43.Nxc5 Rb2=)* 43...Rb7]
42.Nxc5 0.00/25
[42.Qd2± 1.06/19]
42...Qxc3= The position is equal.
43.Rxc3 Rb2 44.Nd3 Ne2+ 45.Kf1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

B23
□ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
■ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
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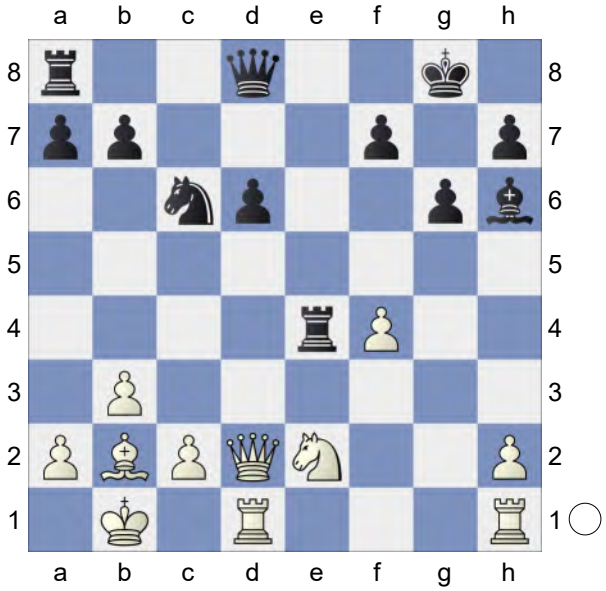
[Kitty Kat]

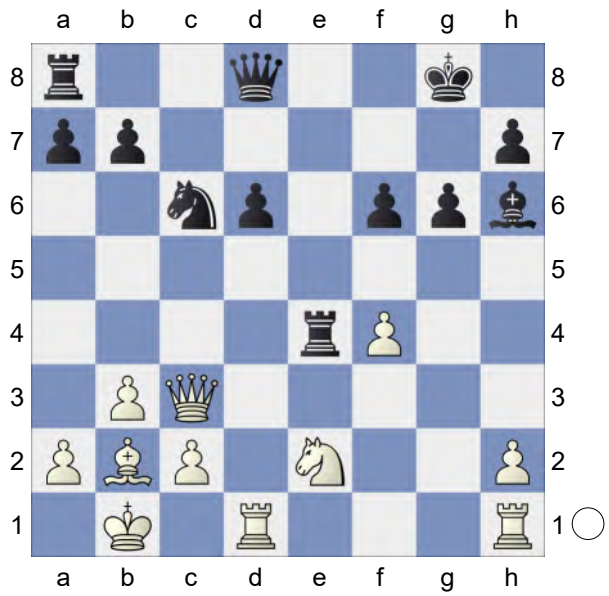
B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qd2 g6 6.b3 Bh6 7.f4 Nf6 8.Bb2 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0-0 e5 10.g3 Re8 11.Kb1 Bg4** 0.96/19
[11...Nd4= 0.26/21 keeps the balance.]
12.Be2± Bxe2 13.Ngxe2 exf4 1.77/18
[13...Bg7± 0.96/19]
14.gxf4+-
[14.Nxf4?! Bg7± *(14...Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.Qd3±)*]
14...Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4



16.Qc3 Prevents Bg7 **16...f6**

(Diagram)

17.Rhg1! White has strong compensation. **17...d5N 18.Ng3→** White is out for blood. **18...Re8 19.Nf5** 1.23/21



[19.Qf3+- 1.84/19]

19...Bf8? 3.57/18 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[19...Bxf4± 1.23/21 20.Rxd5 Qb6 *(20...Qxd5 21.Qxf6 Qd7 22.Rxg6+* Demolition *hxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.Ba3+)*]

20.h4 d4 21.Qc4+

[21.Nxd4 Qd5 22.Nf3 Qf5+-]

21...Kh8 22.h5

[22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Rxd4 Qc8+-]

22...Qd7 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4

[24.Rxd4 Qe6 25.hxg6 Qxc4 26.Rxc4 hxg6 27.Bxf6+ Bg7+-]

24...Qe6 25.hxg6 Bg7 26.Qxe6 Rxe6 27.Rh1 h6 28.f5 Ree8 29.Rde1 b6 30.c4 White is clearly winning. **30...Kg8 31.Kc2 Rad8** ...Rxe1 would now be deadly. **32.Rxe8+ Rxe8** Endgame. KRB-KRB **33.Kd3 Rd8 34.Kc3 Re8 35.b4 Bf8 36.c5**

[36.Bxf6 Bg7+-]

36...bxc5 37.bxc5 a6 38.Bxf6 Rc8 39.Bd4 Bxc5 40.f6

[40.Rxh6? too greedy. Bf8+ 41.Kd3 Bxh6-+]

40...Bb6+ 41.Kd3 Rd8 42.Rh4 h5 43.Kc4 Bxd4 44.Rxd4 KR-KR **44...Rf8 45.Rf4 h4 46.Kd5**

[Not 46.Rxh4 Rxf6 47.Rg4 Rf2= *(47...Kg7 48.Kb4=)*]

46...h3 47.Ke6 Strongly threatening Rh4. **47...Rb8 48.Rh4** Rh7! would kill now. **48...Rb6+ 49.Kf5 Rb5+ 50.Kg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.40

1-0

C81

□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**

■ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**

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C81: Open Ruy Lopez: Keres Variation (9 Qe2) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Rd1 0-0 11.c4 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Bc5 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Qb8 15.Bb3 Na5 16.Nbd2 Qa7 17.Qxa7 Rxa7 18.Rac1 c5** Prevents Nd4. Inhibits Nd4. **19.Nxe4 Nxb3 20.axb3 dxe4 21.Nd2 e3 22.fxe3 Rb7 23.Ne4**

[23.Rxc5? -2.61/27 23.Ne4 0.00 is the wrong capture. Rd7! 24.Kf2 Bxb3 25.Nxb3 Rxd1-+]

[23.Rxc5? Rd7 24.Kf2 Bxb3 25.Nxb3 Rxd1-+]

23...Rxb3 24.Nxc5 Rxb2 25.Nxa6 h6 26.Rb1N Re2 27.Re1 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1= Endgame. KRB-KRN **28...Ra8 29.Nc5 Re8 30.Rd1 Bc4 31.Rd4 Bb5 32.Rb4 Bc6 33.Rb6 Bd5 34.e4 Ba8 35.Ra6 Kh7 36.e6 fxe6 37.Kf2 Rc8 38.Ra5 Kg6** 1.02/23

[38...Bc6= 0.16/24]

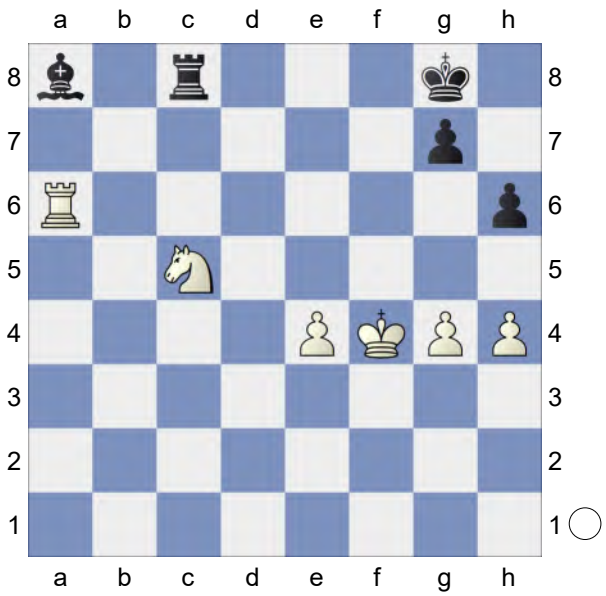
[38...Bc6= 0.16/28]

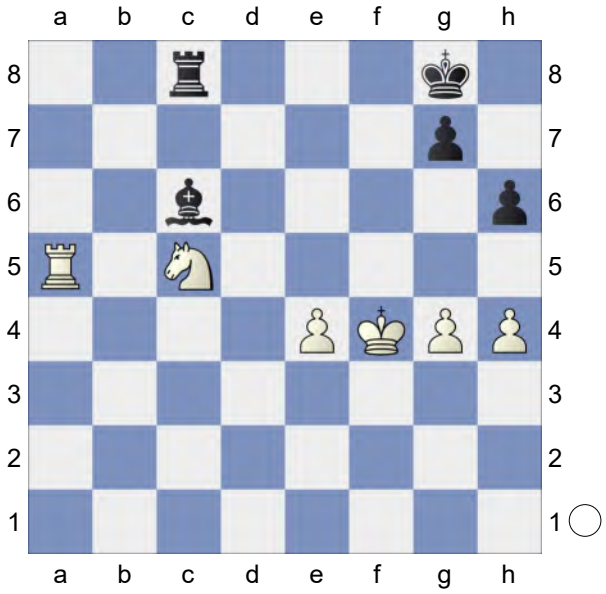
39.Ke3!± Re8 40.Ra6 Repels Bc6. Prevents Bc6 **40...Kf6 41.h4**

White is more active. **41...Kf7** 1.35/25
[41...Rc8± 1.03/20 was worth a try.]
[Black should try 41...Rc8 0.97/23]
42.Kf4!+- 1.88/25
[42.Ra7+± 1.35/25 Kg8 43.Kf4]
42...Rc8 2.60/24
[42...g5+ 1.88/25 was worth a try. 43.hxg5 hxg5+ 44.Ke5 *(44.Kxg5 Rg8+ 45.Kh5 Bxe4±)* 44...Rc8 45.Ra7+ *(45.Nxe6 Re8=)* 45...Kg6]
43.Nxe6 Re8 44.Nc5 Kg8 45.g4 1.53/23
[45.g3+- 3.01/26]
45...Rc8? 3.93/24
[45...Rf8+± 1.51/22 46.Ke3 1.23/21 *(46.Ke5+- 1.68/25)* 46...Rc8]
[45...Rf8+± 1.53/23 keeps fighting. 46.Ke3 Re8]
46.Ne6! Ra7 would now be deadly.
46...Re8 47.Nc5 1.37/25 Repels Bb7. Dodges Bb7
[47.e5!+- 3.46/22 is the precise move to win.]
[47.e5+- 3.64/24 and White stays clearly on top.]
47...Rc8± 2.88/23
[47...Rf8+± 1.56/26 47...Rc8 1.11 48.Ke5 Ra4 would now be deadly. Re8+ 49.Kf5 Rf8+ 50.Ke5 1.24/25 *(50.Kg6 aiming for Re6. Rc8±; 50.Kg6+- 1.83/25)* 50...Re8+± 51.Kf5 Rb8? 3.39/25 *(51...Rf8+± 1.57/20 52.Kg6 Rc8)*]

(Diagram)

48.Ra5? 1.18/24
[48.Ne6!+- 2.88/23 and the rest is easy.]
[48.Ne6!+- 3.72/27 and the rest is easy.]
48...Bc6

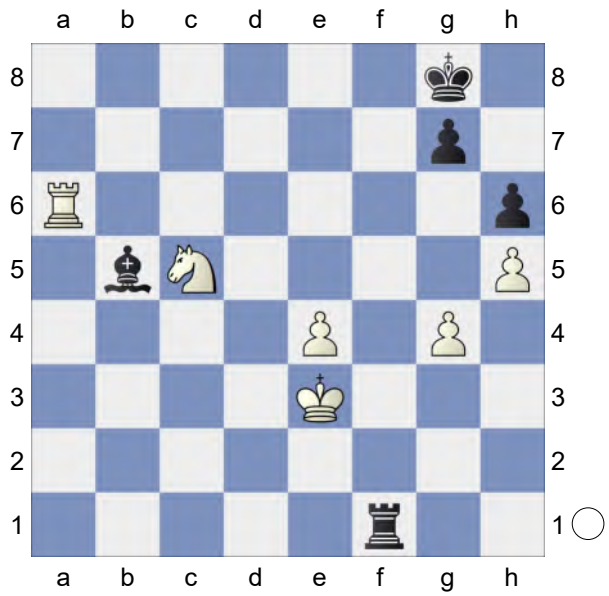




49.h5 0.04/23
[49.Ra7!± 0.94/19]
[49.Ra7!± 1.17/23]
49...Rf8+= 50.Ke3 Threatening Ra6. With the idea Ra6. **50...Rf1?** 1.68/28
[50...Ra8!= 0.07/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 51.Rxa8+ Bxa8]
[50...Ra8!= 0.04/23 51.Rxa8+ Bxa8]
51.Ra6+- Bb5

(Diagram)

52.Rb6 Bc4 53.Rb4 Bf7 3.31/24

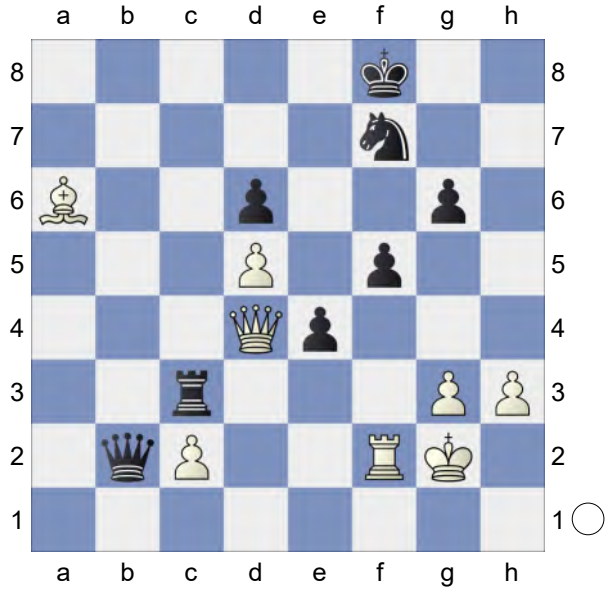


[53...Ba2± 1.52/28 54.Ra4 Bf7]
54.e5? 0.05/30
[54.Rb8+± 1.48/18 Kh7 55.Nd3]
[54.Rb8++- 3.31/24 Kh7 55.Nd7]
54...g6= The position is equal. The position is equal. **55.Rb8+**
[55.Ke2!? Rc1□ 56.Ne4=]
55...Kh7! 56.Rb7 Kg8! 57.hxg6 Bxg6 58.Nd7 Bf7 59.Nf6+ Kf8 60.Ra7 Re1+ 61.Kf2 Rb1 62.Nd7+ Ke8 63.Nc5 e6 is the strong threat. **63...Rb4 64.Kg3** And now e6 would win. Strongly threatening e6. **64...h5 65.gxh5 Bxh5 66.Kf2 Rb5 67.Nd7 Ke7 68.Nf6+ Ke6 69.Nxh5 Kxe5** KRN-KR **70.Ng3 Rb2+ 71.Kf3 Rb3+ 72.Kg4 Rb4+ 73.Kg5 Rb5 74.Nf5 Rb1 75.Ra5+ Ke4 76.Ng3+ Kd4 77.Kf4 Kc4 78.Ne4 Rh1 79.Rc5+ Kd4 80.Ra5 Rf1+ 81.Kg3 Kxe4 82.Ra2 Rf8 83.Re2+ Kd3 84.Rf2 Rxf2 85.Kxf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.18 (very precise). Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) / Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

B32
□ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.25) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nc4 Rb8 9.Ne3 Nf6 10.g3 h5** White is slightly better. **11.Bg2 h4 12.0-0 Nd4** 0.74/21
[12...h3= 0.10/21 keeps the balance. 13.Bh1 b5]
13.Ncd5± Nxd5 14.Nxd5 0.34/22
[⌓14.exd5 0.70/23 Bd7 15.f4 *(15.g4 h3 16.Be4 g6 17.c3 Nb5 18.a4 Na7 19.f4 exf4 20.Qd4 Rh7 21.Nc4 b5 22.axb5 Nxb5 23.Qd3 f5 24.Bf3 g5 25.Rxa6 Qf6 26.Nb6 Nc7 27.Nxd7 Rxd7 28.Ra7 Re7 29.gxf5 Nxd5* 1-0 Fernandez,D (2406)-8. ♗g2 ♘d5 9. 0-0 (2544) Black is in crisis after 25 Nc4!! *)*]
14...Bxd5N
[14...hxg3 15.hxg3 g6 16.c3 Bxd5 17.exd5 Nf5 18.Qa4+ Qd7 19.Qxd7+ Kxd7 20.Be4 Ne7 21.c4 f5 22.Bg2 Bg7 23.Be3 e4 Lazaro Pujol,A (2348)-Aloma Vidal,R (2448) Espana 156/(53) 2023 24.Rac1 b5 25.b3 bxc4 26.bxc4 Bh6 27.Bxh6 Rxh6 28.f3 exf3 29.Rxf3 Rhh8 30.Re3 Rb2 31.Rce1 Rh7 32.Rb3 Rxb3 33.axb3 Rh8 34.Ra1 Rb8 35.Ra3 g5 36.g4 f4 37.Be4 Rb6 38.Bc2 Ng8 ½-½ Lindemann,S (2348)-Froeling,P (2448) European Club Cup, Antalya 2017 (5.2)]
15.exd5 Threatens to win with g4.
15...g6 16.a4 -0.09/21
[16.g4± 0.46/21]
16...Nf5 0.63/16

[16...hxg3= -0.09/21 17.fxg3 Nf5]
17.a5 -0.15/22
[17.g4± 0.63/16 Ng7 18.Re1]
17...Bh6= 18.Bxh6 Nxh6 19.Ra4 hxg3 20.fxg3 -0.79/20
[20.hxg3∓ -0.33/21 is more appropriate. Kf8 21.Bf3]
20...f5 Black converts the advantage convincingly. **21.h3 0-0 22.Qd2 Kg7 23.Rb4** -1.42/21
[White should play 23.c4 -1.03/19]
23...b5∓ 24.axb6 Rxb6 25.Rf3 -1.91/20
[25.Ra1∓ -1.26/19]
25...a5 26.Rbb3 -2.08/18
[26.Rh4∓ -1.60/20 was worth a try. Nf7 27.b3]
26...a4-+ 27.Rb4 Qb8 28.Rxa4 Rxb2 29.Ra6 Rb1+ 30.Bf1 Rc8 31.Ra2 -3.26/22
[⩲31.Kh2 -1.78/21]
31...Nf7 32.Kg2 Rb2 33.Rxb2 Qxb2 34.Rf2 e4 35.Ba6 Rc3 36.Qd4+ Kf8



...Rxg3+! is the strong threat. **37.Qa4** -6.36/19
[⩲37.Kh2 -4.08/16 Qa3 38.Bf1]
37...Ra3 Black is clearly winning. **38.Qc6 Qe5 39.Rf4 g5 40.Qc8+ Kg7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

A07
□ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.26) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.b3 0-0 8.Bb2 a5**
[8...Bh5 9.h3 a5 10.a3 Na6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nac5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.d4 Bd6 18.f4 Nf6 19.c4 Qe7 20.Qf3 Rfe8 21.Kh1 Rad8 22.Rf2 Bb8 23.Re1 1-0 Lastin,A (2625)-Spraggett,K (2536) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2004 (5) Qc7 24.Kg1 Ba7 25.Rd1 Re7 26.Kf1 Red7 27.Rfd2 Bb8 28.Rf2 Ba7 29.Qe3 a4 30.b4 b5 31.g5 Nh5 32.c5 Bb8 33.Bc1 Re7 34.Rd3 f5 35.Kg1 Qd7 36.Qf3 Qd5 37.Qd1 Qd7 38.Rff3 ½-½ Campora,D (2545)-Perez Candelario,M (2495) Dos Hermanas-B 2005 (2)]
9.a4N The position is equal.
[9.a3 Nbd7 10.h3 Bh5 11.e4 Qb6 12.Qe2 h6 13.Rfe1 Bg6 14.Kh2 Qa6 15.Ng1 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qxe2 17.Nxe2 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Nc5 19.f3 Ne8 20.Nc4 Bf6 21.Bxf6 Nxf6 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Nxa5 Rd2 1-0 Ruf,M-Jackelen,T Deutschland Cup 1989 (1) 24.b4 Na4 25.Nxb7 Rxc2 26.Nd4 Rc3 27.Na5 c5 28.Nb5 Rc2 29.Rb1 Nxe4 30.bxc5 Nexc5 31.Rd1 Nb2 32.Rd8+ Kh7 33.Nd4 Rc3 34.Rc8 1-0 13.h4 ♘c4

14.♗c4 ♖c4_19 (2390)-Kbj (2325) BCCA v Ireland bd10 1996 (1)]

9...Na6 10.h3 Bh5 11.Ne5 Nd7 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Nf3 f6 14.e4 dxe4 15.dxe4 Rfd8 16.Qe2 e5 17.Ba3 -0.79/25

[17.Rfd1= -0.30/20 is more appropriate. Qc7 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rd1]

17...Bxa3∓ 18.Rxa3 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 White is weak on the dark squares

19...Qd4 -0.34/17

[19...Qxh3∓ -0.96/21 20.Raa1 Qe6]

20.Raa1!∓ Qc3 21.Rad1 Against Rd2

21...Nb4 22.Rxd8+! Rxd8 23.Rd1! Rd4 24.Bg4? -2.15/18 Black continues to play with concentration.

[24.Rxd4= 0.00/20 Qxd4 *(24...exd4 25.Bh5=)* 25.Qd1]

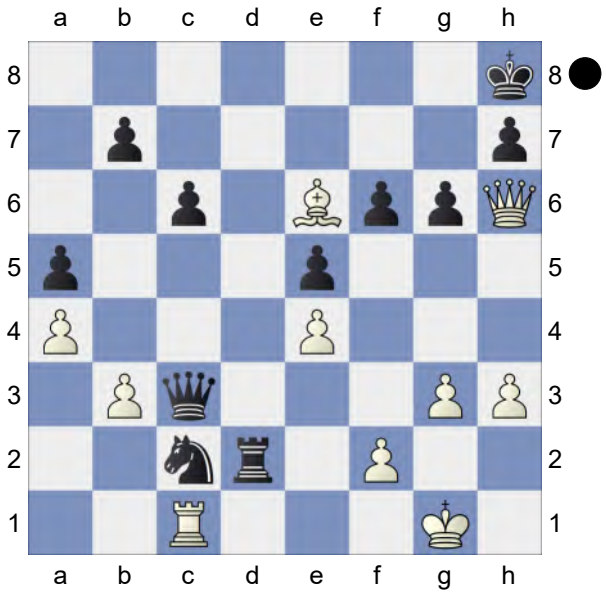
24...Nxc2-+ White must now prevent ... Rxd1+.

[24...Qxc2 25.Rxd4 exd4 26.Be6+ Kf8 27.Qh5+-]

25.Rc1 -2.89/19

[⌓25.Be6+ -1.96/19 Kh8 26.Kf1]

25...Rd2! 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Qh5 g6 28.Qh6



Rd8 Repels Qf8+. Active counter play!

29.Bg4 Qd2

[29...Qxb3 30.Bd1±]

30.Qxd2 Rxd2 Endgame. KRB-KRN

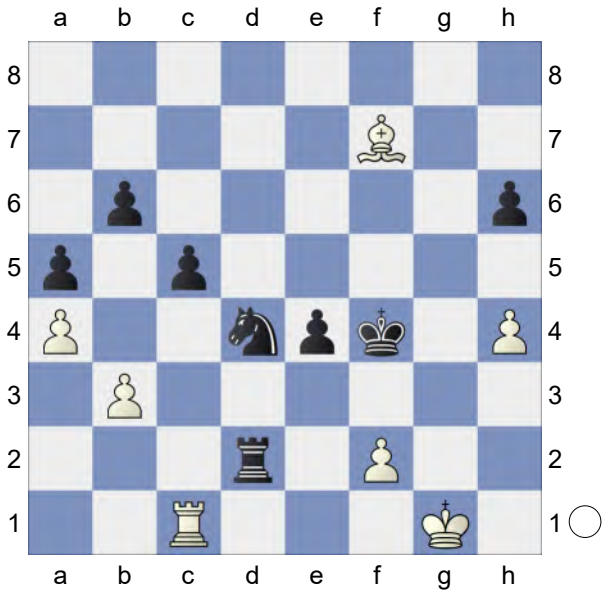
31.Bc8 b6

[But not 31...Nd4 32.Rb1]

32.Bb7 c5 33.Bd5 Kg7 34.h4 f5 35.exf5 gxf5 Black is clearly winning.

[35...Rxd5 36.Rxc2 Rd1+ *(36...gxf5? 37.Kf1-+)* 37.Kg2 gxf5 38.Kf3-+]

36.Bc4 e4 37.Kf1 Kf6 38.Kg1 h6 39.Kf1 Ke5 40.Kg1 f4 41.gxf4+ Kxf4 42.Bf7 Nd4



Strongly threatening ...Ne2+. **43.Kf1 Nf3 44.h5 Ne5 45.Bc4 Kf3 46.Rc3+ Nd3 47.Kg1 Rd1+**

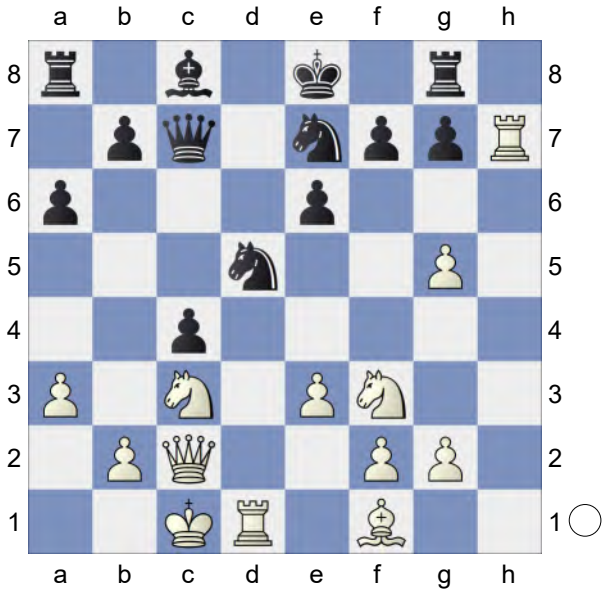
[Stronger than 47...Rxf2 48.Bxd3 exd3 49.Rxd3+ Ke2 50.Rd6=]

48.Kh2 Kxf2 49.Rc2+ Ke3 50.Rg2 Rd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.05 (flawless)

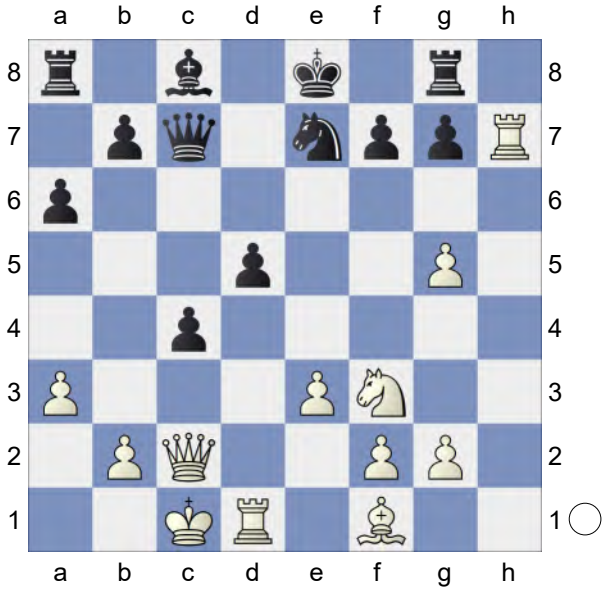
0-1

D40
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
■ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.27) 06.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D40: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch with 5 e3 **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4**
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1)) 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...Nf6 4.Nf3 c5N
[4...a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 Qe6 19.Rac1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
5.Bf4 a6 6.e3 Nc6 7.a3 Be7 0.55/20
[Better is 7...dxc4= 0.00/20 8.Bxc4 b5]
8.dxc5± White is slightly better. **8...Bxc5 9.Qc2 Bd6 10.Bg3 Qc7 11.0-0-0** 0.35/21
[11.Rd1± 0.82/21]
11...Bxg3 0.85/19
[11...Ne7!± 0.35/21]
12.hxg3± Ne7 Dodges g4 **13.g4** Threatens to win with g5. **13...dxc4** 1.36/18
[13...h5!± 0.69/20]
14.g5 Nfd5 15.Rxh7 Rg8



16.Nxd5! exd5

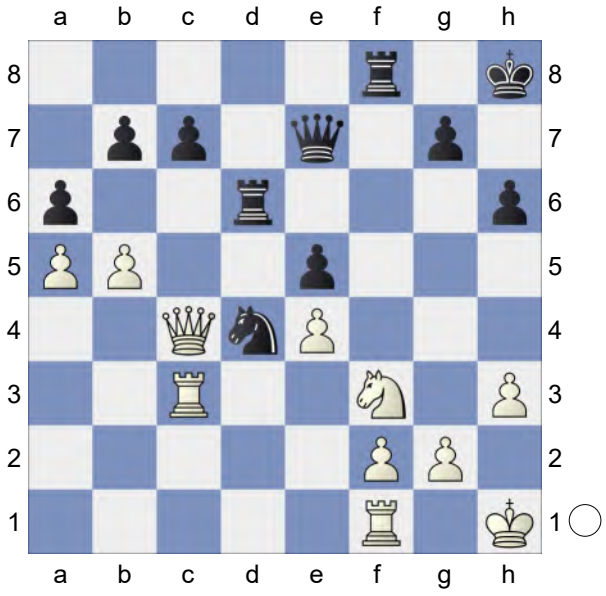


17.Qc3!↑ Keeping Black busy. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **17...Be6 18.Rxg7 0-0-0 19.Rxg8 Rxg8 20.g3 Kb8 21.Bg2 Nc6 22.Qf6 Na5** 2.02/19
[22...Qd8± 1.54/20 keeps fighting.]
23.Nd4 0.99/18
[23.Qf4+- 2.02/19 and White stays

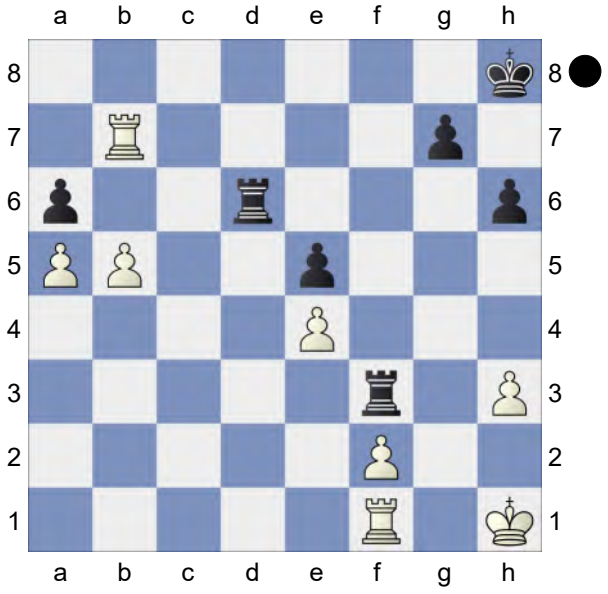
clearly on top.]
23...Nb3+ 1.64/20
[23...c3± 0.99/18 was worth a try.]
24.Kb1 1.24/16
[24.Kc2+- 1.64/20]
24...Nxd4 2.08/17
[24...Ka7± 1.24/16 25.Nxb3 *(25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Qxe6 Rf8±)* 25...cxb3 26.Qd4+ *(26.Bxd5? leads to mate. Qc2+ 27.Ka1 Qxd1#)* 26...Ka8]
25.Rxd4+-
[Much less strong is 25.Qxd4?! Rxg5 26.Rh1 Qe7±]
25...Ka8? 3.82/17 Black is weak on the dark squares
[25...Qa5 2.22/18 26.Rd1 d4]
26.Bxd5 Bxd5 4.70/19
[⌓26...c3 3.31/16 27.Bxe6 fxe6 28.bxc3 e5]
27.Rxd5 KQR-KQR. White is clearly winning. **27...Rc8 28.Qd6 Qxd6 29.Rxd6 Rc7 30.e4 Ka7 31.e5 b5 32.Kc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

C55
□ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
■ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.28) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7**
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5)]
5.Nc3 d6 6.a4 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.h3 Be6 8.Nd5 Bxd5 9.exd5 Nb4 10.c3 Nbxd5 11.Bxd5 Nxd5 12.Qb3 Nb6 13.a5 Nd7 14.Qxb7 Nc5 15.Qd5 Qc8 16.Nd2 c6 17.Qf3 Qa6 18.c4 Rab8 19.0-0 Ne6 20.Qd1 d5 21.Re1 f6 0-1 Lucas,A (2415)-Ghosh, D (2553) 2023 Cannes (3.3)]
7...Kh8 8.h3 White is slightly better.
8...Ng8 9.Nd5 f5 10.a5 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **10...a6 11.Ra3 fxe4 12.dxe4 Be6 13.Qd3 Nf6 14.Bd2 Qd7 15.b4 Na7 16.Nxf6**
[But not 16.Nxc7? Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Rac8-+]
16...Rxf6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.c4 Raf8 19.Ne1 0.42/18
[White should play 19.Nh4± 1.02/20]
19...Qf7 20.Be3 Nc6 21.Rb3 Rg6 22.Kh1 Bg5 23.Bxg5 Rxg5 24.Nf3 Rg6 25.Qd5 Qe8 26.c5 Rgf6 27.cxd6 Rxd6 28.Qc5 Qe6 29.Rc3 h6 30.Qc4 0.05/20
[30.b5± 0.43/20 axb5 31.Qxb5]
30...Qe7= 31.b5 Nd4



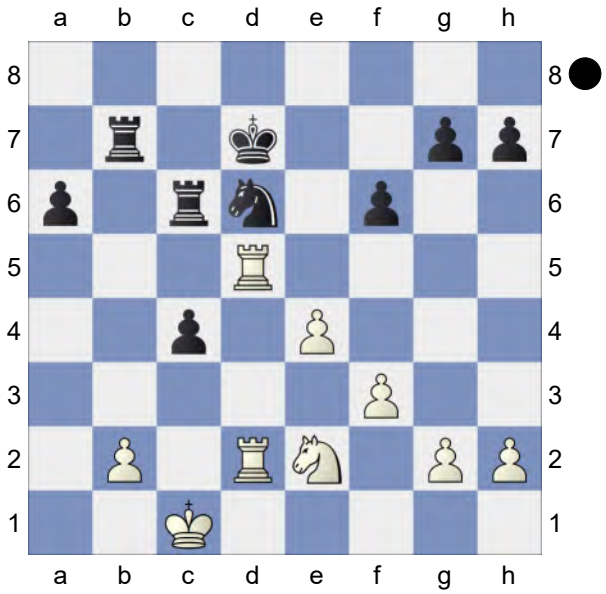
aiming for ...Nxf3. **32.Qxc7**
[32.Nxd4 exd4 33.Rcc1 *(33.Qxc7? is the wrong capture. Rd7-+)* 33...Qxe4=]
32...Qxc7 33.Rxc7 Nxf3 34.gxf3 Hoping for b6. **34...Rxf3 35.Rxb7**



And now Kg2 would win. **35...axb5 36.Rxb5 Rxh3+** Endgame. KRR-KRR. The position is equal. **37.Kg2 Ra3 38.Rxe5 Rg6+ 39.Kh2 Ra6 40.f4 R6xa5 41.Rxa5 Rxa5** KR-KR **42.Kg3 g6 43.Rb1 Kg7 44.Rb7+ Kf6 45.e5+ Ke6 46.Kg4 Ra1 47.Rb6+ Kf7 48.Rf6+ Kg7 49.Rd6 Kf7 50.Rf6+ Kg7 51.Rc6 Kf7 52.Rc7+ Ke6 53.Rc6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

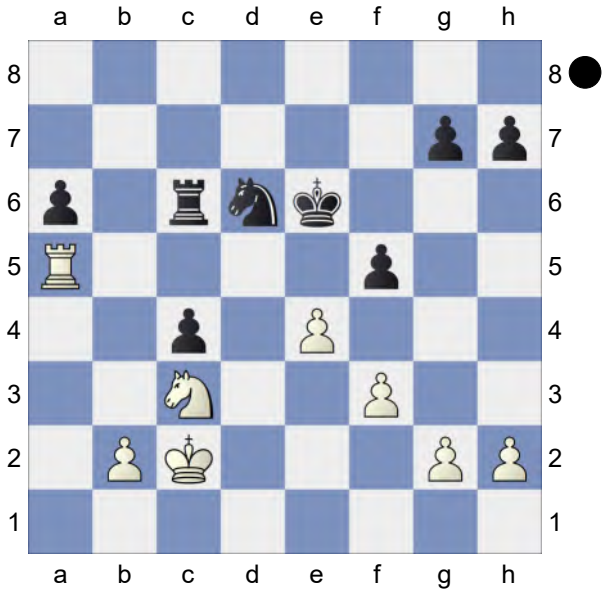
D37
□ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto 2564**
■ **Balajayeva,Khanim 2362**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.29) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 dxc4 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 c5 White has an edge. **10.d5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Nf6! 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Bc7 Rd7N**
[14...Re8 15.Bxc4 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.a5 Nd5 18.Be5 Bf6 19.Rfc1 Rac8 20.Rc4 Chapter-6...Nbd7 7.Be2 dxc4 8.0-0 a6]
15.Ba5 Bd8 16.Bxd8 Rxd8 17.Rfc1 Be6 18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Rac8 20.a5 Rd3 21.Rc2 Ne4 22.Kf1 Re8 Prevents Ne5 **23.Ke2 Rb3 24.Ra4 f6 25.Ne1 Nd6** Repels Rac4 **26.Nd3 c4 27.Nc5 Rb5 28.Nd7 Rc8 29.Nb6 Rcc5 30.Rd2 Rc6 31.Nd5 Nc8** Repels Ne7+ **32.Nc3 Rb3 33.Kd1 Nd6 34.Kc2 b5 35.axb6 Rcxb6 36.Kc1 Kf7 37.e4 Ke6 38.f3 R3b4 39.Ra5 Rc6** Dodges Rc5 **40.Ne2** White is more active. **40...Kd7** 0.84/22
[40...Kf7!± 0.47/21]
41.Rad5 aiming for Nd4. **41...Rb5 42.R5d4** 0.21/24
[42.h4± 0.75/20]
42...Rb7= 43.Rd5



Threatens to win with Nd4. **43...Rb5** 0.75/23
[43...Ke7= 0.26/19 feels stronger.]

44.Nc3 Rxd5 45.Rxd5± Endgame. KRN-KRN **45...Ke6 46.Kc2** 0.03/21
[46.Rh5± 0.61/25]
46...f5= The position is equal. **47.Ra5**



Ne2 would now be deadly. **47...fxe4 48.fxe4 Kf7 49.h4 Nb7 50.Rd5 Nc5** Prevents Rd7+ **51.Rf5+ Ke6 52.Ne2 Rc8 53.Nd4+ Ke7 54.Rh5 Kf7 55.Rf5+**
[55.Rxh7? too greedy. Kg6-+ *(55...Nxe4 56.Rh5±; 55...Nxe4 56.Rh5=)*]
55...Ke7 56.g4 g6 57.Rd5 Nd3 Hoping for ...Nb4+. **58.Ra5 Rc7 59.Kc3**
[59.Rxa6? perishes. Nb4+ 60.Kc3 Nxa6-+]
59...Nf2 60.e5 Nd1+ 61.Kc2 Ne3+ 62.Kc3 Nd1+ 63.Kc2 Ne3+ 64.Kc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

E54
□ **Xu,Zhihang 2511**
■ **Zhu,Hengyi 2361**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.30) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E56: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...Nc6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.a3 Ba5 10.Ne2** The position is equal.
[10.dxc5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qc7±]
[10.Qd3 Bb6 11.Rd1 cxd4 12.exd4 h6 13.Bf4 Bd7 14.Ne5 Rc8 15.Ba2 Ne7 16.Qh3 Re8 17.Rd3 Ng6 18.Nxg6 fxg6 19.Re1 g5 20.Be5 Qe7 21.Qg3 Rcd8 22.h4 gxh4 23.Qxh4 Nh7 24.Qg4 Bc8 1-0 Khismatullin,D (2642)-Khairullin,I (2662) (ch) 125/186 Russia 2015]
10...cxd4 11.Nexd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4N
[12.Nxd4 Bc7 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Bd2 Qb8 15.h3 Rc8 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Be1 b5 18.Ba2 Qb7 19.Rac1 Bb6 20.Qf3 Qxf3 21.Nxf3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8 24.Bc3 ½-½ Sivuk,V (2544)-Esipenko,A (2704) Sharjah Masters 7th 2024 (3)]
12...Qxd4 13.Nxd4 Bb6 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.b3 Rfd8 16.Bb2 Bc6 17.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Kf1 Kf8 21.Ke2 Nd7 22.g3 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6= Endgame. KBN-KBN **24.Nd4 Bd7 25.Bb5 Ke7 26.Bxd7 Kxd7 27.f4 Ne4 28.Kd3 Nf2+ 29.Ke2 Ne4 30.Kd3 Nf2+** A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

C67

□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
■ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**
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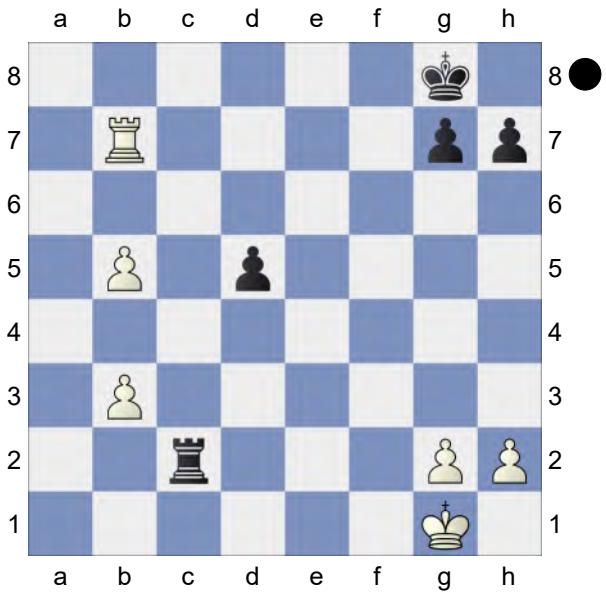
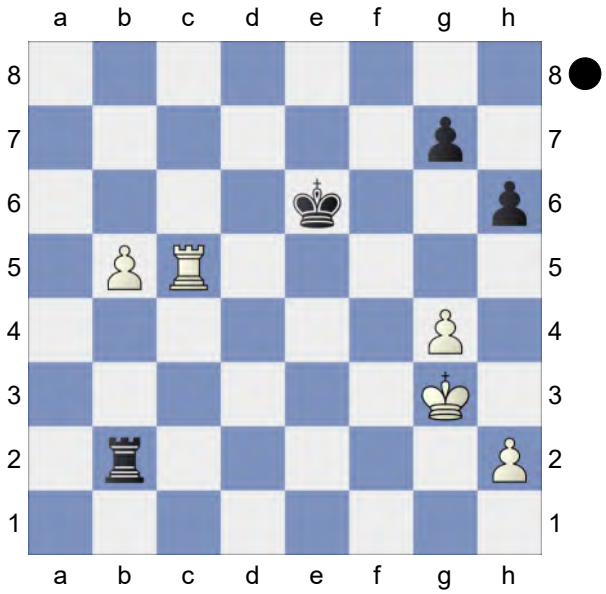
C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.dxe5 Nxb5 7.a4 Nbd4 8.Nxd4** Hoping for Re1. **8...d5 9.Nc3**
[9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Qd3 Qd7 *(10...Be7 11.Qg3 g6 12.Bh6 Rb8 13.b3 Rb4 14.Nd2 Rh4 15.Bg7 Rg8 16.Bf6 g5 17.Rfe1 Be6 18.Qc3 c5 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qa5 Kf8 21.Qxa7 Kg7 22.a5 Rb4 23.Qa6 c4 24.Qa7 c3 25.Nf3* 1-0 Theis,B (2608)-Sprenger,E (2645) 103/229 London 2008 (10) *)* 11.b3 a5 12.Re1 Bb4 13.c3 Be7 14.Ba3 c5 15.f4 0-0 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.Rf1 g6 18.f5 gxf5 19.Rf3 Rb6 20.Nf1 Rxb3 21.Ne3 d4 22.Nxf5 Rxc3 23.Qe4 Kh8 1-0 Anand,V (2817)-Mamedyarov,S (2746) Corsica Masters rap 15th Bastia rapid 2011 (4.1)]
9...Be7 10.f4 0-0N
[10...Bc5 11.Be3 Bxd4 12.Bxd4 Bf5 13.Bc5 b6 14.Ba3 d4 15.Qf3 Qd7 16.Ne4 0-0-0 17.b4 Kb8 18.Rac1 Qd5 19.Ng3 Qxf3 20.Rxf3 Bg4 21.Rd3 h5 22.h3 Be6 23.h4 Ne7 24.Bb2 c5 25.bxc5 0-1 Liu,Q (2542)-Wen,Y (2588) CHN-chT Div-A Rapid Fuling 2022 (1.3)]
11.Be3 f6 12.Nb3 fxe5 0.00/24
[12...Nb4∓ -0.48/22 13.exf6 Rxf6]
13.Qxd5+= Qxd5 14.Nxd5 Bd6 15.fxe5 Rxf1+ 16.Rxf1 Nxe5 17.Bc5 Bd7 18.Bxd6 cxd6 19.Nd4 Re8 20.Nb5 A dynamic duo of knights. **20...Nc4 21.b3 Ne3 22.Nxe3 Bxb5 23.axb5 Rxe3** Endgame. KR-KR **24.Ra1 Rc3**
[Of course not 24...Re5?! 25.c4± *(25.Rxa7 Rxb5 26.Ra8+ Kf7=)*]
25.Ra2 d5 26.Rxa7 Rxc2 27.Rxb7



And now Rd7 would win. **27...Rb2 28.Rd7** Strongly threatening b6. **28...Rxb3 29.Rxd5 Kf7 30.Kf2 Rb2+ 31.Kf3 Ke6 32.Rc5 Rb3+ 33.Kf4 Rb2 34.Kf3 Rb3+** 0.57/28
[34...Kf6= 0.11/27]
35.Kg4 0.01/28
[35.Ke4± 0.57/28]
35...Rb2 36.Kh3 Rb3+ 37.g3 Rb2 38.g4 Kd6 39.Rh5 h6 40.Kg3 Rb3+ 41.Kf4 Rb4+ 42.Kf3 Rb3+ 43.Kf2 Ke6 44.Rc5 Rb2+ 45.Kg3

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent Rc6+. **45...Rb3+ 46.Kh4 Kf6 47.Rf5+ Kg6 48.Rc5 Kf6** (→ ...g5+) **49.g5+ hxg5+ 50.Rxg5 Rb4+ 51.Kh5 Rb2 52.h4 Rb4 53.Rg6+ Kf7 54.Rb6 Rb1 55.Kg5 Rg1+?** 5.61/22
[55...Rd1= 0.03/21 and Black stays safe.]



56.Kf5+- Rf1+ 57.Ke5 Rh1 58.Rb7+ Kg6 59.b6 Rxh4 60.Rc7 Rh8 61.b7 Rb8 62.Kd6? 0.00/41
[White should try 62.Re7+- 8.23/19 Rd8 63.Rd7 Re8+ 64.Kd6]
62...Kf6!= The position is equal. **63.Rd7 g5 64.Kc7 Rxb7+! 65.Kxb7** KR-KP **65...Ke5!** Against Rd5+ **66.Rg7 Kf4 67.Kc6** Kd5 would kill now. **67...g4 68.Kd5** White threatens Kc4 and mate. **68...g3 69.Kd4 Kf3 70.Kd3 g2 71.Kd2** Threatening mate with Ke1. **71...Kf2 72.Rf7+ Kg3! 73.Rg7+ Kf2 74.Rf7+ Kg3! 75.Ke2** Intending Rg7+ and mate. **75...g1Q 76.Rg7+ Kh2 77.Rxg1 Kxg1** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

B90
□ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
■ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
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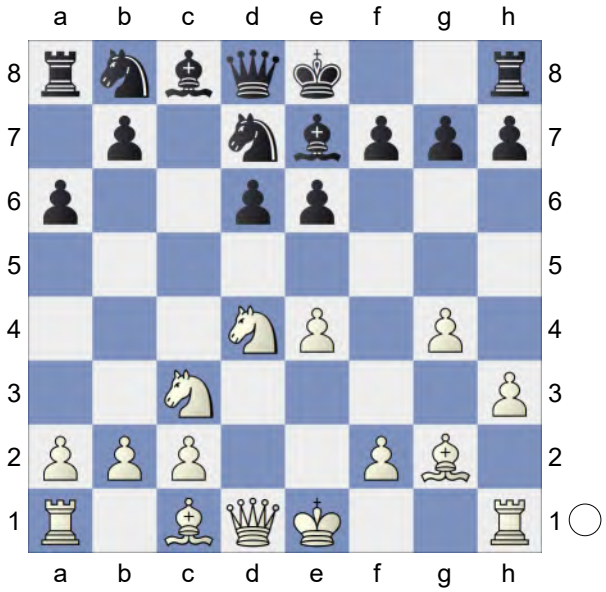
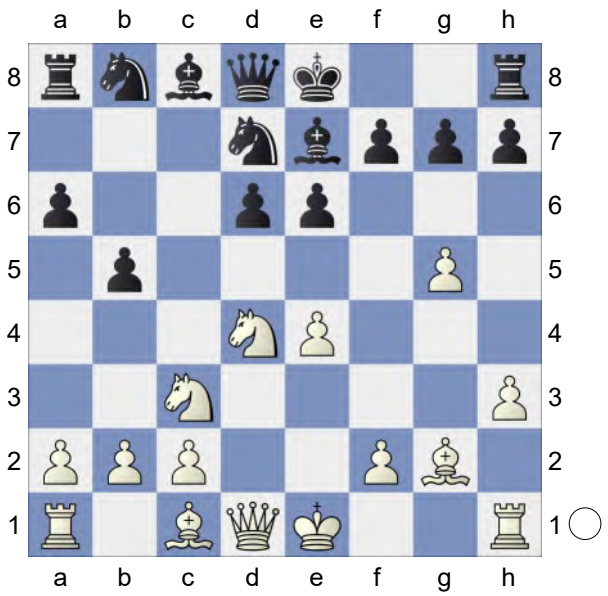
B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Nfd7 8.Bg2 Be7**



9.g5! b5
[9...Bxg5? 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+ *(11.Qxd6? Qe7-+)* 11...g6 12.Qxg5+-]
[9...Nc6 10.h4]

(Diagram)

White is slightly better. **10.Nf5! exf5 11.exf5 Nb6 12.Be3! Ra7** 0.78/18
[12...N8d7= 0.22/21 remains equal.]
13.Qd4± Bxg5! 14.Bxg5
[14.Qxb6 Bxe3 *(14...Qxb6 15.Bxb6 Re7+ 16.Kf1=)* 15.Qxd8+ *(15.Qxb8 Bc5∓; 15.Qxe3+ Re7∓* Pin *)* 15...Kxd8∓]
14...Qxg5 15.Qxb6 Re7+



[15...Qxg2? 16.0-0-0 0-0 17.Qxa7 Bxf5 18.Qd4 *(18.Rhg1 Qh2+-)* 18...Qg5+ 19.Kb1+-]

16.Kf1 Nd7 17.Qxd6→ Nd5 is the strong threat. Black needs to defend precisely. **17...0-0! 18.Nd5 Ree8 19.h4 Qg4N** 0.91/18

[19...Qxf5± 0.49/21 is superior. 20.Ne7+ Rxe7 21.Qxe7 Qxc2]

20.Rh3 The board is on fire. Active counter play! **20...Qe2+ 21.Kg1 Qe5 22.Qxe5 Nxe5 23.Re3**

[23.Rg3 Kh8∓]

23...Nc4 Discovered Attack, Double Attack **24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.b3 Nd6 26.f6 Be6** 1.87/18

[26...Kh8± 0.91/19]

(Diagram)

27.Rd1!+- Bxd5 2.77/19

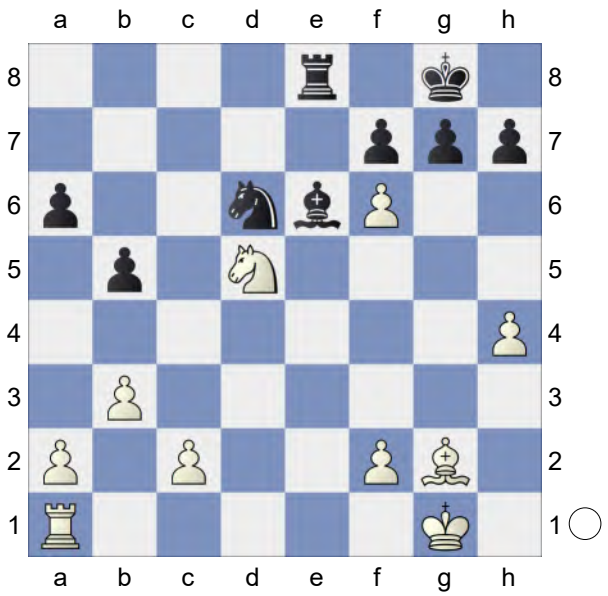
[⌓27...Nf5 1.85/20 28.Nc7 Rf8]

28.Rxd5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **28...Re6 29.fxg7 Kxg7 30.Kf1 Kf8** 2.28/20

[⌓30...Ne4 1.80/17 31.Rd3 Nd6]

31.Rc5 Ne8 3.24/20

[⌓31...Ne4 2.22/21 32.Rc8+ Kg7]



32.Bf3 Ke7 33.c4 bxc4 34.Rxc4

[34.bxc4 Rf6±]

34...Re5 3.72/18

[⌓34...Nd6 2.52/18]

35.b4 a5? 4.41/25

[35...Rf5 2.66/18]

36.bxa5? 1.35/20

[36.Re4+- 4.41/25 and the rest is easy. Rxe4 37.Bxe4]

36...Rxa5± 37.a4 Nd6 38.Rb4 Rc5 39.h5 0.94/22

[⌓39.Ke1 1.30/22]

39...Rc2 40.Bd5 0.41/22

[40.Ke1± 1.21/22]

40...Kf6 1.13/23

[40...Rc5± 0.41/22 41.Bf3 h6]

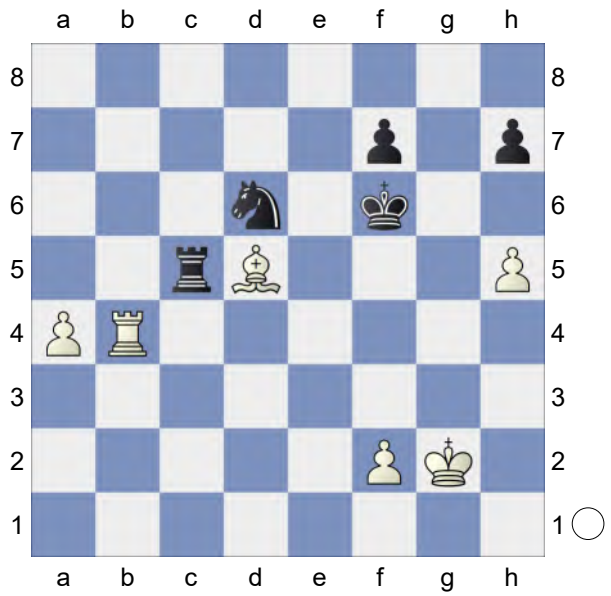
41.Kg2 Rc5

(Diagram)

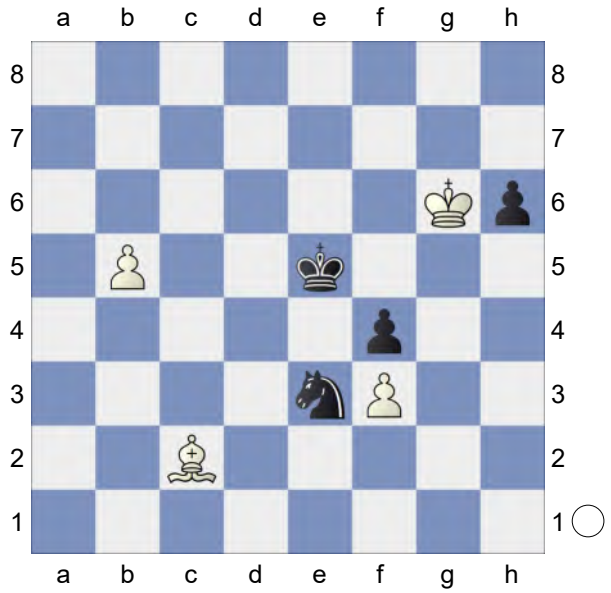
42.Bf3 Ke5 43.Be2 h6 44.Rb2 Against Rc2 **44...Kf4 45.Rb6** 0.49/19

[Better is 45.Bd1± 0.89/22]

45...Ne4± 46.Rb4 Hoping for f3. **46...f5! 47.Rc4** And now Rxc5 would win. **47...Ra5 48.Rb4** The position is equal. **48...Kg5 49.Bd3 Nc3 50.Bc2 Kxh5 51.Rb3 Nd5 52.Rb5 Rxb5 53.axb5=**



Black must now prevent Kf3! KB-KN
53...Kg4 54.Bb3 Nb6 55.Bd1+ Kf4 56.Kh3 Kg5 57.Kg3 f4+ 58.Kf3 Kf5 59.Bc2+ Ke5 60.Kg4 Nd5 61.Kh5 Nf6+ 62.Kg6 Strongly threatening b6!
62...Ng4 63.f3 Ne3



64.b6! b7 would now be deadly.
64...Kd6
[64...Nxc2? too greedy. 65.b7 *(65.Kxh6 Kd6=)* 65...Nd4 66.b8Q++- *(66.b8B+ Ke6=)*]
65.b7 Kc7 66.Be4 Ng2 67.Kxh6 Kb8 68.Kg5 Kc7 69.Kg4 Kb8 70.Kf5 Kc7 71.Ke5 Kb8 72.Kd6 Nh4 73.Bd5 Ng2 74.Kc6 Nh4 75.Be4 Ng2! 76.Bd3 Nh4 77.Be4 Ng2! 78.Kc5 Kc7 79.Bd5 Kb8 80.Kd4 Kc7 81.Kc4 Kb8 82.Kb5 Kc7 83.Ka6 Threatens to win with Ka7.
83...Kb8! 84.Kb6 Nh4 85.Kc6 Ng2 86.Bc4 Nh4 87.Be2 Ng2 88.Kb6 Nh4 89.Ka6 Ng2 90.Bb5 Nh4 91.Bc6 Ng2 92.Kb5 Kc7 93.Kc4 Kb8 94.Kc5 Kc7 95.Bd5 Kb8 96.Kc6 Nh4 97.Be4 Ng2! 98.Bd3 Nh4 99.Be2 Ng2 100.Ba6 Nh4 White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

A13
□ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
■ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**
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A85: Dutch Defence: 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3
Stean,M: 'Inf 24/18' **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 f5 3.a3N**
[3.Nf3 Nf6 4.b3 b6 5.g3 Bb7 6.Bg2 Bb4 7.Bb2 0-0 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 d6 10.d3 Qe8 11.e3 Nbd7 12.b4 Qe7 13.a4 Rac8 14.a5 Ba8 15.axb6 axb6 16.Ra7 e5 17.Qa4 Bxf3 ½-½ Kortschnoj,V-Spassky,B (m/9) 24/18 Belgrad 1977 18.Bxf3 e4 19.dxe4 fxe4 20.Bg2 Qe6 21.Qc6 Nb8 22.Qb5 Nbd7 23.Rfa1 h6 24.Bxf6 Nxf6 25.Qc6 Rf7 26.c5 bxc5 27.bxc5 Qf5 28.cxd6 cxd6 29.Qxc8+ Qxc8 30.Ra8 Rf8 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.Bh3 Re8 ½-½ Kortschnoj,V-Spassky,B Beograd (m/9) 24/18 1977]
[3.e4 fxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Ng3 Nc6 6.d4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Qe7 8.Nf3 b6

9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 Bxd2 11.Qxd2 Nb4 12.Be2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Qf4 d5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.a3 Rf8 17.Qd2 Nc2 1-0 Hansen,E (2230)-4... a5 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nf3 dxc4 28/1 Bogota 1979 (4)]

[3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.d3 0-0 6.f4 c6 7.e4 fxe4 8.dxe4 d5 9.e5 Nfd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be3 Nb6 12.b3 Bb4 13.Nge2 Bg4 14.Bd2 Bc5 15.Qc1 N8d7 16.Be3 Be7 17.0-0 Nc5 1-0 Brunner,W (1256)-Helmer,A (1718) Niedersachsen-ch op-B Velden 2014 (7)]

3...Nf6 4.d4 g6 5.e3 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.b4 Ne4 10.Bb2 d6 11.Nd2** 0.28/18

[11.Bxe4± 0.69/19 should be considered. fxe4 12.Nd2]

11...Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Nd7 13.Rad1 Qh4 14.f4 Nf6 15.Qe1 -0.10/19

[15.d5± 0.33/16]

15...Qh6 0.33/20

[15...Qxe1= -0.10/19 is more appropriate. 16.Rfxe1 h6]

16.Be2 Rae8 17.Bf3 Ne4 0.39/22

[17...Bxf3= -0.03/20 18.Rxf3 g5]

18.Qe2± g5 19.fxg5 Qxg5 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Bxe4 fxe4 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Rf1 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1= Endgame. KQB-KQB **24...a6 25.a4 c6 26.b5 axb5 27.cxb5 Qf5+ 28.Kg1 cxb5 29.Qxb5 Bh6** 1.15/25

[29...Qxb5= 0.03/21 30.axb5 d5]

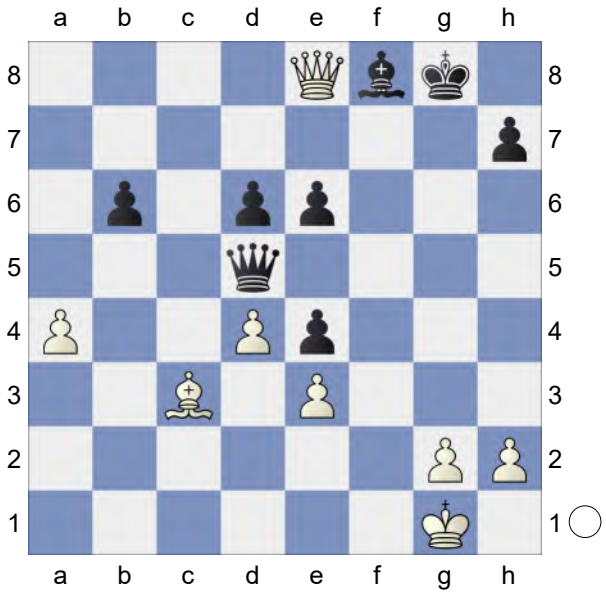
30.Qe8+±

[30.Qxb6? Bxe3+ 31.Kh1 Qf1#]

30...Bf8 2.03/23

[30...Kg7± 0.95/23 keeps fighting. 31.d5+ e5 32.Qe7+ Qf7 33.Qxf7+ *(33.Qxd6? is a self mate. Bxe3+ 34.Kh1 Qf1#)* 33...Kxf7]

31.Bc3 Qd5



32.h3 0.28/16 White is more active.

[32.Be1!± 1.21/21]

32...Qb3= 33.Qc6 0.00/23

[33.Qc8!± 0.48/24]

33...Kf7 0.39/22

[33...Bh6= 0.00/23 34.Kf2 Qc2+ 35.Kg3 Bxe3 36.Qe8+ Kg7 37.Qe7+ Kg8 38.Qxe6+ Kg7 39.Qd7+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Kf7]

34.Kh2 0.00/29

[34.d5± 0.39/22 feels stronger. e5 *(34...Qxd5 35.Qxd5 exd5 36.Bd4±)* 35.Kh1]

34...d5 The position is equal. **35.Qc7+ Kg8 36.Qc6**

[36.Qc8!? Kf7□ 37.Qc7+ Be7 38.a5 bxa5 39.Qf4+ Kg6 40.Qg3+ Bg5 41.h4 Pin Qxc3 42.Qxg5+ Kf7 43.Qh6=]

36...Kf7 37.Qc7+ Kg8 38.Qc8 Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

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B33
□ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
■ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
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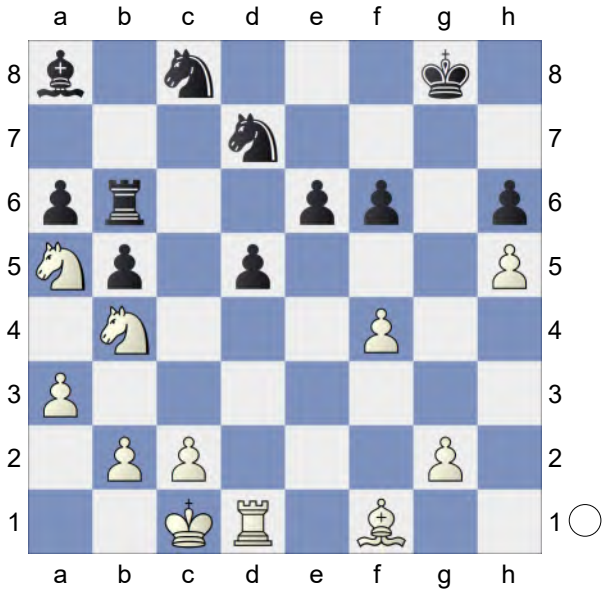
[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6**
[4...Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Bd3 d6 7.0-0 g6 8.c4 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Qd8 11.Be2 b6 12.f3 Bb7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Rac1 Nd7 15.Rfd1 Nc5 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Qe8 19.b4 1-0 Dominguez,L (2596)-Gonzalez,J (2518) XIV Carlos Torre 2001 (11)]
[4...d6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Rac1 Ng4 13.Bxg4 Bxg4 14.h3 Be6 15.Ne2 c5 16.Nf4 Rfb8 17.Rb1 a5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 1-0 Fuks,M (2095)-Dalkiran,S (1993) 4/385 United States 1967 (4)]
5.Nc3 e6N
[5...d6 6.Be2 g6 7.Nb3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 a5 10.a4 Qb6+ 11.Kh1 Nb4 12.Bf3 Be6 13.Ra3 Rac8 14.Re1 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.Qxg4 Bxc3 17.Re2 Bxb2 18.Bxb2 Nxc2 19.Qf3 Nxa3 20.Bxa3 0-1 Semrl,M-Kohn,H ch-semi-finals Leeuwarden NED 2001 (4) Rc4 21.Nd2 Rxa4 22.e5 Qd4 23.Nf1 b5 24.exd6 exd6 25.g3 Rc8 26.Bb2 Qc5 27.Ne3 Ra2 28.Rc2 Qxc2 29.Nxc2 Rxb2 30.Ne1 Rc1 31.Qe4 Rbb1 32.Kg2 Rxe1 33.Qa8+ Kg7 34.Qxa5 b4 35.f5 0-1 Roedl,L-Engels,L Bad Nauheim Olympia Trainingsturnier 1935 (4)]
6.Ndb5 Bc5 7.Bf4 Threatens to win with Nc7+.
[7.Nd6+ with more complications. Ke7 8.Bf4 e5 9.Nf5+]
7...0-0 8.Bc7 Qe7 Strongly threatening ...d5. **9.Bd6! Bxd6** White is slightly better. **10.Qxd6 Qd8 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Nd4 Ne7 13.h4 b5 14.h5 h6 15.a3 Bb7 16.f3 Re8 17.Nb3 Qb8 18.Na5 Bc6 19.Qxb8 Raxb8 20.Na2 d5 21.Nb4 Rb6 22.e5↑** White is more active. **22...Nd7 23.f4 Ba8 24.Rh3 f6 25.exf6** 0.57/22 White is more active.
[25.Rc3± 1.00/21]
25...gxf6 1.15/21
[Black should play 25...Nxf6± 0.57/22 26.Be2 g5]
26.Rc3± Rc8 Against Rc7 **27.Rxc8+ Nxc8**



28.f5 0.57/24 **Ne7 29.fxe6 Rxe6** 1.08/19
[29...Nc5± 0.61/23 might be stronger.]
30.Nb3 Bb7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
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B90
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
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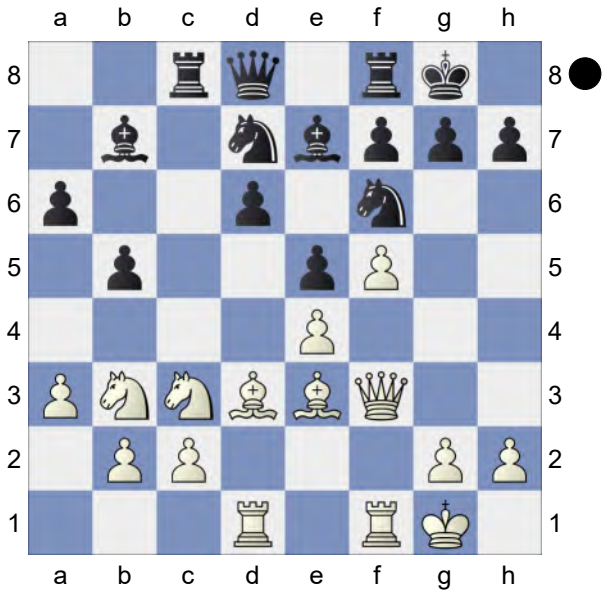
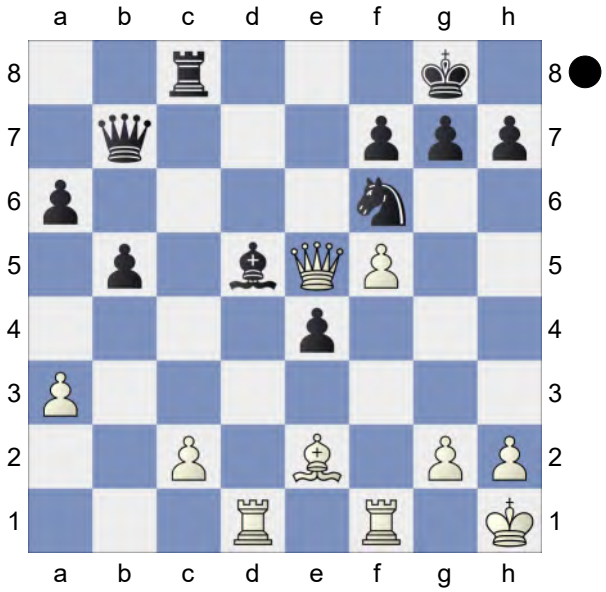
B82: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 f4 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 e6 7.f4 Nbd7**
[7...Qc7 8.Qe2 b5 9.a3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Nf3 Be7 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Rae1 Rac8 14.Kh1 Nc5 15.b4 Nxd3 16.cxd3 Qd7 17.Nd4 Rc7 18.Na2 Rfc8 19.Nc1 g6 20.Ncb3 e5 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Nf3 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2754)-Korobov,A (2670) Superbet Rapid & Blitz 2019 (27.4)]
8.Be3 -0.04/17
[8.Qf3± 0.41/17 should be considered.]
[8.Qe2 Nc5 9.Be3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Bxb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Ncxd7 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.Rhe1 Qc7 17.Bf4 Qc4 18.Nf5 Qc6 19.Qe2 Nb6 20.Qxa6 Ra8 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Nxb5 Nbd5 1-0 Nissinen,N (2159)-Aura,D (1939) FIN-chT 2425 Finland 2024 (2.7)]
8...b5!= 9.a3 Bb7 10.0-0N The position is equal. **10...Rc8 11.f5** -0.73/18
[11.Qf3∓ -0.33/19 Be7 *(11...g6 12.Rae1 Bg7 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qh3 Nc5 15.f5 e5 16.Nf3 Ncxe4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Bh6 Nf6 20.Ng5 Rxc2 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rxf6 Kxf6 24.Rf1+ Kxg5 25.Qe3+ Kh5 26.g4+* 0-1 Koellner,C (2501)-Chiong,L (2591) 88/(58) Ukraine 2003 (5)*)* 12.Rae1 Nc5 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qh3 Qd7 15.Bc1 Bd8 16.f5 e5 17.Nf3 Re8 18.Qg3 Kh8 19.Bg5 Qc7 20.Qh4 Kg8 21.Qg3 Nh5 22.Qg4 Bxg5 23.Qxh5 Bf6 24.g4 g6 25.Qh3 d5 26.g5 ½-½ Browne,W-Nunn,J 29/147 London 1980 Bg7 27.f6 Bf8 28.exd5 e4 29.Bxe4 Nxe4 30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Nxe4 Bxd5 32.Nc3 Bb7 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Rf2 Re8 35.Qg3 Qc4 36.Nd1 Re1 37.Nc3 Re3 38.h4 h5 39.gxh6 Kh7 40.Nd1 Rxf3 41.Rxf3 0-1 Comas,F-Richardson,K 7/35 Monte Carlo 1969]
11...e5∓ 12.Nb3 Be7 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Rad1

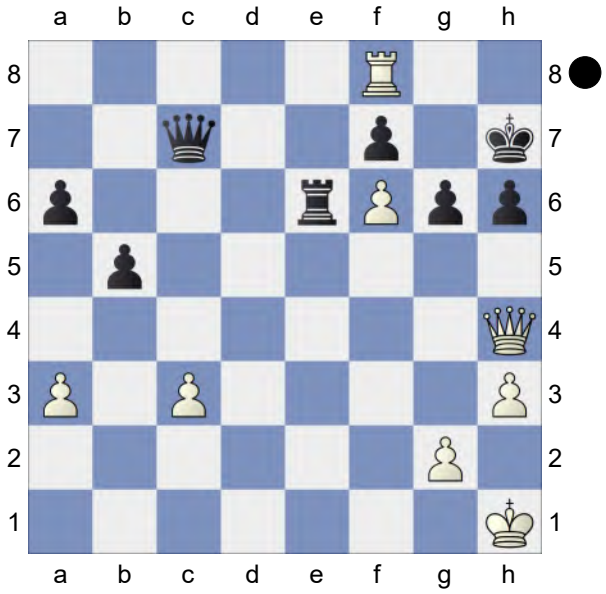


Rxc3! 15.bxc3 Qc7 -0.38/21
[15...d5∓ -0.89/17 16.exd5 Bxd5]
16.Kh1 -0.76/21
[16.Nd2!∓ -0.38/21 feels stronger.]
16...Rc8 17.Nd2 d5! 18.exd5 Bxd5
[18...Bxa3?! 19.c4±]
19.Ne4 -1.30/18
[19.Be4!= -0.21/18 remains equal. Nxe4 20.Nxe4]
19...Qb7! 20.Nxf6+
[20.Bg5? Nxe4 *(20...Bxe4 21.Bxe4* Pin *Qc7 22.Bb7±)* 21.Bxe7 Nxc3-+]
20...Bxf6 -0.30/22
[20...Nxf6∓ -1.33/22 21.Qg3 e4]
21.Qg3 -0.76/19

[21.Qf2!= -0.30/22 was preferrable.]
21...Rxc3 22.Bg5 -1.30/21
[⌓22.Rfe1 -0.81/20]
22...e4↑ Black is on the roll.
[22...Rxa3?! 23.Rfe1=]
23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.Qe5 Strongly threatening Bxe4. **24...Rc8!**
[24...Rxa3? 25.Bxe4 Qa7 26.Rxd5+- *(26.Bxd5 Re3+-)*]
25.Be2



h6!
[25...Rxc2? 26.Rxd5 Rc8 *(26...Qa8? 27.Rd6+-)* 27.Rc5+-]
26.c3 -1.32/17
[26.Rc1!∓ -0.66/17]
26...e3! 27.Bf3 -2.90/21
[27.Rg1∓ -1.36/18]
27...Bxf3-+ 28.Rxf3 Ng4 29.Qg3 Nf2+ 30.Rxf2 exf2 Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.f6 g6 32.Qxf2 Qc6 33.Rd3 Re8 34.h3 Re6 35.Rd8+ Kh7 36.Rf8** -2.52/21
[36.Qf4∓ -1.35/21 was called for. Rxf6 *(36...Qxc3 37.Rh8+* Skewer, Decoy *Kxh8 38.Qxh6+ Kg8 39.Qg7#)* 37.Qd4]
36...Qc7
[36...Qxc3 37.Rxf7+ Kg8 38.Rg7+ Kf8 39.Rxg6=]
37.Qh4



White threatens Rh8+! and mate.
37...h5! aiming for ...Re2!
[37...Qxc3 38.Rh8+ *(38.Rxf7+ Kg8±)* 38...Kxh8 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Qg7#]
38.Qf2 Rd6
[38...Qxc3 39.Rxf7+ Kg8 40.Rg7+ Kf8 41.Rxg6=]
39.Qf1 Against Rd1 **39...Qd7?** 0.88/23
[Worse is 39...Qxc3 40.Rxf7+ Kg8 41.Rg7+ Kf8 42.Ra7= *(42.Rxg6 Qc2=)*]
[Black should play 39...Rd2-+ -2.72/20 Hoping for ...Rc2! 40.Qf3 Qc4]
40.Qf4± Rd1+ 41.Kh2 Intending Rh8+! and mate. White is more active. **41...Qd6 42.Rxf7+ Kg8?** 4.71/26
[42...Kh8± 1.17/22 is tougher. 43.Qxd6 Rxd6]
43.Qxd6 Rxd6+- KR-KR **44.Rg7+ Kf8 45.Rxg6 Rc6 46.Rh6 Rxc3?** 5.29/21
[46...Rc5 3.16/19 47.f7 Rxc3]
47.Rxh5 Rxa3 48.Rh7 Ra2 49.Rb7 Rb2 50.h4 And now Kg3 would win. **50...a5 51.h5** White wants to mate with h6. **51...Rb4 52.Kg3 Rb1 53.Kh4 a4**

54.Kg5 Rb3 55.g4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.56 **1-0**

C83

□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid 2466**
■ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl 2308**
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[Kitty Kat]

C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Be7 10.Nbd2 Nc5 11.Bc2 d4 12.Nb3 d3 13.Bb1** And now Nxc5 would win. **13...Nxb3 14.axb3** White is slightly better. **14...Bf5 15.b4 0-0 16.h3 Qd7 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.Re1** Threatening g4. **18...a5** The position is equal. **19.bxa5**

[19.g4 Bg6 20.bxa5 Rxa5 21.Ba2 Rf8 22.b4 Ra4 23.e6 Qd8 24.exf7+ Kh8 25.Be6 Rxa1 26.Qxa1 Bxf7 27.Qa2 Bg6 28.Qd2 h6 29.Kg2 Bd6 30.Bxd6 Qxd6 31.Nh4 Bh7 32.Nf5 Bxf5 33.Bxf5 Ne5 0-1 Swiercz,D (2652)-Sevian,S (2684) (ch) 154/131 United States 2022]

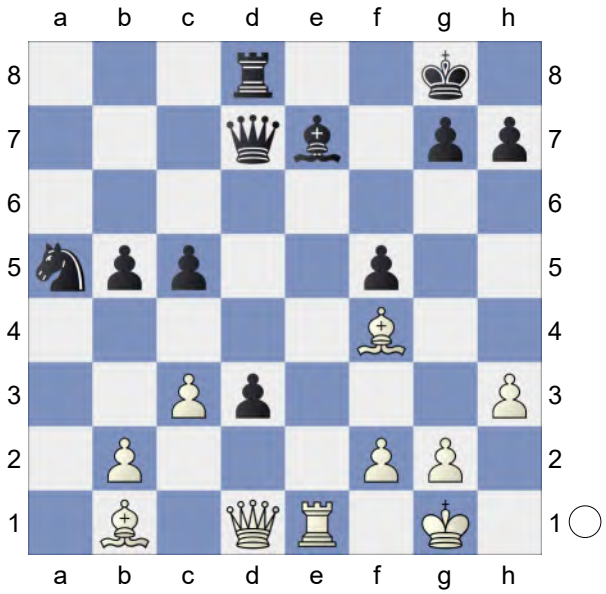
19...Rxa5 20.Rxa5 Nxa5 21.Nd4 c5N

[21...g5 22.b4 Nc4 23.Bc1 d2 24.Bxf5 dxe1Q+ 25.Qxe1 Qd5 26.e6 Qe5 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Be4 Re8 29.Nf3 Qe6 30.Nd4 Qe5 31.Nf3 Qe6 32.Nd4 ½-½ Wohl,R (2745)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2743) EU-chT (Men) Plovdiv 2003 (5.1)]

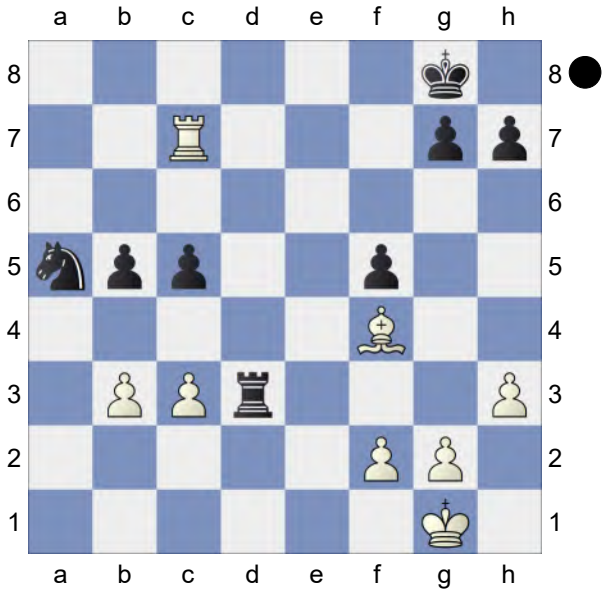
22.e6! fxe6 23.Nxf5 exf5

(Diagram)

24.Qxd3 Deflection **24...Qxd3 25.Bxd3 Rxd3 26.Rxe7=** Endgame. Hoping for



Re8+. KRB-KRN **26...Nc4 27.b3 Na5 28.Rc7**



Rc8+ is the strong threat. **28...Rd5**

[28...Rxc3? is the wrong capture. 29.Bd2 Rxb3 30.Bxa5+-]

29.Rc8+ Kf7 30.Rb8 c4 31.b4 Nb3 32.Rb7+ Kf6 33.Kh2 h6 34.h4 Nd2 35.Rb6+ Ke7! 36.Bxd2 Rxd2 37.Rxb5 KR-KR **37...Rd3 38.Rxf5** Threatens to win with Rf3. **38...Rxc3 39.Rc5 Kf7 40.g4 Rc2 41.Kg3** Black must now prevent Kf3. **41...c3 42.Rc7+ Kg6 43.f4 Rc1 44.Rc6+ Kh7 45.g5 hxg5**

46.hxg5 c2 47.Kg2 Repels Rg1+ **47...g6 48.Rc7+ Kg8 49.b5 Rb1 50.Rxc2 Rxb5 51.Kf3 Rb4 52.Rc7 Kf8 53.Ke3 Ra4 54.Rd7 Rb4 55.Rd4 Rb7 56.Rd6 Kf7 57.Ke4 Ra7 58.Ke5 Re7+ 59.Kd5 Ra7 60.Rc6 Rd7+ 61.Rd6 Ra7 62.Rf6+ Kg7 63.Ke4 Ra4+ 64.Kf3 Ra3+ 65.Kg4 Ra7 66.Rc6 Ra3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

E47

□ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
■ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
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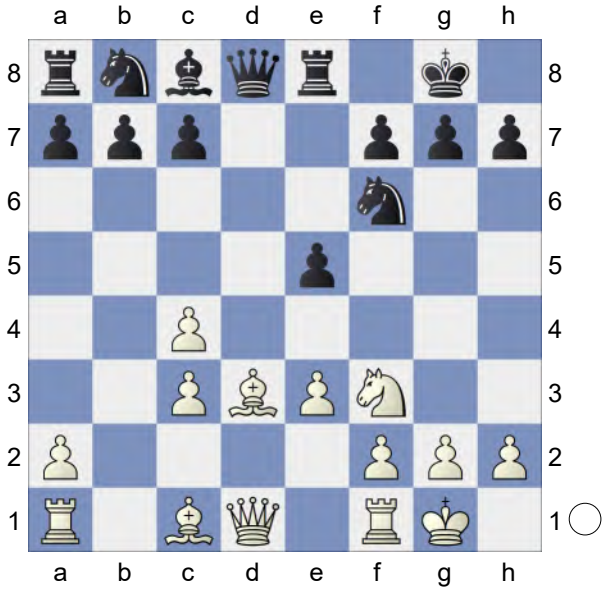
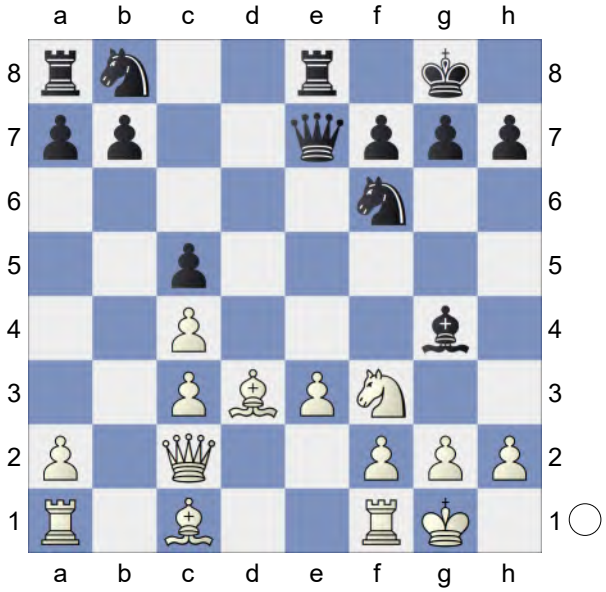
[Kitty Kat]

E40: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein (4 e3): Unusual Black 4th moves **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d6 7.Nf3**
[7.e4 e5 8.Ne2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.h3 exd4 11.cxd4 cxd4 12.Bb2 Nd7 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 b6 15.Re1 Bb7 16.Rc1 Re8 17.f3 Rc8 18.Bf1 Re6 19.Qd2 h6 20.Red1 Qe7 21.Rc3 Rg6 1-0 Caruana,F (2798)-Martirosyan,H (2667) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.4)]
7...Re8 8.0-0 e5 ...e4 is the strong threat. **9.dxe5N**
[9.Nd2 e4 10.Bc2 Bg4 *(10...Qe7 11.f3 exf3 12.Nxf3 Ne4 13.Qe1 Nd7 14.c5 dxc5 15.c4 Nd6 16.Qc3 b6 17.Bd3 Bb7 18.d5 c6 19.Bb2 f6 20.e4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Rae1 Qg6 23.Nh4 Qh5 24.Nf5 Rxe1 25.Qxe1* 1-0 Salem,A (2639)-Vokhidov,S (2596) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (13)*)* 11.f3 exf3 12.gxf3 Bh3 13.Re1 Nh5 14.Kh1 f5 15.Rg1 Qh4 16.Nf1 Qf2 17.Bd2 Nf4 0-1 Van der Stricht,G (2329)-Laurent Paoli,P (2531) 44th Ghent Open 2023 Ghent BEL (6.3)]
9...dxe5

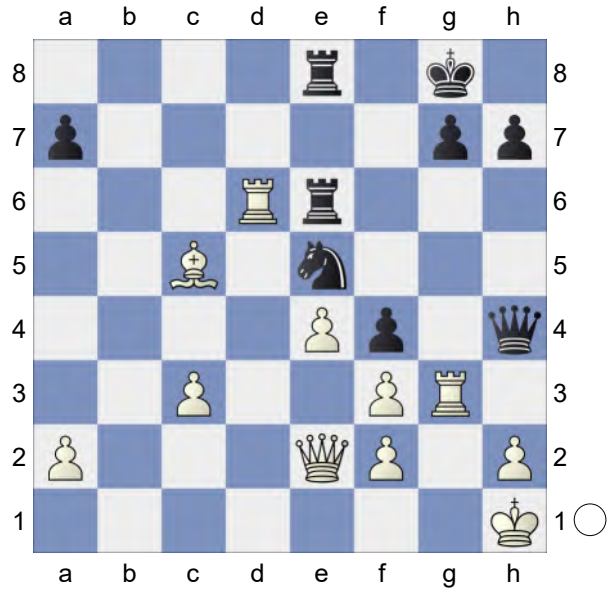


10.Nxe5 Qe7
[10...Rxe5? 11.Bxh7+ Kxh7 12.Qxd8+-]
11.Nf3 Bg4 12.Qc2 c5



Inhibits Nd4. **13.e4** 0.00/23 **Bxf3= 14.gxf3 Nh5 15.Kh1 Nc6 16.Rg1 Ne5**

17.Be2 Qh4 0.49/24
[17...Ng6!= 0.00/27]
18.Bg5!± Qh3
[18...Qxf2? 19.Raf1+-]
19.Qd1! f6 Prevents f4. **20.Be3** Black must now prevent f4! **20...Rad8**
21.Qf1 Qh4 1.42/23
[21...Qxf1!± 0.58/27 22.Rgxf1 *(22.Raxf1 Ng6±)* 22...g5]
22.Bxc5± Nf4 23.Be3 Inhibits Rd2.
23...b6 24.Rg3 Rd6 2.31/24
[24...h6± 1.40/22 keeps fighting.]
25.Rd1 Rde6 2.92/19
[⌓25...Rxd1 1.63/20 26.Qxd1 Nxe2 27.Qxe2 Qh5]
26.c5+- bxc5 27.Bxc5 f5 Threatens to win with ...Rh6. **28.Rd6** 1.20/15
[28.Bxa7? Rh6 29.Rg2 Nxg2 30.Qxg2 Rg6-+]
[28.Bb5+- 2.16/19 Rh6 29.Qg1 *(29.Bxe8? Qxh2#)*]
28...Nxe2? 2.71/25
[28...Rxd6± 1.20/15 29.Bxd6 Kh8]
29.Qxe2 f4



30.Rg2? 0.41/19
[30.Rxe6!+- 2.28/27 Rxe6 31.Qb5]
30...Qh5± 31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Bd4 Hoping for Bxe5! **32...Nxf3 33.Bxg7** 0.00/37
[Better is 33.Qc4!± 0.53/21 Nxd4 *(33...Ng5? 34.Rxg5* Remove Defender *Qxg5 35.Qxe6++-)* 34.Qxd4]
33...Rg6= The position is equal.
34.Qc4+! Kxg7 35.Qc7+ Kg8 36.Qb8+
[Much worse is 36.Rxg6+ hxg6 *(36...Qxg6 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qd7+ Kf8 39.Qd8+ Qe8 40.Qd6+ Kg7 41.Qxf4∓)* 37.Qb8+ Kg7 38.Qc7+ Kh6 39.Qxf4+ Kg7-+]
36...Kf7 37.Qxa7+ Kg8 38.Qb8+ Kg7 39.Qc7+ Kg8 40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.Qc7+ Kg8 42.Qb8+ Kg7 (→ ...Qxh2+!) **43.Qc7+** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

E01
□ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy 2299**
■ **Garifullina,Leya 2451**
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[Kitty Kat]

E16: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+ **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Bb4+ 5.Nd2 0-0 6.Ngf3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Ne5 a5 9.a3 Be7 10.b3 Nbd7** The position is equal. **11.Bb2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Bxd5 exd5 15.Nf3 Nc5N**
[15...c6 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Qf5 Nc5 19.Nd4 Rfe8 20.Qg4 Bf8 21.Nf5 g6 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Nd7 26.Rd2 Re6 27.Rfd1 b5 28.Qd4 f6 29.e4 Ne5 30.Qc3 0-1 Kristovic,M (2213)-4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗d2 (2345) FIDE-Wch San Luis 2005

(3) Nc4 31.exd5 Re5 32.Rc2 cxd5 33.Bc1 Qe6 34.Bf4 Re4 35.Rcc1 g5 36.Be3 Ra8 37.Qd3 Nxe3 38.fxe3 Rxe3 39.Qxb5 Ra2 40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.Ra1 Ree2 0-1 Yakimova,M (2213)-Voit,D (2345) Ufa Penzina Memorial 2023 (3)]

16.Nd4 Qd7 Wards off Nc6 **17.Qc2 f6 18.b4 fxe5 19.bxc5 exd4 20.Bxd4 Qg4 21.Rad1 b5 22.c6 Qg6 23.Qxg6 hxg6 24.Be5** Discovered Attack **24...Bxa3 25.Rxd5**

[25.Bxc7 Rfc8 26.Bf4 Rxc6 27.Rxd5 b4∓]

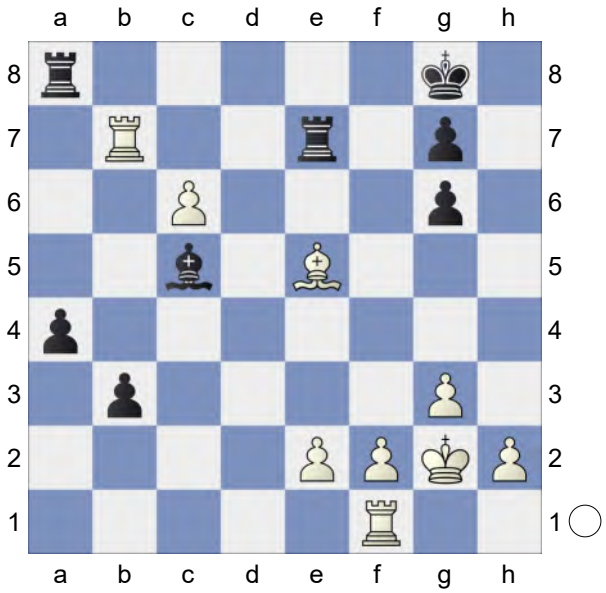
25...b4 26.Bxc7 a4 27.Be5 Hoping for Rd7. **27...b3 28.Rd7 Rf7** 1.68/20 White now steadily converts the win.

[28...Rfe8= 0.00/21 29.Rxg7+ Kf8]

29.Rb7!+- Bc5 2.50/20

[29...Be7± 1.58/19]

30.Kg2 Re7



31.f4 Rf8 32.c7 Rc1 is the strong threat. **32...Ree8 33.Rb8** 1.98/18

[⌓33.Rd1 4.57/20 Ra8 34.Rd7]

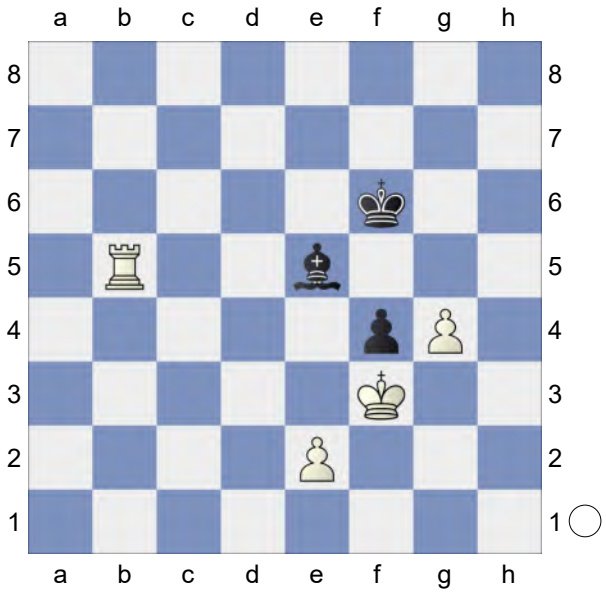
33...Rc8? 3.82/17

[33...Be7 1.98/18 might work better.]

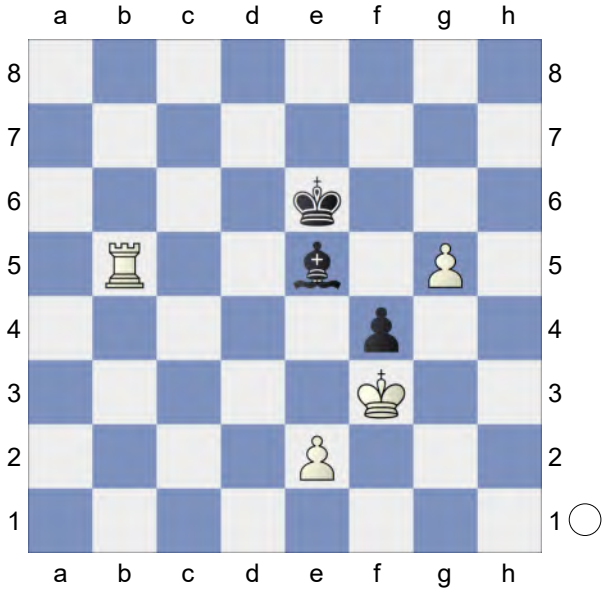
34.Ra1 Rxb8? 6.85/25

[34...Be7 3.73/19 35.Rb7 *(35.Rxa4 Rxb8 36.cxb8N Rxb8+-* Promotion *)* 35...a3 36.Rxb3 Bf6]

35.cxb8Q White is clearly winning. **35...Rxb8 36.Bxb8 a3 37.Be5 Bd6 38.Bb2 axb2** Endgame. KR-KB **39.Rb1 g5 40.Rxb2 gxf4 41.g4 Kf7 42.h4 Be7 43.h5 g6 44.hxg6+ Kxg6 45.Kf3 Bf6 46.Rxb3** Strongly threatening Rb6! **46...Be5 47.Rb6+ Kg5 48.Rb5 Kf6**



49.g5+! Ke6



50.Rxe5+ 24.94/23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.62

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E49
□ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
■ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.39) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

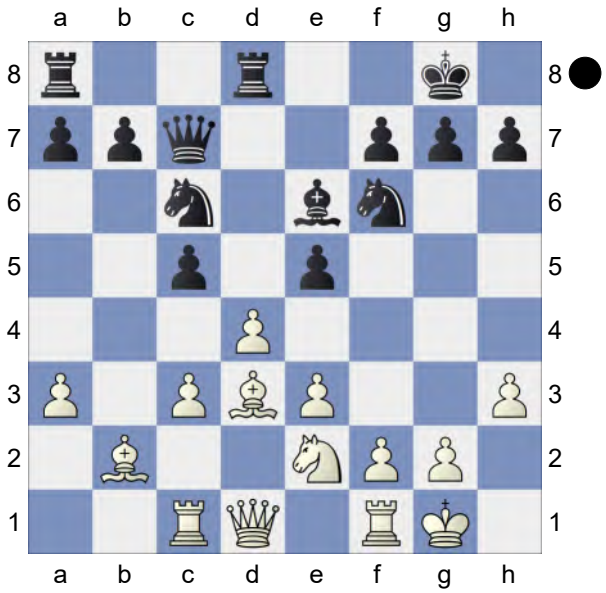
E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.0-0 e5 12.Bb2** -0.24/18
[⌓12.e4 0.16/19]
[12.Qc2 Be6 13.dxe5 -0.75/22 *(13.Ng3=* -0.15/20 *)* 13...Nxe5∓ 14.Nf4 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Rad8 -0.33/23 Dodges c4 *(15...Qe5!∓* -0.75/23 *16.Nxe6 Qxe6)* 16.Nxe6∓ fxe6 17.Qc4! Qc6 18.Rb1 Nd7 19.Qb3! b6 20.c4! Ne5 21.Bb2 Nd3 22.Rbd1 Qe4 23.Qc2! Qg6 24.Bc3 *(24.Bd4!?)* 24...Rd7 25.f3 Rfd8 26.Rd2 Qh6 ;0-1 Yoo,E (2617)-Levano Loayza,A (2711) 38/651 England 1984 (11) 27.Re2 e5 28.Rd1 Qh4 29.Bd2 e4 30.fxe4 Qg4 31.Be1 Nf4 32.exf4 Rxd1 33.e5 Qxf4 34.e6 Rf8 0-1 Yoo,E (2617)-Levano Loayza,A (2711) 38/651 England 1984 (11)]
[12.Ng3 Rd8 13.Nh5 Nxh5 14.Qxh5 h6 15.Rb1 b6 0.49/22 *(15...cxd4=* 0.11/21 *16.exd4 Be6)* 16.f4± exf4 17.Rxf4 Be6 Wards off Bc4 18.Be4 0.34/21 *(18.Bb2±* 0.72/21 *)* 18...Qd7 0.79/19 *(18...Qd6±* 0.34/21 *)* 19.Bb2± Bc4 0.93/19 *(19...f5!±* 0.53/21 feels stronger. *20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Qxf5 22.Rxf5 Na5)* 20.Qf3 0.24/24 *(20.Rd1±* 0.93/19 *)* 20...Rac8= 21.Bf5 -0.10/17 *(21.Qf2* 0.30/22 is superior.*)* 21...Be6= 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Rf1 And now c4 would win. f6 24.Qg3 Kh7 25.Rg4! Qf7 0.51/20 *(*Black should try *25...Rd7=* -0.16/25 *)* 26.c4± cxd4 1-0 Divya,D (2420)-Latasa,J (2615) Tata Steel Challengers Wijk aan Zee NED 2024 (3.2) 27.exd4 Nb8 28.d5 Nd7 29.Qd3+ Kh8 30.Rg6 Re8 31.Bxf6 Nxf6 32.Rfxf6 gxf6 33.Rxh6+ Kg8 34.Qg3+ Kf8 35.Qh4 b5 36.d6 Qg7 37.Rh8+ Kf7 38.Qh5+ Ke6 39.Rxe8+ Rxe8 40.Qd5+ 1-0 Divya,D (2420)-Latasa,J (2615) Tata Steel Challengers Wijk aan Zee NED 2024 (3.2)]
12...Rd8N
[12...Be6 13.e4 Threatens to win with d5. Qb6 14.d5 Qxb2 15.Rb1! Qa2 Strongly threatening ...Nxd5! 16.Ra1! Qb2 #9 14) Nimzo Indian with 4.e3,5-9.Ne2 with 10.Bd3]
[12...e4 13.Bb1 Na5 14.Ba2 c4! 15.Nf4 b6 16.a4 Re8 17.Re1 Bb7 -0.28/17 *(17...Bg4∓* -0.66/18 *18.Qc2 h6)* 18.Ba3= Nd5 19.Bb4 Nxf4 20.exf4 Nb3 21.Bxb3 cxb3 22.Qxb3 Qxf4 0.18/21 *(⌓22...Rad8* -0.25/19 *)* 23.c4 Rac8 24.a5 Ba6 0.23/21 *(⌓24...e3* -0.23/21 *25.fxe3 Qg4)* 25.Rac1= h6 26.axb6 axb6 27.Qa2 ;1-0 Sadler,M (2480)-Chandler,M (2605) 52/577 London 1991 Bb7 28.Bd2! Qd6 29.Be3 Ra8 30.Qb3 Re6 31.d5 Rg6 32.c5 0.00/25 *(32.Rb1±* 1.03/16 *)* 32...Qd7!= 33.c6 Qh3? 1.62/27 *(33...Rxg2+!=* 0.00/20 and Black stays safe. *34.Kxg2 Qg4+ 35.Kf1 Ba6+ 36.Rc4 Qh3+ 37.Ke2 Qh5+ 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Kg1 Qg4+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+)* 34.Bg5? -0.10/19 *(34.g3!+-* 1.62/27 *Bc8 35.Bf4)* 34...Qxb3= 35.cxb7 Rb8 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Rxb8 Black must now prevent Re8. Rxg5 38.Re8? -6.16/28

(38.h4= -0.14/18 Qc3 39.Rh8+ Decoy *Kxh8 40.b8Q+ Kh7 41.Rxe4 Qc1+ 42.Kh2 Rxd5 43.Qxb6)* 38...Qf3?? 4.18/21 *(38...Qh3!-+* -6.16/28 and all is fine. *39.g3 Rh5 40.R1xe4 Qxh2+ 41.Kf1 Qh1+ 42.Ke2 Rxd5 43.f3 Qg2+* Deflection, Double Attack *44.Ke1 Qg1+ 45.Ke2 Rd1 46.Rh8+* Decoy *Kxh8 47.b8Q+ Kh7 48.Qh8+* Decoy *Kxh8 49.Re8+ Kh7 50.Rh8+ Kxh8 51.f4 Qf1+ 52.Ke3 f5 53.g4 Rd3#)* 39.g3!+- Rf5 40.Rf1! 1-0 11.♗g4 ♗g4_16459 (2480)-De Gregorio,A (2605) 13 Gausdal 1994]

13.Rc1 Be6 14.h3 -0.77/21

[14.Ng3= -0.08/16 keeps the balance.]

[14.Ng3= -0.09/20]



14...Na5 -0.31/19

[Black should play 14...e4!∓ -0.75/19 15.Bb1 c4 is the strong threat. Na5]

[Better is 14...e4!∓ -0.77/21 15.Bc2 Ne5]

15.Re1 -0.72/20

[15.Ng3= 0.00/17]

[15.Ng3∓ -0.31/19]

15...e4 16.Bc2 White is weak on the light squares **16...Qb6** -0.09/18

[16...Qc6∓ -0.44/19]

[16...Nc4∓ -0.54/19 17.Rb1 Bf5]

17.Ba1!= Nc4 18.Ng3 -0.79/20

[18.a4= -0.18/18]

[18.a4!= -0.14/20 keeps the balance.]

18...Bd5∓

[Don't play 18...Nxa3?! 1.27/21 18...Bd5 -0.70 19.Nxe4 *(19.Bxe4* 0.78/21 19.Nxe4 1.23 *Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bb3±)* 19...Nd7 20.Ng5±]

[And not 18...Nxa3 19.Nxe4 *(19.Bxe4?! Nxe4 20.Nxe4 c4±)* 19...Nxe4 20.Bxe4±]

19.a4 Qe6 -0.36/17

[19...Rac8∓ -0.73/17]

20.Ne2∓ Qa6 0.24/20

[20...Nh5∓ -0.40/19]

[20...g5∓ -0.38/21]

21.Nf4= Bc6 22.Bb3 Na5 1.02/19

[Black should try 22...b5± 0.31/21]

[22...Rab8= 0.22/21]

23.c4± Nxb3 24.Qxb3 Qxa4 1.50/20

[⌓24...Bxa4 0.79/18 25.Qa3 Ne8 1.66/23 *(25...cxd4±* 1.00/19 might work better. *26.Bxd4 Rdc8)* 26.dxc5+- *(26.Qxc5 Bb3+-)* 26...Bc6 Wards off Nd5 27.Qxa6 bxa6]

[Black should play 24...Bxa4 0.91/19 25.Qa3 cxd4]

25.Qb1

(Diagram)

Hoping for d5. **25...Qb4** 2.02/19

[25...Qa6± 1.21/18]

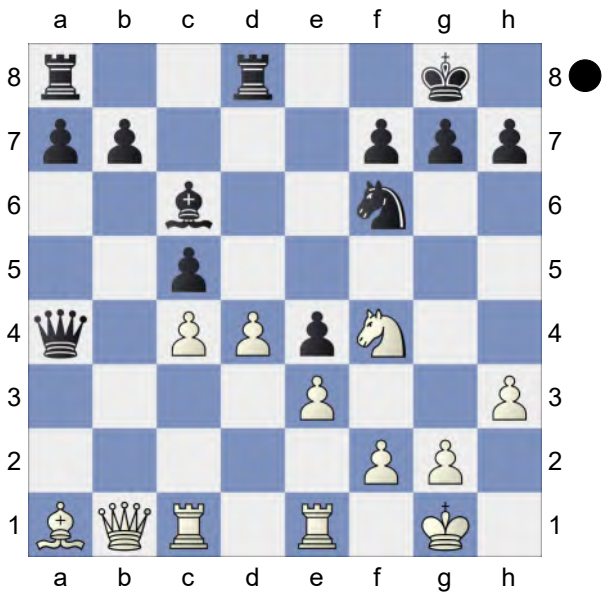
[25...Qa6± 1.53/21]

26.d5+- aiming for Bxf6. **26...Qxb1**

27.Rxb1 Ba4 2.64/21

[⌓27...Bd7 1.82/22]

28.Bxf6



[Don't take 28.Rxb7?! Rd7 29.Reb1 Ne8+-]

28...gxf6 29.Rxb7 Ra1 is the strong threat. **29...Rdb8 30.Rxb8+ Rxb8 31.Ra1 Rb4** 4.41/21

[⌓31...Bb3 3.09/19 32.Rxa7 Rc8]

32.d6 Rxc4 33.Nd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.39. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.34

1-0

A05

□ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
■ **Shyaam Nikhil P** **2445**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.40) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6 Alejandro Ramirez Alvarez & Dejan Bojkov: 'Bojkov: Magnus Carlsen managed to get his opponent away from his beloved Gruenfeld early in the opening.' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.Na3 a6 5.c4 b4 6.Nc2 e6 7.0-0**

[7.d4 Be7 8.d5 0-0 9.Nh4 Qc8 10.e4 Ne8 11.0-0 a5 12.f4 c6 13.Ne3 d6 14.b3 Bf6 15.Rb1 Nd7 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bh3 Nc5 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8 21.Ng4 Bc3 ½-½ Firat,B (2455)-Alekseenko,K (2691) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (4.4)]

7...a5 8.d4 Na6N White is slightly better.

[8...Be7 9.d5 Na6 10.Nfd4 Nc5 11.Re1 0-0 12.e4 e5 13.Nf5 d6 14.Bg5 Nxd5 15.Bh6 gxh6 16.Qg4+ Bg5 17.cxd5 Kh8 18.h4 Bf6 19.Nce3 Bc8 20.Qf3 Bg7 21.Bh3 Rg8 22.Bg4 Qf6 23.Bh5 3 Chapter Carlsen-Games Chapter Carlsen Game Bxf5 24.Nxf5 c6 25.dxc6 Rac8 26.Qd1 Rxc6 27.Qd5 Rgc8 28.Rad1 Bf8 29.Qxf7 Qxf7 30.Bxf7 Na4 31.Re2 Rc1 32.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 33.Kg2 Nc5 34.b3 Rc3 35.Kh3 Nd7 36.Be6 Nc5 37.Bd5 Nd7 38.Ne3 1-0 Molina,R (2863)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2765) GER CupT sf Erfurt 2004 (5) Nf6 39.Be6 Rc5 40.Nc4 Kg7 41.f3 Ne8 42.Rd2 Nc7 43.Bg4 a4 44.Nxd6 Bxd6 45.Rxd6 a3 46.Bd7 Rc2 47.Bc6 Rxa2 48.Rd7+ Kf6 49.Rxc7 Rc2 50.Rxh7 Kg6 51.Rc7 Kf6 52.h5 Rc1 53.Rh7 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2765) Gashimov Memorial 2nd Shamkir 2015 (5)]

9.d5 Nc5 10.Nh4 Be7 11.Qd4 -0.57/19

[11.Be3= 0.30/19]

11...0-0∓ 12.Ne1 -0.94/21

[12.b3∓ -0.58/19]

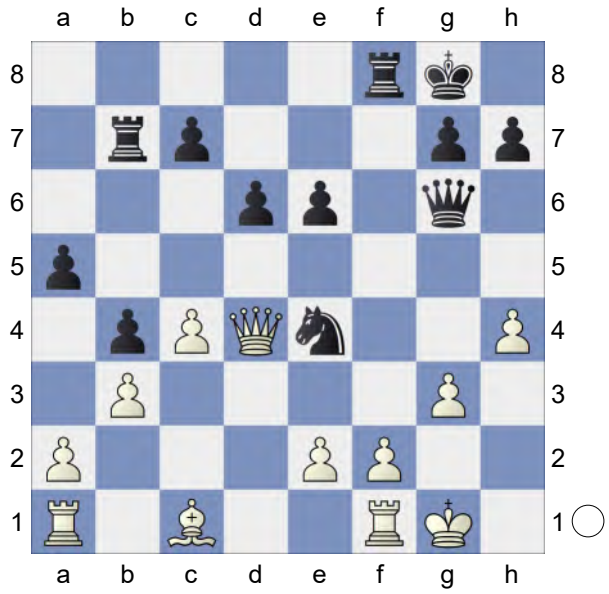
12...d6 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Qd1 Nfd7 15.Nhf3 Bf6 16.Nd3 Qe8 17.h4 -1.20/19

[17.Be3∓ -0.70/17]

17...Rb8 Black is more active. **18.Nxc5** -1.60/21

[⌓18.Rb1 -0.85/18]

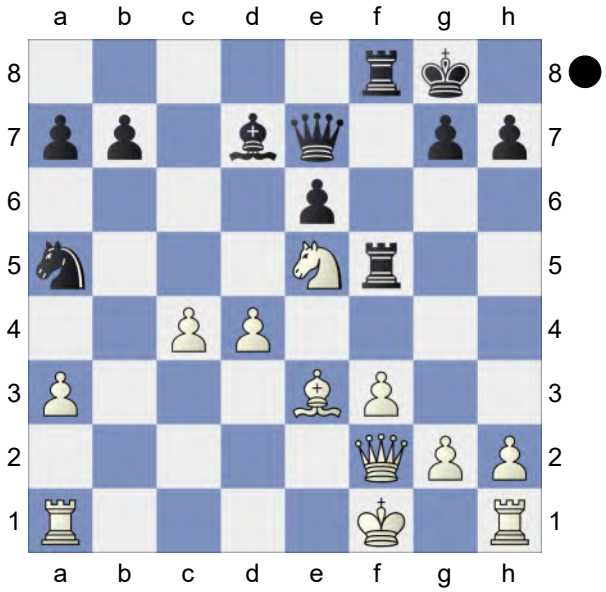
18...Nxc5∓
[Stronger than 18...dxc5 19.Qc2=]
19.Nd4 Qg6 20.Bxb7 Bxd4 -0.91/19
[⌓20...Rxb7 -1.56/20 21.Bg5 Bxg5 22.hxg5 Qxg5]
21.Qxd4 Rxb7 22.b3 -1.53/18
[22.Bd2!∓ -0.54/18]
22...Ne4



aiming for ...Nxg3! **23.Bb2?** -4.75/20
This move loses the game for White.
[23.Qd3∓ -1.50/23]
23...c5-+ Black is clearly winning.
24.Qe3 Rbf7 25.Rad1 Nxf2
Hoping for ...Rf3!
[25...Rxf2 26.Rxf2 Rxf2 27.Rxd6-+]
26.Rde1 Qg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

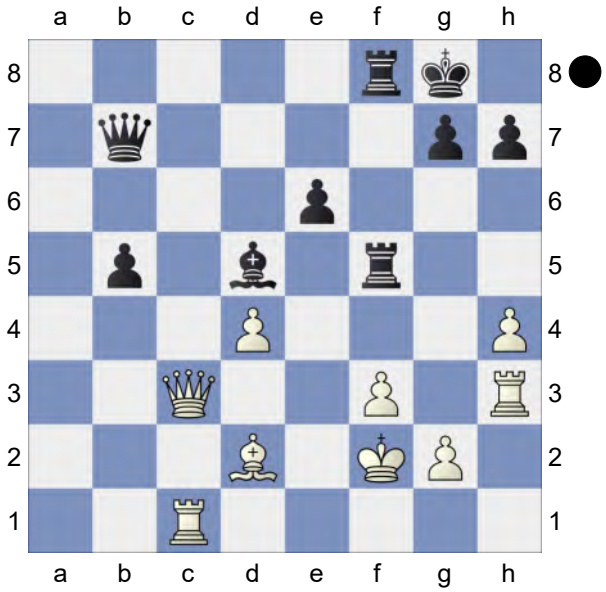
E32
□ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** **2445**
■ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F** **2296**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.41) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4... 0-0 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 c5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Ne2 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 f6**
[12...Nb4?! 13.axb4 Qxa1 14.f3±]
13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.exf6 Rxf6N
[14...Qf5 15.Be3 Qxf6 16.Rd1 b6 17.Kg1 Ba6 18.h4 Na5 19.Qxe4 Nxc4 20.Nf4 Rae8 21.Rh3 Nxe3 ½-½ 2.Qd3 piece sacrifice,8 (2333)-Ulibin Kontic (2525) 52/204 Terrassa 1991 (7.1)]
15.Be3 Bd7 16.Ng3
[16.Qxe4 Qa6∓]
16...Raf8 17.Nxe4
[17.Qxe4 Qc3 18.Rd1 Na5 *(18...Qxa3 19.Kg1=)*]
17...Rg6 18.f3 Qh5 Black has compensation. **19.Qf2 Na5** 0.45/20
[Black should try 19...e5= -0.15/19 20.d5 Discovered Attack Na5]
20.Ng3 0.01/19
[20.h4!± 0.45/20]
20...Qh4= 21.Ne2 Qe7 22.Nf4 Rg5 23.Nd3 Rgf5 24.Ne5

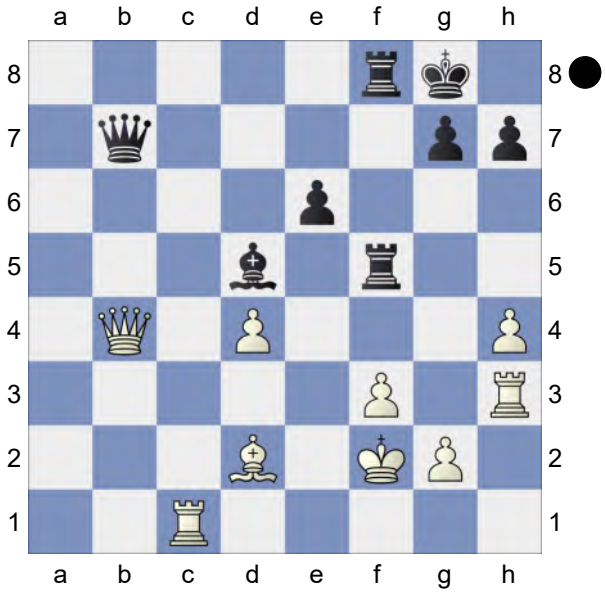


Nxc4! 25.Nxc4 Ne5 would now be deadly. **25...Bb5 26.Qe2**
[26.Kg1 simplifies Bxc4 27.h4 a5 28.Qg3]

26...Rc8 27.Rc1 Threatens to win with Kf2. **27...Qc7 28.Kf2 Bxc4 29.Qd2** White is weak on the light squares **29...b5 30.h4 Rcf8**
[30...Qd8 simplifies 31.a4 a6 32.axb5 axb5 33.Bf4 Qb6]
31.Qc3 a6 32.a4 -0.51/18 **Qb7** And now ...Rxf3+! would win. **33.Rh3 Bd5**
[33...Qe7 seems wilder. 34.Bg5 Qd6 35.Rg3 h5]
34.axb5 axb5 aiming for ...b4. **35.Bd2**



b4! 36.Qxb4



Bxf3! 37.Qxb7
[37.Rxf3? loses. Rxf3+ 38.Kg1 *(38.gxf3? too greedy. Qxf3+ 39.Kg1 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Qxh4+ 41.Kg1 Qg3+ 42.Kh1 h6-+)* 38...R3f7-+]
37...Bxb7+ 38.Ke3! Bxg2 39.Rg3 The position is equal. **39...Bd5 40.Bb4 Rf3+ 41.Rxf3 Rxf3+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **42.Ke2** Strongly threatening Rc8+. **42...h6 43.Rc8+ Kh7 44.Rf8** Prevents Rf4 **44...Rf5 45.Be7 Kg6 46.Ke3 Rh5 47.Rf4 e5 48.Rg4+ Kf7 49.Bd6 e4**
[49...Be6!? 50.Re4□ exd4+ 51.Rxd4 Rd5∓]
50.Rf4+ Kg8 51.Rf8+ Kh7 52.Rf4 Bc6 53.Be5 Bd5 54.Bd6 Bc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

B30
□ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.42) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8*

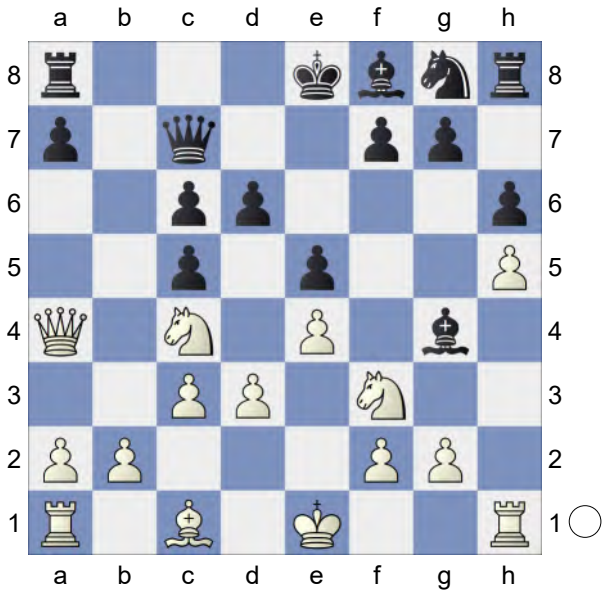
12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.h4 d6 7.h5 e5 8.c3 Bg4 White is slightly better. **9.Qa4 Qc7** 0.61/21

[9...Rb8= 0.17/20]

10.Nbd2 Ng8 11.Nc4 h6 1.03/19

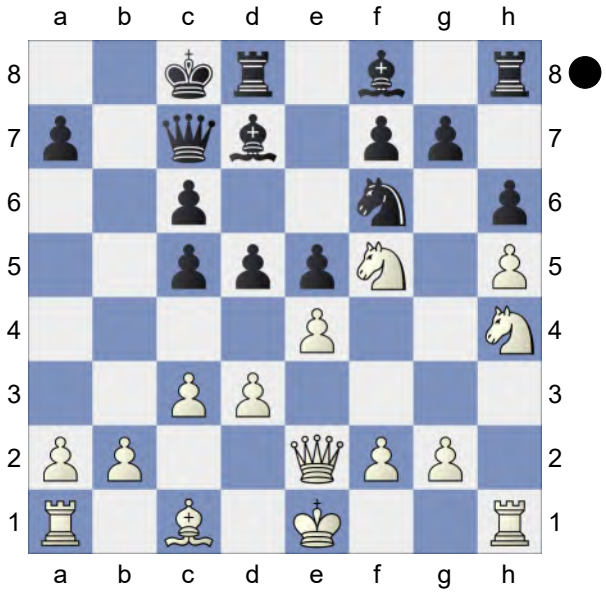
[11...Bd7± 0.55/20]



12.Ne3 0.18/22

[Better is 12.d4!± 1.03/19]

12...Bd7 13.Nh4 Nf6 14.Qd1 d5 15.Nef5 0-0-0 16.Qe2



c4! Deflection **17.dxc4 dxe4 18.Be3 Be6 19.0-0** -0.79/21

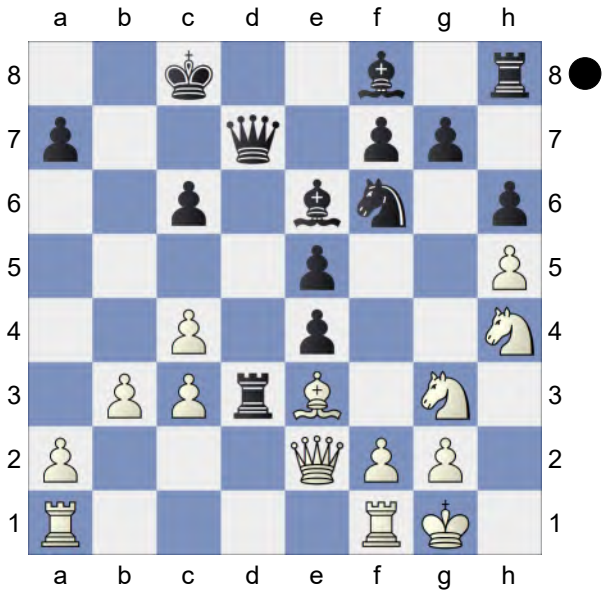
[19.Ng3∓ -0.40/19]

19...Rd3∓ 20.Ng3 Qd7 Threatens to win with ...Be7!

[20...Bxc4?! 21.b3 Ba6 22.c4±]

21.b3? -2.32/20

[21.Qc2∓ -0.67/18]



Now White is beyond hope. **21...Be7!-+**

22.Bc1? -3.81/20
[22.f3 -2.25/19]
22...Bg4
[22...Rxc3 23.Nxe4 Rd3 24.Nf3=]
23.f3 exf3
[23...Rxc3 24.Kh1∓]
24.Nxf3 -5.81/19
[⩲24.gxf3 -3.86/14 e4 *(24...Nxh5 25.Ne4∓; 24...Rxc3 25.Be3∓; 24...Bxh5? 25.Nxh5 Nxh5 26.Qxe5-+)* 25.Bf4 Nxh5 26.Nxh5 Bxh5 27.Qxe4 Bc5+ *(27...Bxh4? 28.Qe5-+)* 28.Kh1]
24...Bc5+ This pair of bishops is nice.
[24...Bxh5 25.Nxh5 Bc5+ 26.Kh2 Nxh5 27.Nxe5±]
25.Kh1 e4 26.Nxe4 Bxf3 Deflection
27.Rxf3 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 -#5/15
[28.Rf1-+ -5.17/20 Rxf1+ Deflection 29.Qxf1 Nxe4 30.Qf3 Nf2+ 31.Kh2]
28...Bg1+ 29.Kg3 Qg4# Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

B99

□ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
■ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula** **2276**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.43) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B99: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7 9 0-0-0 Nbd7 Lorin D'Costa: 'Spicing up the position: Often the only way to spice up a position is to sacrifice a pawn or two. For a relatively small investment, the player sacrificing obtains open lines for his rooks and frees up squares for his pieces. Of course, one must be careful not to be too carefree with pawns because if the opponent manages to survive into an endgame, the tables will be turned! --- In the following game, White sacrifices a pawn in order to prevent Black from castling. This is a common theme and the consequences must always be weighed up. Will there be enough compensation for the pawn, or can the defender escape unharmed with the booty intact?' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.h4 Nb6**
[12...Qb6 13.Nb3 Nc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.e5 dxe5 16.Ne4 Qa5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.g5 e4 19.Qxe4 Be7 20.Bc4 Qc7 21.Nxf7 Kxf7 22.f5 hxg5 23.fxe6+ Kg8 24.hxg5 Bxg5+ 25.Kb1 Qe7 26.Rd8+ Qxd8 27.e7+ 1-0 Negi,P (2445)-Efimenko,Z (2648) 2nd Open San Marino SMR 2006 (6)]
13.g5 Bxd4 14.Rxd4 Qc5! White is slightly better. **15.Qd3N** Threatens to win with gxh6. White is more active.
[15.Rd2 Bd7 16.gxh6 *(16.Be2 Na4 17.Rd3 Rc8 18.Rhd1 Bb5 19.Re3 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 Nxb2 21.Kxb2 Qb4+ 22.Ka1 Rxc3 23.Qd2 Rc4 24.c3 Qc5 25.Rd3 hxg5 26.hxg5 Rxe4 27.Rxd6 0-0 28.Rh1 Qe3 29.Qc2 Qxf4 30.Rd4 f5* 1-0 Vasquez Schroder,R (2457)-De Boer,E (2415) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (11)*)* 16...Rxh6 17.Qd3 Ke7 18.Be2 Rc8 19.Qg3 Rg6 20.Qh2 Qe3 21.h5 Rf6 22.Rf1 Rxc3 23.bxc3 Qxc3 24.Rdd1 Qe3+ 25.Rd2 Qc3 26.Rdd1 Qe3+ 27.Rd2 Qxe4 28.Qg1 Nc4 29.Bd3 Qc6 ½-½ Selkirk,R (2173)-Terada,Y (2223) World Championship Match, 23rd Game Moscow 15 (3)]
[15.Qf2 Bd7 16.Qd2 0-0-0 17.Rxd6 Bc6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Qe2 Kb8

20.Kb1 Qd6 21.Qe3 Na4 22.Nxa4 Qd1+ 23.Qc1 Bxa4 24.Bd3 Qf3 25.Rf1 Qh3 26.Qe1 Bc6 27.Rg1 Qf3 28.Qa5 Kc8 29.Qe5 Qf2 ½-½ Dinic,G (1674)-Fritz / P2-300 (1721) (zt) 148/54 Toshkent 2021 (5)]

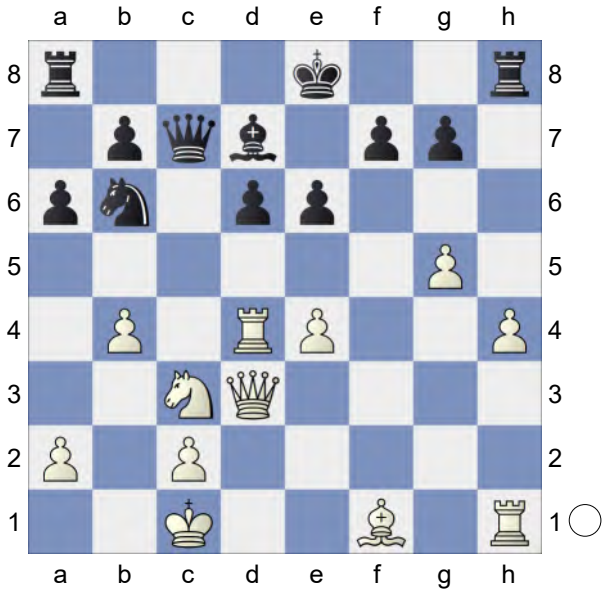
15...hxg5 16.b4!

[16.Rxd6 Nd7∓]

16...Qc7 17.fxg5

[17.Rxd6? too greedy. Nd5 *(17...gxh4 18.Qd4±; 17...Rxh4 18.Rxh4 gxh4 19.Qd4∓)* 18.Rxd5 Qxf4+ *(18...exd5 19.Nxd5 Qd6 20.e5=)* 19.Kb1 exd5 20.Nxd5 Qd6-+]

17...Bd7



...Rc8 would now be deadly. **18.Rxd6** Strongly threatening Qd4. **18...Nc8** **19.Rd4** White wants to play e5! **19...Nb6** **20.Rd6** Qd4 is the strong threat. **20...Nc8!** **21.Rd4** Hoping for e5! **21...Nb6** **22.Rd6** 0.00/33

[22.e5± 0.40/21 might be stronger.]

22...Nc8! Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

D36

□ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**

■ **Kunal,M..** **2292**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.44) 6.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 Ne8** 0.48/21

[9...c5= 0.01/18]

10.Bg3± a5

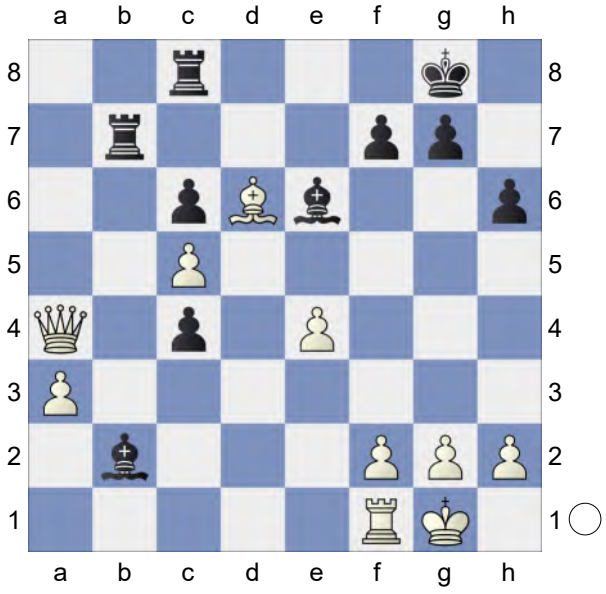
[10...Nd6 11.Nf3 Re8 *(11...Be6 12.Ne5 Nd7 13.f4 Nf6 14.0-0 Rc8 15.b4 b6 16.Na4 Bd7 17.Rac1 Nde4 18.Bh4 Rc7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 c5 21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Bb1 Kg7 25.Rf3 Rh8 26.Rg3+* 0-1 Cramling Bellon,A (2066)-Grot,B (2190) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (1)) 12.0-0 Be6 13.Ne2 Qc8 14.Be5 Bf5 15.Ng3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nd7 17.Rac1 Bf8 18.b3 a5 19.a4 Qd8 20.Rfd1 Qb6 21.Bf4 Nf6 22.h4 Rad8 23.Qc2 Nde4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Ne5 ½-½ Fedoseev,V (2690)-Carlsen,M (2830) Chessable Masters Div 1 Win Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (2.2)]

11.Nf3 Na6 White is slightly better.

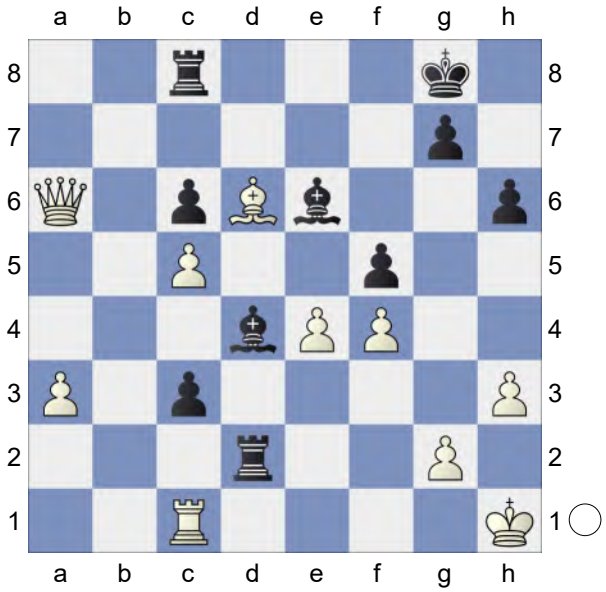
12.a3 Against Nb4 **12...Be6N**

[12...Nd6 13.0-0 b5 14.e4 b4 15.e5 bxc3 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Qxc3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Qb6 19.Rac1 Be6 20.Qxc6 Rfb8 21.Rc2 Qb3 22.Bxa6 Rxa6 23.Qxa6 Qxc2 24.Qxa5 Rxb2 25.Qc5 Qe2 26.a4 Ra2 27.a5 ½-½ Grischuk,A (2732)-Malakhov,V (2646) RUS-chT Blitz Sochi 2023 (4.1)]

13.0-0 Nd6 14.Ne5 Re8 15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Na4 b5 17.Nc5
[17.Nxc6?! Rxc6 18.Qxc6 Nb8=]
17...Nxc5 18.dxc5 Nc4 19.Nxc4! bxc4 20.Bxc4 dxc4 2.23/20
[20...Bd7± 1.50/18 is a better defense.]
21.Rxd8+- Rexd8 22.Qa4 0.77/19
[22.h3+- 2.22/18 is more deadly.]
22...Bf6± 23.Qxa5 0.18/18
[23.Qc2± 0.82/19]
23...Bxb2? 1.80/22
[23...Rd3!= 0.18/18 and Black stays safe.]
24.Qb4!+- Bf6 25.Bd6! Rd7 26.Qa4 1.14/18 Prevents Ra8
[26.e4+- 1.76/23]
26...Rb7± 27.e4 Bb2 1.66/22
[27...Rb3± 0.43/19]

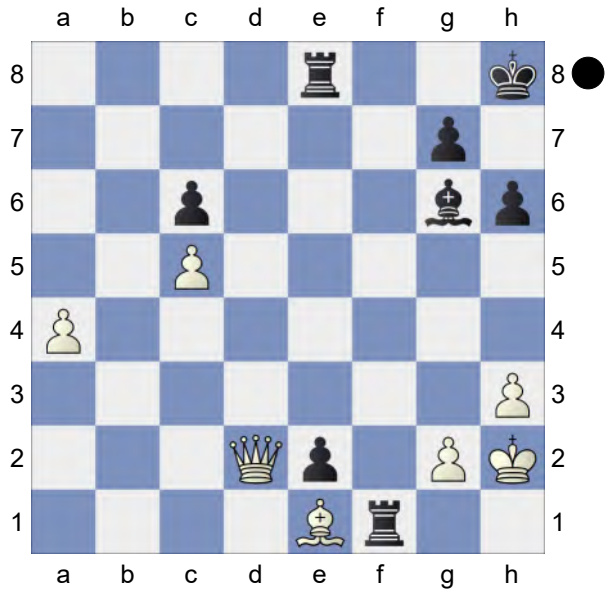


28.f4!+- f5 29.Qa6 0.28/18
[29.h3± 1.54/22]
29...Bd4+!= 30.Kh1 Rb2 31.h3
[31.exf5 Bd5 32.Qxc8+ Kh7-+]
[31.Be5!? Bxe5 32.exf5= *(32.fxe5 fxe4 33.h4 e3∓)*]
31...c3!
[31...fxe4? 32.f5 Rf8 33.Qxc6+- *(33.Bxf8 Bd5+-)*]
32.Rc1
[32.exf5? Bd5 33.Rg1 Bxg1 *(33...Re8? 34.f6-+)* 34.Qxc8+ Kh7-+]
32...Rd2 1.44/22
[32...fxe4? 33.f5 Bxf5 34.Qc4+ Kh7 35.Qxd4+-]
[32...Kh7= 0.04/21 keeps the balance.]



33.Kh2? -0.23/19
[33.Be5!± 1.44/22 Strongly threatening exf5. c2 *(33...Bxc5? 34.Bxc3 Rdd8 35.exf5+-)* 34.Bxd4 *(34.Rxc2 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Bg1+ 36.Kg3 fxe4±)* 34...Rxd4 *(34...Rd1+ 35.Kh2±)* 35.Rxc2 fxe4 36.Re2]
33...fxe4 34.f5? -3.86/21 **Bxf5-+** A strong pair of Bishops. **35.Qc4+** White is weak on the light squares
35...Kh7 36.Rxc3 Bxc3 37.Qxc3 Rd3 38.Qe5 Bg6 39.Qe7 Re8
[39...Rxa3? 40.Be5 Rg8 41.Bb2-+]
40.Qc7 e3 White must now prevent ... e2.
[40...Rxa3? 41.Be5 Rg8 *(41...Bf7? 42.Bb2+-)* 42.Bd4-+ *(42.Qxc6?*

e3-+)]
41.Be5 Rg8 Active counter play!
[41...Rxa3 42.Qxg7#]
42.Qe7 Rdd8
[42...Rxa3? 43.Bd4-+]
43.Bc3 Rde8 44.Qd6 e2 45.Be1 Rd8 46.Qg3 Rgf8 47.Qg4 Rde8 48.Qd4 Rf1 49.Qd2 Kh8 50.a4



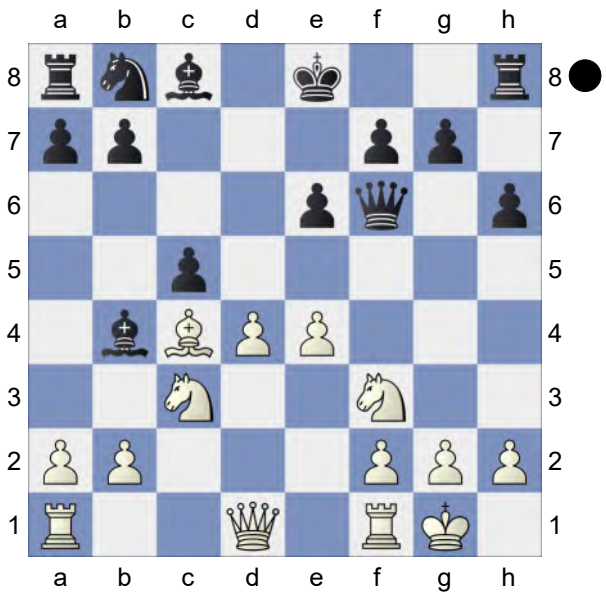
Rxe1! Deflection **51.Qxe1** Endgame. KQ-KRB **51...Bd3 52.g4 Ba6 53.g5 hxg5 54.h4 gxh4 55.Qxh4+ Kg8 56.Qe1 Re5** ...Re6! would now be deadly. **57.Kg2 Rg5+**
[Not 57...Rxc5 58.Qb1∓]
58.Kh3 -13.45/21
[⌓58.Kh2 -4.55/17 Rf5 *(58...Rxc5? 59.Qb1-+)* 59.Qh4]
58...Re5 -6.70/24
[⌓58...Rd5 -13.45/21 59.Qa5 Rd1 60.Qxa6 e1Q *(60...e1B?* is the wrong capture. *61.Qxc6 Rd3+ 62.Kg2+-)* 61.Qc8+ Kf7 62.Qf5+ Ke8 63.Qh5+ Kd7 64.Qf7+ Qe7]
59.Kg4 Re6 60.Kg5 Re4 -10.49/20
[⌓60...Bd3 -6.72/26 61.Kh4 Re5]
61.Kf5 Bd3 62.Kg5 Re5+ 63.Kg4 Ba6 64.Kg3 Re8
[64...Rxc5? 65.Qb1-+]
65.Kg4 Re7 66.Kg5 Re6 ...Re4 is the strong threat. **67.Kg4 Bd3 68.Kg5 Bc2 69.a5 Bd3** Hoping for ...Rg6+. **70.Kg4 Bb5** -6.00/24
[⌓70...Rg6+ -12.61/22 71.Kh3 Rf6]
71.Kg5 Re5+ 72.Kg4 Re6 -5.67/26
[⌓72...Ba6 -11.64/21 73.Kf4 Rd5 *(73...Rxc5? 74.Qg1-+)*]
73.Kg5 Ba6 74.Kg4 Bd3 And now ... Rg6+ would win. **75.Kg5 Rg6+ 76.Kh5 Rf6** Threatens to win with ...Rf1. **77.a6 Rf1 78.a7 Rxe1** Black mates. **79.a8Q+ Kh7 80.Qd8 Rd1** Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.41
0-1

D39
□ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
■ **George Samir,David** **2272**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.45) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Bxc4 c5 9.0-0**

(Diagram)

aiming for Nb5. **9...cxd4 10.Nb5 Qe7** Dodges Nc7+ **11.Qxd4** The position is equal. **11...0-0 12.Nxa7 Bc5** Black is weak on the light squares **13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.Qd3 Nc6 15.Qe2 Nd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4 17.Bb3 Rc5N**
[17...Qf6 18.Rab1 Rc5 19.Kh1 g5 20.g3 Rac8 21.f4 gxf4 22.gxf4 R5c7 23.Rbd1 Ba7 24.Qg4+ Kh7 25.e5 Qg6 26.Qxg6+ Kxg6 27.Kg2 Be3 28.Kf3 Bc1 29.Rf2 Kg7 30.Ke4 Kf8



31.f5 exf5+ 32.Rxf5 1-0 Harikrishna, P (2688)-Volokitin,A (2648) POL-chT Ekstraliga Walbrzych 2024 (5.1)]

18.g3 Rac8 19.Kg2 Kh8 20.Rad1 e5 1.47/18

[20...Rd8± 0.67/18]

21.h4 Qd7 22.Rd3 Rc1 2.33/21

[22...Rf8± 1.58/16 23.Rf3 b6]

23.Rxc1+- Rxc1 24.Rf3 f6 25.Qd2 Rc8 26.Bd5 b6 27.Qe2 Qc7 28.Qb5 Qc2 2.71/20

[28...Qc5± 1.46/17 29.Qe2 b5]

29.b4 Qc7 30.a4 Qa7 31.g4 Qe7 32.a5 bxa5 33.bxa5 f5 4.63/19

[⌓33...Rd8 3.09/20 34.a6 Qd6]

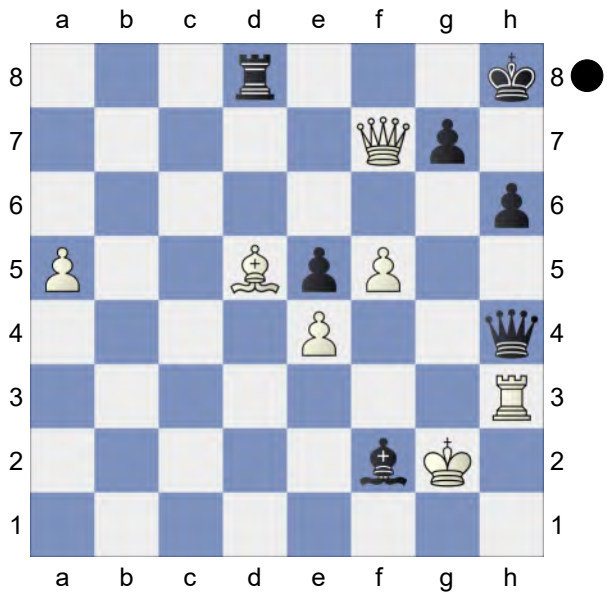
34.gxf5 Qxh4 35.Qd7 Rd8 36.Qf7 Bxf2 5.08/22

[36...Qf6 3.42/18 is a better defense. 37.a6 Qxf7 38.Bxf7 Rf8]

37.Rh3? -0.06/21

[37.Rxf2 Qg5+ 38.Kh2 Qh4+ 39.Kg1 Qg5+ 40.Kf1 Qc1+ 41.Kg2 Qg5+ 42.Kf3 Qf4+ 43.Ke2 Qg4+ 44.Rf3 Qg2+ 45.Rf2 Qg4+ 46.Rf3 Qg2+ 47.Rf2 Qg4+=]

[Better is 37.f6+- 5.08/22 gxf6 38.Rxf2 Qg5+ 39.Kh2]



37...Qg4+= 38.Kxf2 Qxh3 Endgame. KQR-KQB **39.a6?** -3.57/24 This move loses the game for White.

[39.Qc7!∓ -0.44/17 Qh4+ 40.Ke2]

39...Rc8-+ 40.Bc4? -6.52/17

[40.Bc6 -1.67/19]

40...Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qg3+ 42.Kf1 Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Qe3+ 44.Kh2 Qd2+ 45.Kg3 Qc3+ 46.Kh4 Qxc4

[Not 46...Rxc4 47.Qe8+ Kh7 48.Qg6+ Kh8 49.Qe8+ Kh7 50.Qg6+ Kg8 51.Qe8+ Kh7=]

47.Qb7 Qc6 -11.95/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/Black=0.29 (precise)

[⌓47...Qc2 -#33/27 48.Kh5 Rf8 49.Qd5 Qh2+ 50.Kg4 Rc8 51.Qb3 Qg2+ 52.Qg3 Qxe4+ 53.Kh3 Qh1+ *(53...Qxf5+ gets mated. 54.Kh2 Qh5+ 55.Kg1 Rc1+ 56.Kg2 Rc2+ 57.Qf2 Qg4+ 58.Kf1 Rc1+ 59.Qe1 Qf3+ Deflection 60.Kg1 Rxe1+ 61.Kh2 Rh1#)* 54.Kg4 Rc4+ 55.Qf4 Rxf4+ 56.Kg3 Rf3+ 57.Kg4 Qh3#]

0-1

D35
□ **Aradhya,Garg** 2365
■ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** 2461
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.46) 06.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Bg3 Bg4N**

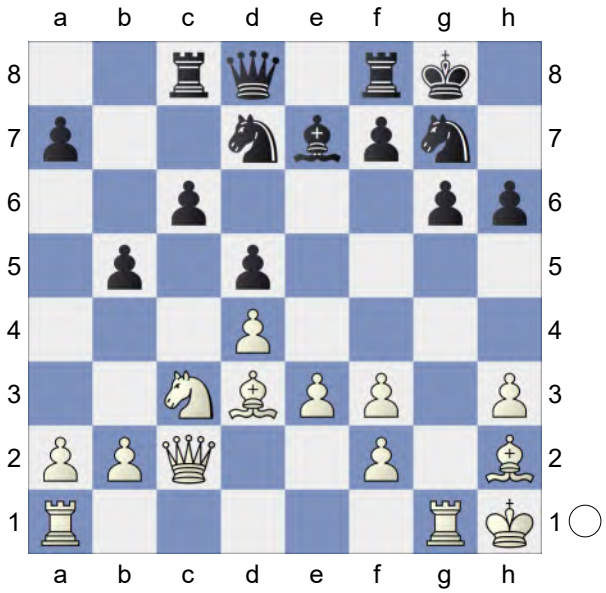
[9...Re8 10.Nf3 *(10.h3 c5 11.Nge2 Nc6 12.0-0 a6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 d4 16.exd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Qd2 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Nd5 20.Qb3 Be6 21.Qxb7 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxd3 23.Bg3 Bd5 24.Qb4 Qe4* 1-0 Yu,Y (2703)-Sargissian,G (2646) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (4.4)*)* 10...Bg4 *(10...Nh5 11.Be5 Nd7 12.h3 Nxe5 13.dxe5 g6 14.Qd2 b5 15.0-0 Bf8 16.Rac1 Bd7 17.Rfd1 Ng7 18.e4 b4 19.Ne2 Ne6 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Bc2 Qb6 22.Bb3 Bc5 23.Ng3 Rad8 24.Bxd5 Bc6 25.Ne4* 1-0 Esipenko,A (2671)-Nesterov,A (2592) RUS-ch 77th Barnaul 2024 (10)*)* 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nbd7 13.0-0 a5 14.Rac1 Bf8 15.Rfe1 Qe7 16.Qd1 Qe6 17.f3 Bd6 18.Bf2 Bc7 19.e4 dxe4 20.fxe4 Rad8 21.e5 Nh7 22.Qh5 Nhf8 23.Bf5 g6 24.Bxe6 1-0 Xu,X (2628)-Artemiev,V (2694) Kazan BRICS Games Rapid Team 2024 (4.1)]

[9...Nbd7 10.h3 Re8 11.Nf3 Bb4 12.Qb3 c5 13.0-0 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 c4 15.Bc2 a5 16.a4 Qb6 17.b3 Ne4 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Nd2 cxb3 20.Rfb1 Qg6 21.Rxb3 Nf6 22.Rb5 Be6 23.Rxa5 Nd5 24.Rxa8 1-0 Molina,R (2862)-Gazi,M (2749) London Classic 9th 2017 (5)]

10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.h3 White is slightly better. **11...Bh5 12.Qc2 Bxf3 13.gxf3 b5** 0.71/17

[13...c5± 0.31/18 should be considered.]

14.0-0± Nh5 15.Bh2 Rc8 16.Kh1 g6 17.Rg1 Threatens to win with Bxg6! **17...Ng7**



18.Rg2! Re8 1.83/18

[18...b4± 1.40/19]

19.Rag1+- aiming for Bxg6! **19...Nf8** 2.45/20

[⌓19...Bf6 1.96/18 20.f4 Nb6 21.Bxg6 *(21.f5 g5±)* 21...fxg6]

20.Be5 Bf6 21.f4 White is more active. **21...Bxe5 22.fxe5** Hoping for f4.

[Don't play 22.dxe5?! b4 23.Ne2 c5±]

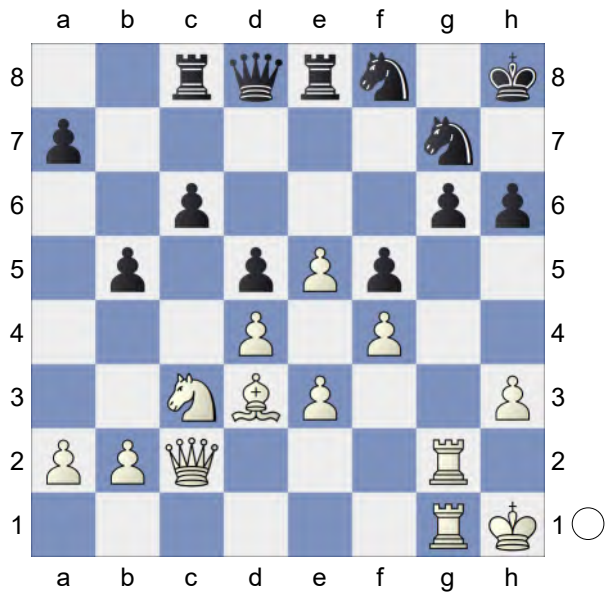
22...Kh8 2.16/16

[22...c5± 1.33/18]

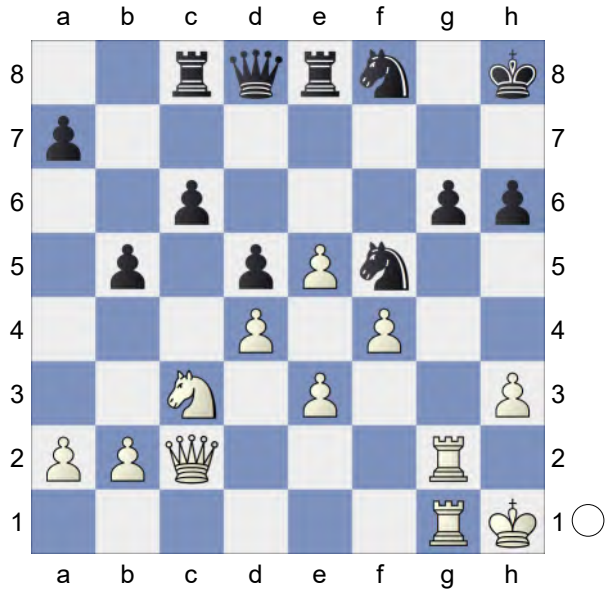
23.f4 And now Qf2 would win. **23...f5?** 4.05/18

[23...Qh4 2.28/19 24.Qf2 Qxf2 25.Rxf2 b4]

(Diagram)



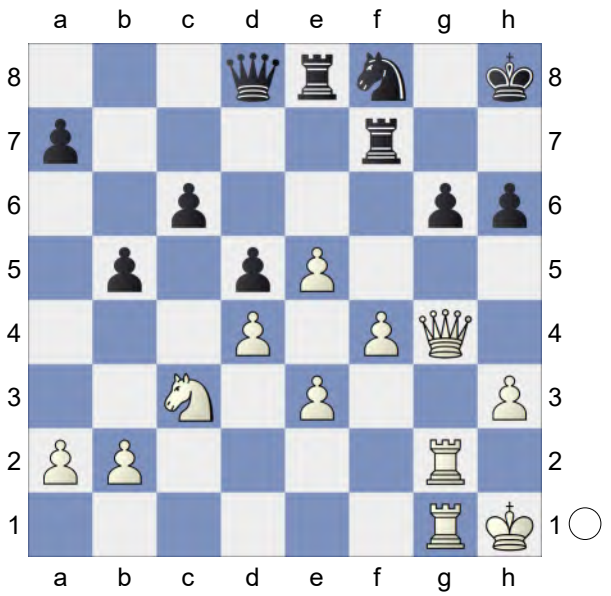
24.Bxf5! Nxf5



25.Qxf5 Rc7
[Inferior is 25...gxf5 26.Rg8+ Kh7 27.R1g7#]
26.Qg4
[Weaker is 26.Rxg6 Nxg6 27.Rxg6 Qh4±]
26...Rf7

(Diagram)

27.f5! White is clearly winning. **27...h5**
[27...g5 28.Qh5]



28.Qf4 Qc8 29.f6 Qxh3+ 30.Rh2 Qd7 31.Qg5 Rh7 32.Ne2 h4 33.Nf4 h3 34.Rg3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.34
1-0

C63
□ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**
■ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.47) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C63: Ruy Lopez: Schliemann/Jaenisch Defence **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.d3 fxe4 5.dxe4 Nf6 6.Qe2 d6N**
[6...Bc5 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.Nxe5 Qe7 9.Nd3 0-0 10.Nd2 Ba6 11.0-0 *(11.Kd1 Rae8 12.Re1 Qe6 13.f3 d5 14.e5 Nd7 15.Nb3 Bb6 16.Qd2 Bxd3 17.cxd3 c5 18.f4 a5 19.Nxa5 c4 20.b4 Bd4 21.Rb1 Nxe5 22.dxc4 dxc4 23.Qe2 c3* 0-1 Canal,N-Genovese,A Deutschland 118/(91) 2013 *)* 11...Rae8 12.Qd1 Bb6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Nf3 c5 15.b3 c4 16.bxc4 Bxc4 17.a4 a5 18.Bg5 Qe6 19.Qd2 h6 20.Bh4 Qg4 21.Bg3 0-1 Kublis,A-

Miranda,H 43/530 Tilburg 1986 (6)]
[6...a6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Bg5 Bd6 9.Nbd2 *(9.Nc3 Qe7 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Rd2 Qf7 12.Bh4 Nh5 13.Bg3 Qf6 14.Ng1 Qh6 15.Nf3 Nxg3 16.fxg3 b5 17.Nd1 Bg4 18.a3 Rae8 19.Nf2 Be6 20.Rd1 Bc5 21.Rf1 Bd4 22.Nd3 Bc4 23.c3 Bb6* 0-1 Canal,N-Genovese,A (ol) 26/269 Buenos Aires 1978 *)* 9...Qe7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Kb1 b5 12.Qe3 c5 13.h3 c4 14.Bh4 Qe6 15.Rhe1 Nh5 16.Rg1 Nf4 17.Bg3 Bb7 18.h4 Rfe8 19.Rde1 Rad8 20.Qa7 Bc8 21.Bxf4 0-1 Canal,N (1876)-Genovese,A (2158) 102/120 Reggio Emilia 2007]

7.h3 Be7 8.Nc3 a6 0.34/18
[8...0-0= -0.13/20]

9.Bd3 White is slightly better. **9...0-0 10.Be3** -0.37/19
[10.0-0= 0.03/20 is superior.]

10...Qe8∓ 11.0-0 Kh8 12.a3 -0.50/20
[12.Nd5= -0.10/17 Bd8 13.Nd2]

12...Nd8 0.33/18
[12...Nh5∓ -0.50/20]

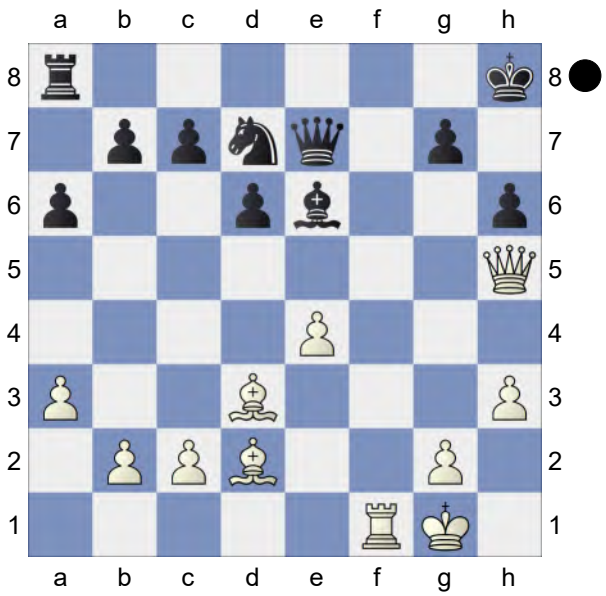
13.Nd5± Ne6 14.Nxe7 Qxe7 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Black must now prevent e5. **18...Nd7 19.Qh5 Rf6 20.Bd2**
[20.Qa5 is more complex. Raf8 21.Bg3 Nc5 22.Rxf6 Qxf6 23.Rf1]

20...Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1

(Diagram)

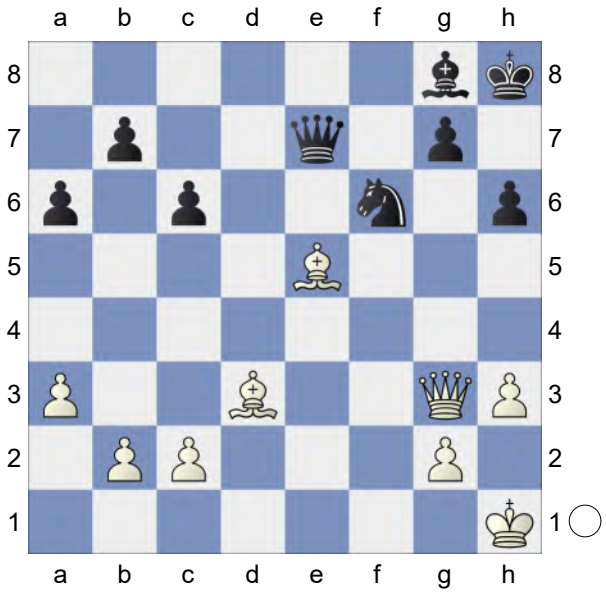
Bxh6! would now be deadly. **21...Rf8 22.Rxf8+ Qxf8 23.Ba5 c6 24.Bc3 Kg8 25.Qg6 Bf7 26.Qg3 Be6 27.Bd2 Kh8 28.Bf4 d5 29.exd5 Bxd5** Black is weak on the dark squares **30.Qg6** 0.16/23 **Bg8** 0.52/21
[30...Nf6!= 0.16/23]

31.Bd6 Qd8 32.Kh1 0.21/25



[32.Kh2± 0.58/18]

32...Nf6= 33.Be5 Qf8 34.Qg3 Qe7 0.88/18
[34...Bh7= 0.12/19 keeps the balance.]



35.Bd6 0.08/24
[35.Qf4!± 0.88/18]

35...Qf7 36.Be5 Nd7 0.58/22
[36...Bh7= 0.15/21 deserves consideration.]

37.Bd4 Threatens to win with Bc4! This pair of bishops is nice. **37...Bh7 38.Bc4!**

Deflection **38...Qf8** 1.10/21
[38...Qe7!± 0.55/23]
39.Be6 0.30/20 White has more active pieces.
[White should try 39.Qc7± 1.10/21 b5 40.Be6 *(40.Qxd7 bxc4 41.Be5 Bxc2±; 40.Qxc6 Nb8=)*]
39...Nf6 40.Bxf6 gxf6± KQB-KQB **41.c4 Bg8** The position is equal. **42.Bxg8 Qxg8 43.Qf4 Kg7 44.Qg3+ Kh7 45.Qd3+ Qg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

B90
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag 2342**
■ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun 2416**
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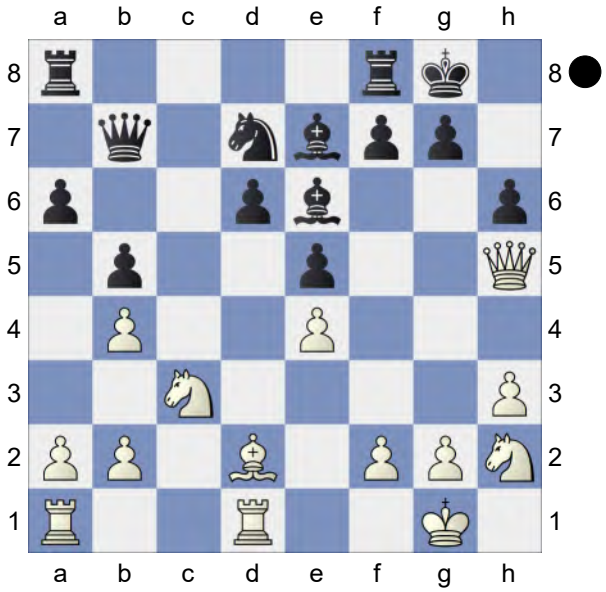
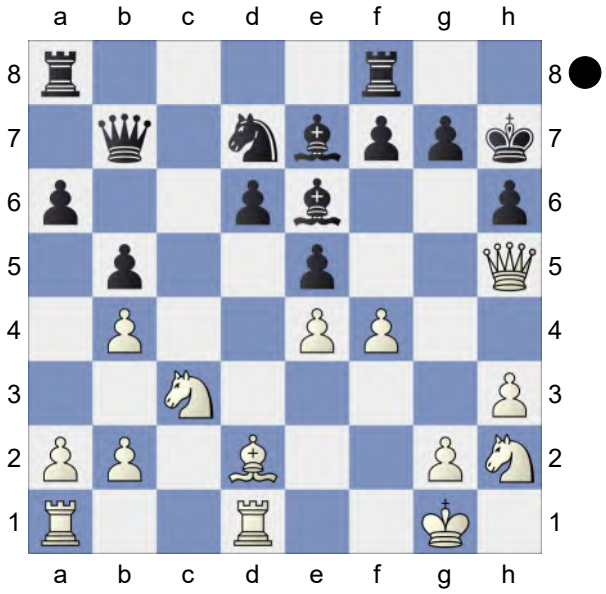
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6**
[9...Be6 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Bxf6 *(14.Rac1 Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.Nf3 f6* 6.Be3-Nc6-7.f3-d5-For White Chisinau (MDA) 2011*)* 14...Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 ½-½ 9.♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 ICCF (2. 6)]
10.Qe2 Na5 11.Bb3 -0.24/23
[⌓11.Bd3 0.22/19]
11...Nxb3 12.cxb3N
[12.axb3 h6 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Nd2 Rb8 15.f3 Be6 16.Nf1 Rbd8 17.Qf2 Qc6 18.Ra5 Rc8 19.Ng3 Bd8 20.Raa1 Re8 21.Rd2 d5 22.exd5 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Nf5 Qe6 25.g4 Bc7 26.Rad1 Bc6 ½-½ Sutton, A (2200)-Carroll,J (2242) NCCC Club Ch corr ENG 27.Bc5 f6 28.Qe3 h5 29.h3 hxg4 30.hxg4 Rcd8 31.c4 Rxd2 32.Rxd2 e4 33.f4 Bd7 34.Qg3 Bc8 35.Ne3 Qf7 36.Nd5 Be6 37.Nxc7 Qxc7 38.Bd4 Qa5 39.Re2 Bc8 40.f5 Qd8 41.Qe3 Kf7 ½-½ Winkler,C (2200)-Darmaeva,N (2242) Fraser tourney corr 1902]
12...h6 The position is equal. **13.h3 b5 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.b4 Be6 16.Nh2** -0.62/19
[16.Nh4= -0.25/18]
16...Qb7∓ 17.Bd2 Nd7 18.Qh5 -0.96/20
[18.Ng4= -0.25/18 remains equal.]

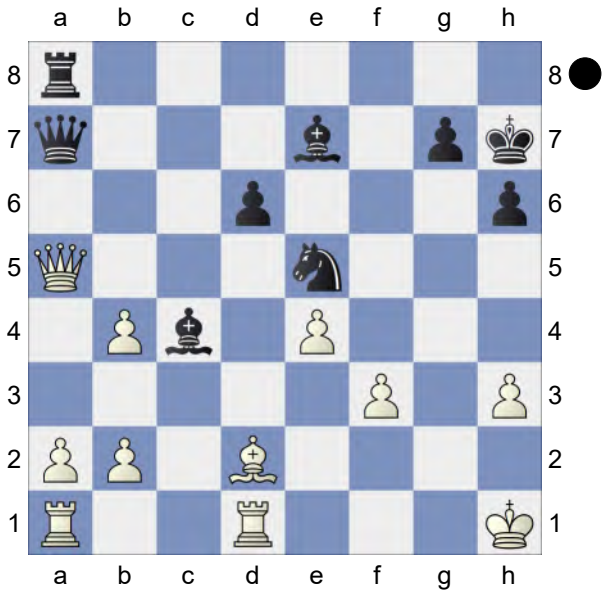


18...Kh7 -0.57/18
[Black should try 18...f5!∓ -0.96/20 19.Bxh6 Bf7 20.Qxf5 gxh6]
19.f4 -1.47/16

[Better is 19.Qf3∓ -0.57/18]



19...f5!∓ 20.fxe5 -2.15/18
[20.exf5∓ -1.43/17 Rxf5 *(20...Bxf5 21.Qf3=)* 21.Qe2]
20...Nxe5-+
[20...fxe4 21.exd6 Bxd6 22.Qh4=]
[20...dxe5 21.exf5 Rxf5 *(21...Bxf5 22.a3∓)* 22.Qe2∓]
21.Nf3? -4.24/18
[21.Bf4 -2.13/17]
21...Bf7
[21...fxe4 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.Qxe5 Qb6+ 24.Kh1∓]
22.Qxf5+ Bg6 Skewer. This pair of bishops is nice. **23.Qe6 Rf6**
[23...Bxe4 24.Nxe4 *(24.Nxe5 Bf5∓)* 24...Qxe4 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Qb3∓]
[23...Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Rxf3 25.Rf1-+]
24.Qd5 Qa7+
[24...Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 Qc8 26.e5-+]
25.Kh1 Rxf3 26.gxf3 Bf7 27.Nxb5 -5.99/17
[⌓27.Be3 -3.90/15 Qxe3 28.Qd2 Qxf3+ 29.Qg2]
27...axb5 28.Qxb5 Bc4
[Weaker is 28...Bxa2 29.Qe2∓]
29.Qa5



Qf2 30.Qxa8
[30.Qxe5 dxe5]
30...Be2 Black mates. **31.Qa3 Bxf3+ 32.Qxf3 Nxf3 33.Bf4 Nh4** White got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=1.15/Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

B13
□ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
■ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**
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B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Nf3** White has an edge. **8...Nge7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 f6 11.Nbd2 Bd7 12.b4N**
[12.c4 Rad8 13.a3 Bc8 14.Rc1 Kh8 15.Bb1 Rfe8 16.Qc2 6) Odds & Ends-Odds & Ends: 6...Bd6 with ...]
12...Rac8 13.b5 Na5 14.Nb3 Nc4 15.Nc5 Rxc5 0.93/19

[15...b6= 0.13/20 16.Nxd7 Qxd7]
16.dxc5± Qxc5 17.Qb1 0.25/22
[17.Bxc4± 0.98/21 And now Bf1 would win. Qxc4 18.Qd4]
17...Kf7 18.Bxc4
[18.Bxh7? g6 19.Nh4 Rh8 *(19...Ne5 20.Rxe5 fxe5 21.Nxg6±)* 20.Bxg6+ Kg7-+]
18...Qxc4 19.a4
[19.Qxh7 Ng6 20.Qh3 Nf4∓]
19...Rc8 20.Nd2
[20.Qxh7 Ng6 21.Qh3 Nf4=]
20...Qxc3 21.Nf3 Nf5 22.Rc1 Qxc1+ 23.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 24.Rxc1= Endgame. KRN-KBN **24...Ke7 25.Rc7 Nd6 26.Nd2 Kd8 27.Rc1 g5 28.g3** -0.67/24
[28.g4= -0.19/25]
28...g4∓ 29.h3 h5
[29...gxh3 feels hotter. 30.g4 e5 31.f3 Nf7]
30.hxg4 hxg4 31.Kg2 e5 32.Rh1! Bf5 33.Rh8+! Kc7 -0.23/23
[33...Ne8∓ -0.72/23]
34.Rf8= Bc2 35.Rxf6 Bxa4 36.f3! Bxb5 ...Nc4 is the strong threat.
[36...Nxb5?! 37.fxg4 Kd8 38.Rf5+-]
37.fxg4 Black must now prevent g5.
37...Kd7 38.Nf3 Ke7! 39.g5 Nf7 40.Rg6 Kf8 Inhibits Rg7. **41.Rf6 Ke7 42.Rg6** Rg7 would now be deadly. **42...Bc6 43.Rg8** aiming for g6. **43...d4 44.Kf2! Be4 45.Nh4 Bc2** 0.80/23
[45...Nd8= 0.02/25]
46.g4 0.22/20
[46.g6± 0.80/23 Nd6 47.Ke1]
46...Nd6 47.g6 White has compensation. **47...d3** Threatens to win with ...d2. **48.Nf3 Bb3** 1.06/23
[48...b5= 0.18/21]

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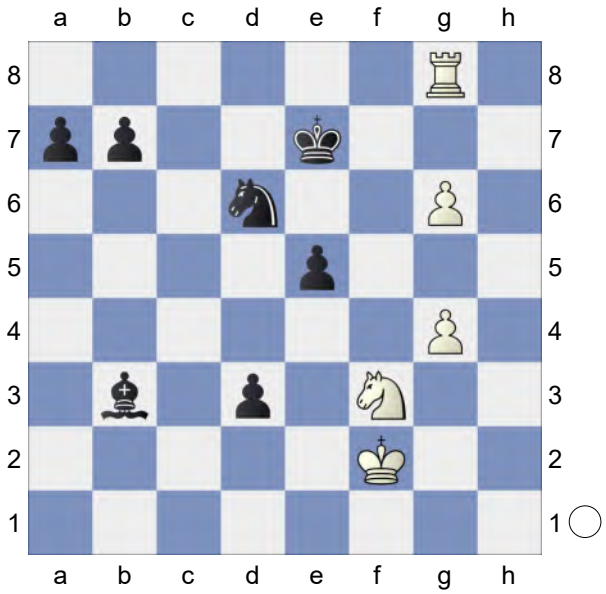
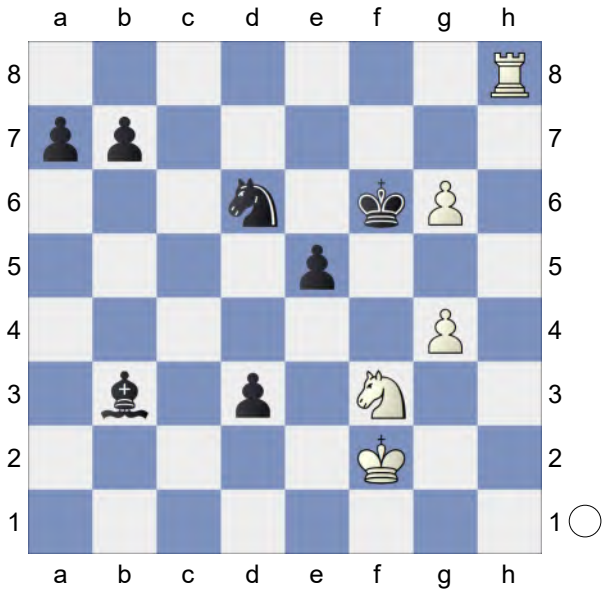


49.Rh8!± Kf6? 3.27/22
[49...Ne4+!± 0.49/19 50.Ke3 d2 51.Nxd2 *(51.Kxe4? d1Q-+)* 51...Nxd2]



50.g5+!+-
[50.Rd8 Ne4+ 51.Ke3 d2 52.Nxd2 *(52.Kxe4? Bc2+ 53.Ke3 d1Q-+)* 52...Nxd2 53.Rxd2 Kxg6±]
50...Kxg6? 5.74/23
[50...Kg7 3.04/19 was worth a try. 51.Rh7+ Kf8 *(51...Kxg6? 52.Rh6+* Skewer *Kf5 53.Rf6+ Kg4*

54.Rxd6+-)]
51.Rh6+ Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.30
[Inferior is 51.Nxe5+ Kg7 52.Rd8 d2 53.Rd7+ Kf8 *(53...Nf7 54.Nxf7 d1Q 55.Rxd1=)* 54.Ng6+ *(54.Rxd6 d1Q∓)* 54...Ke8 55.Rxd6 d1Q *(55...d1R 56.Rf6∓)* 56.Rxd1 Bxd1=]
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E12
□ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
■ **Socko,Monika** **2402**
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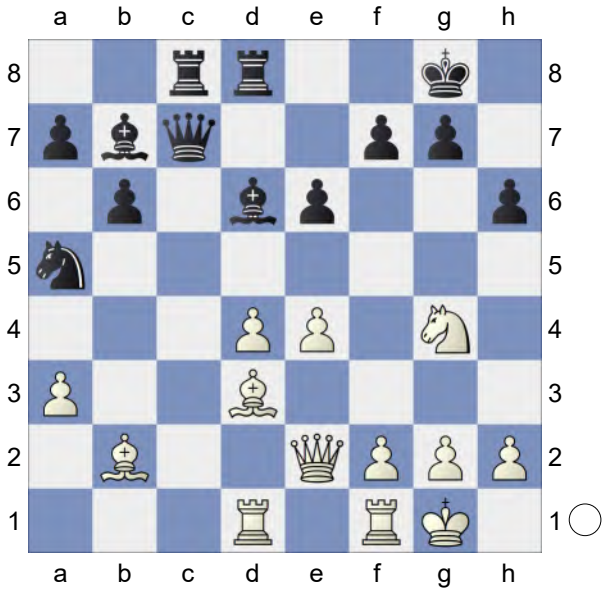
[Kitty Kat]

D42: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch: 5 cxd5 Nxd5 6 e3 Nc6 7 Bd3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.e3 Be7 8.Bb5+ c6 9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.0-0 c5 12.Bb2 Nc6 13.Qc2 h6 14.e4 Rc8 ...cxd4 is the strong threat.
15.Qe2! cxd4
[15...Na5 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.Ne5 Bd6 18.Ng4 Bf4 19.e5 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rfd8 21.h4 Nc4 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.Nh5 Nxb2 24.Qxb2 g5 25.hxg5 Bxg5 26.f4 Be7 27.Rc1 Qd7 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.Rc1 Bb7 30.Nf6 ½-½ Atalik,S (2564)-Petrov,V (2307) SRB Central-ch op-A 8th Paracin 2015 (7)]
16.cxd4 White has an edge. **16...Na5 17.Rad1 Qc7N** 0.52/21
[17...Bd6= 0.15/19 feels stronger.]
[17...Bf6 18.Rfe1 Qc7 19.h3 Rfd8 20.Rc1 Qb8 21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.Rc1 Qb8 23.Bb1 Rc8 24.Rc3 Rxc3 25.Bxc3 Qc7 26.Qc2 g6 27.Qc1 Ba6 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO E3 Survey 1998 *(27...Bg7 28.Bd3 Nb3 29.Qb2 Na5 30.Nd2 Nc6 31.Bc4 Ne7 32.Bd3 Nc6 33.a4 Qd6 34.Nf3 Ba8 35.h4 Ne7 36.a5 bxa5 37.Bxa5 Nc6 38.Bc3 Kh7 39.h5 Ne7 40.Bb4 Qb8 41.Qa3 Nc6 42.Bd6 ½-½* Seul,G (2595)-Pedmanson,A (2545) Beijing 73/147 1998 *)*]
18.Ne5± Bd6 19.Ng4 Rfd8 1.56/18
[19...Nc4!± 0.63/20]



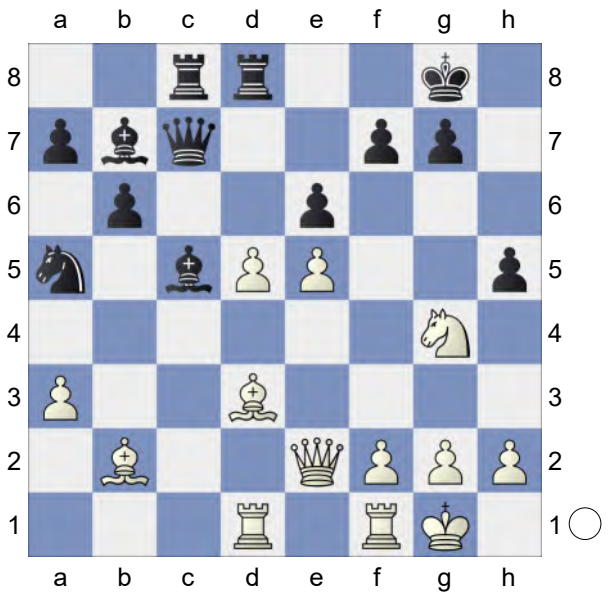
20.d5!± aiming for Nxh6+! **20...h5** 2.74/16
[20...Nc4± 1.03/17 keeps fighting.]
[20...Kf8 21.Qf3]
21.e5+- Bc5

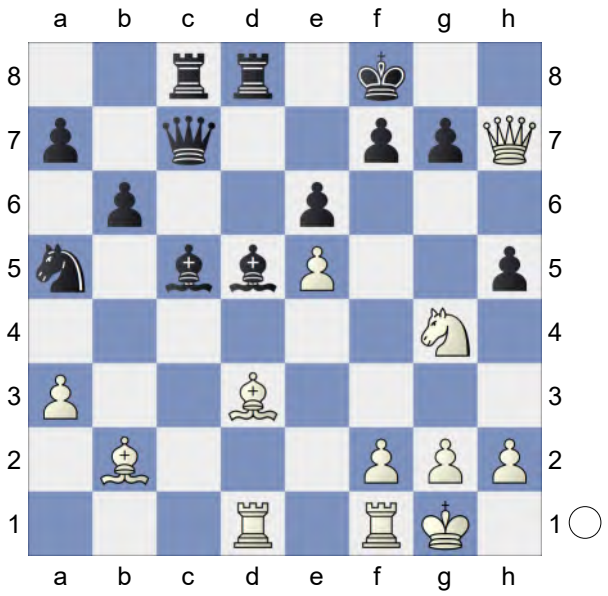
(Diagram)

22.Qe4 0.66/19 **Bxd5± 23.Qh7+ Kf8**

(Diagram)

24.Qxh5 0.58/20
[24.Ne3!± 1.39/17]
24...Ke8 1.49/18
[24...Bc4!± 0.58/20]
25.Bc3 Black must now prevent Qh8+.





25...Qe7 26.Bxa5 0.84/17
[⌓26.Bd2 1.47/17]
26...bxa5± 27.Bb5+ Bc6 28.Bxc6+ Rxc6

(Diagram)

29.Qh7! Qg5 8.83/22
[29...Qf8± 1.08/17]
30.Qg8+ Bf8

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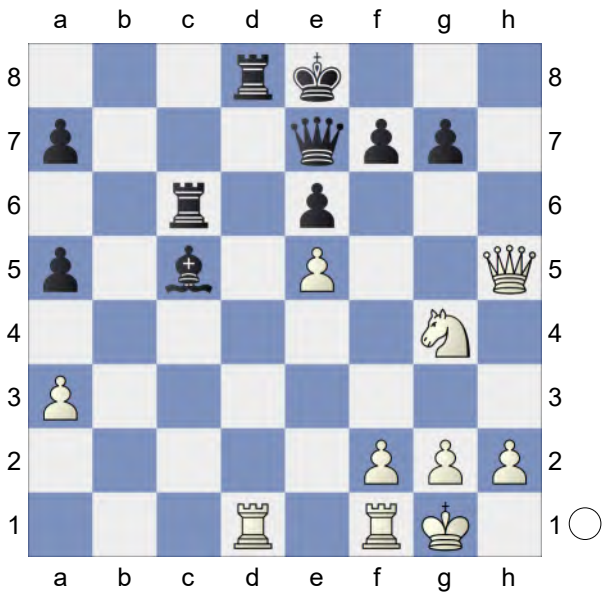

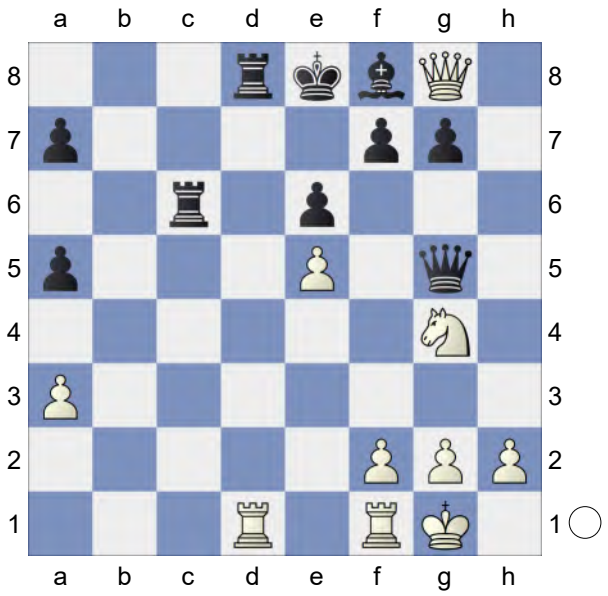

31.Nf6+! gxf6 32.Rxd8+ Deflection
32...Kxd8 33.Qxf8++- Endgame. KQR-KQR **33...Kc7 34.Qxf7+ Kb6 35.Rb1+** White mates. **35...Kc5 36.Qxa7+ Kc4 37.Qxa5 Kd3 38.Rd1+ Kc4 39.Qb4#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.53
1-0

B75
□ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
■ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**
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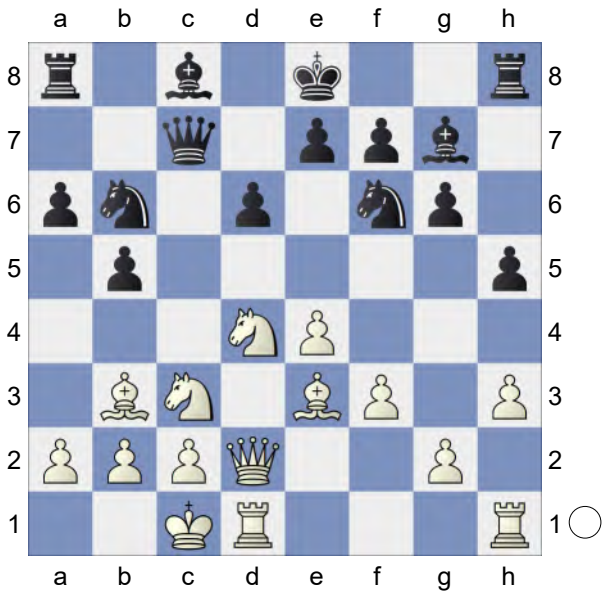
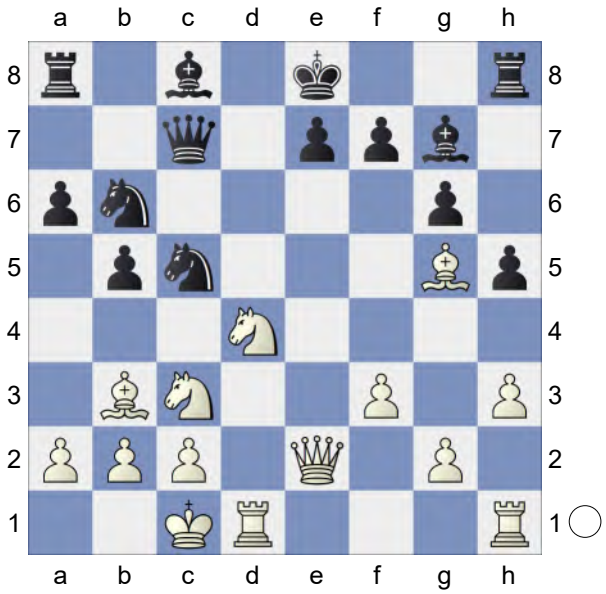
[Kitty Kat]

B75: Sicilian Dragon: Yugoslav Attack, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 a6 8.Qd2 h5 9.Bc4 Nbd7 10.0-0-0** White has more active pieces.
10...Qc7 1.15/18
[Black should play 10...b5± 0.51/20 11.Bd5 *(11.Bb3 Nc5 12.Kb1 Bb7 13.Rhe1 Rc8 14.Bg5 0-0 15.Nd5 e6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.h4 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Kg7 19.Qe3 Qc7 20.Rd2 b4 21.Red1 Rfd8 22.Qf4 Qe7 23.Ne2 a5 24.e5 d5 25.g4 hxg4* 0-1 Marosi,G (2758)-Molina,R (2862) RUS-ch Superfinal 61st Moscow 2008 (5)*)* 11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Ne5]
11.Bb3± b5N
[11...Nc5 12.Kb1 Bd7 13.Bg5 Nxb3 14.cxb3 Bc6 15.Rc1 Qd7 16.Rhd1 75/01 2000]
[11...b6 12.Kb1 Bb7 13.Rhe1 Ne5 14.Bg5 Nc4 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 0-0 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Nc6 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 e6 22.c4 b5 23.cxb5 exd5 24.Nb4 axb5 25.Rxd5 Rfe8 26.Rxe8+ 1-0 Ruiz Aguilar,P (2207)-Sequeda Ramirez,P (2019) Bucaramanga op 2023 (2) Rxe8 27.Nc2 Re2 28.Rxb5 Rxg2 29.a4 Rxh2 30.a5 Rh1+ 31.Ka2 Bh4 32.Rd5 Bf2 33.Rd2 Rf1 34.Nd4 Bxd4 35.Rxd4 Rc1 36.b4 g5 37.a6 Rc8 38.b5 Ra8 39.Kb3 Kf8 40.b6 Rxa6 41.b7 1-0 12.♗g1 d5 13e5 ♘e4 14. ♗d (2207)-7. ♕g2 ♗d6 (2019) British League (Game 11) 2004 (2)]

12.h3 0.48/20
[12.Nd5!± 1.27/19 Nxd5 13.Nxb5]
12...Nb6? 2.26/18
[12...Nc5± 0.48/20]



Loses the game. **13.e5!+- Nfd7 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Bg5 Nc5?** 4.10/17
[16...0-0± 1.60/20 17.Qxe7 *(17.Bxe7 Qf4+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Rxd2 Re8±)* 17...Bb7]



17.Bxe7! Nxb3+

[17...Qxe7 18.Nc6]
18.axb3 Threatens to win with Bd6+.
18...Be6
[Stronger than 18...Qxe7 19.Nc6 Be6 *(19...Bh6+? 20.Kb1+-)* 20.Nxe7]
19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bd6 Qf7 21.Rhe1 0-0-0 22.Qxe6+ Qxe6 23.Rxe6 g5 24.Bb4 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Nd5 26.Bd2 Rh6 27.Rxh6 White is clearly winning.
[27.Re8+ Kd7 28.Ra8 Rg6+-]
27...Bxh6 28.Nc3 Nxc3 29.bxc3 Endgame. KB-KB
[29.Bxc3 g4+ 30.Kd1 *(30.Bd2 gxf3 31.gxf3 Bf8±)* 30...gxf3+-]
29...Bg7 30.Bxg5 Bxc3 31.Bd2 Bf6 32.g4 hxg4 33.fxg4 Bh4 34.Kb2 Kc7 35.Kc3 a5 36.Kd4 a4 37.bxa4 D e f l e c t i o n **37...bxa4 38.Kc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.61
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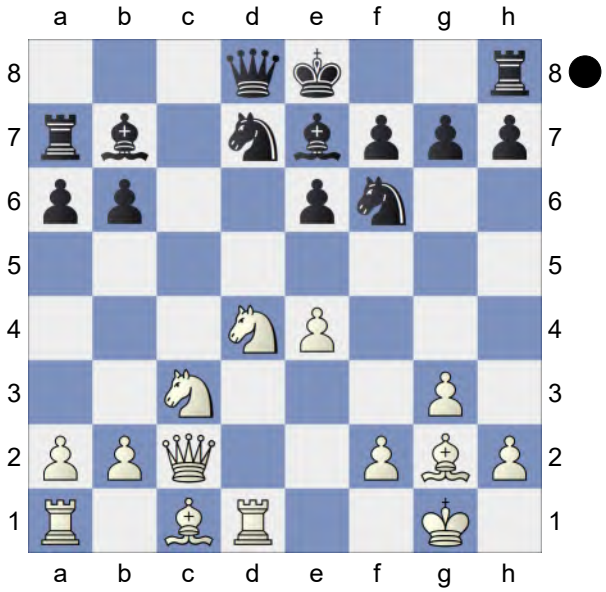
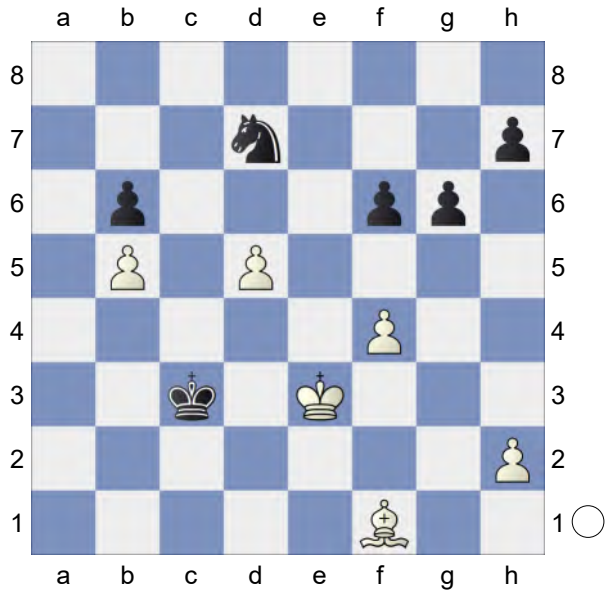
A13
□ **Heinemann,Josefine 2305**
■ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.52) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Qc2 c5 8.Nc3 Ra7 9.0-0 b6 10.d4 Bb7** White is slightly better. **11.e4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Be7N**
[12...Bc5 13.Rd1 *(13.Nb3 0-0 14.Nxc5 Nxc5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Rac1 Ng4 17.Bd2 f5 18.Na4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Qxe4 Qh5 22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.h4 h6 24.Bb4 Re8 25.Rc8 Rxc8 26.Qxc8+ Kh7 27.Qc2+ Kh8* 1-0 Bronstein,O (2442)-Levitan,T (2243) ISR-ch 41st Arad 2022 (4)*)* 13...Qa8 14.Nb3 Bb4 15.a3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 0-0 17.f3 10.d5 ♘b8 11. ♘e1-N,N olm2 qual GP2 B2 corr ICCF corr 1948 Rc8 18.Qd4 Bc6 19.Bf4 Nc5 20.Nxc5 bxc5 21.Qc3 Nd7 22.Be3 Rb7 23.Bf1 Bb5 24.Rd6 Bxf1 25.Rxf1 Qb8 26.Bf4 e5 27.Bxe5 ½-½ Vaganian,R (2640)-Jussupow,A (2660) Riga Tal Memorial 1995 (11)]
13.Rd1



e5! is the strong threat. **13...Qa8 14.Be3 0-0 15.f3 Qb8 16.Rac1 Rc8 17.Nb3 Bc6 18.Qe2 e5** 0.71/19
[18...Bf8= 0.30/17]
19.Bh3 Bf8 20.Rd2 Ra8 21.Rdc2 White is much more active. **21...Qb7 22.Qf2 a5 23.a4 Bb4 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5 a4 26.Rxc8+** 0.03/17
[26.Nd2± 0.51/21 might be stronger.]
26...Rxc8= 27.Rxc8+ Qxc8 28.Nc1 Bc5 29.Bxc5! Qxc5 30.Qxc5 Nxc5 Endgame. KBN-KNN **31.Kf2 Ne8 32.Bf1 Kf8 33.Na2 Ke7 34.Nc3 Nc7 35.Ke3 g6** 0.66/23
[35...f6= 0.23/24 was preferrable.]
36.Bd3!± Kd6 37.Bc2 Nd7 38.Bd3

0.16/24
[Of course not 38.Nxa4?! Nxb5 39.Bb3 Ke7=]
[38.Bxa4± 0.93/22 Kc5 39.Na2]
38...Kc5 39.Nxa4+ Kb4 40.Nc3 Kb3 41.f4! f6 42.Bf1 0.31/17
[White should try 42.h4± 0.73/22]
42...exf4+! 43.gxf4 0.20/19
[43.Kxf4± 0.60/23 Kb4 44.Be2]
43...Kxb2? 3.05/20
[43...Nc5!= 0.20/19 and Black is okay.]
44.Nd5+- Nxd5+ 45.exd5 KB-KN
45...Kc3



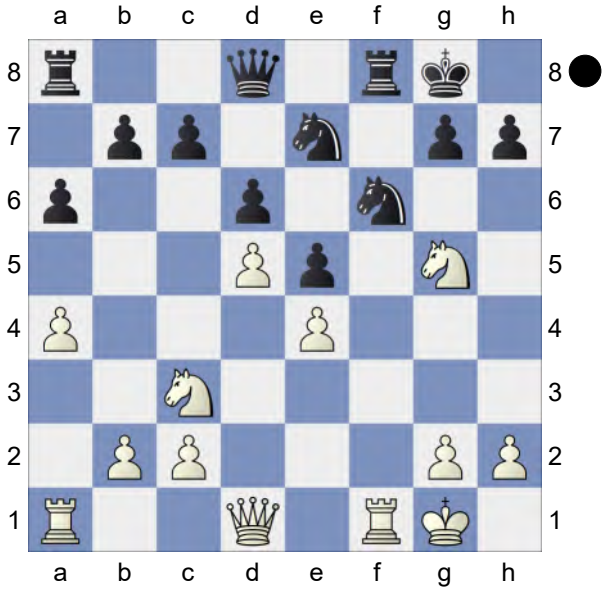
46.d6? 0.00/36
[46.f5!+- 3.71/33]
46...f5!= 47.Bg2 Bc6 would now be deadly. **47...Kc4!** Threatens to win with ...Kc5! **48.Bc6 Nf8**
[48...Nc5 simplifies 49.Be8 Nb7 50.Bf7+ Kxb5 51.Kd4 Nxd6 52.Bg8 h6]
49.Be8 Black must now prevent d7.
49...Kc5! 50.d7 Ne6 51.Bf7 Nd8 52.Bg8 Kxb5 53.Bxh7 Kc6 54.Bxg6 Kxd7 55.Bxf5+ Ke7 56.Kd4 Kf6 57.Bg4 Nc6+ 58.Kc4 Ne5+? 2.85/38
59.fxe5++- Kxe5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Sriansh Das** **2315**
■ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.53) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0**
[8...Be6 9.b3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qd6 14.Ng5 Bd5 15.Rf2 Rad8 16.Raf1 Rd7 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Ne4 b6 19.Rf6 Ne7 20.a5 Qb5 21.Qe1 Ng6 22.R6f5 Qc6 23.Qf2 1-0 Assaubayeva,B (2470)-Khademalsharieh,S (2489) Tbilisi FIDE GP (Women) 2024 (1)]
9.0-0 Be6 10.Bxe6N
[10.Nd2 Nb4 11.a5 *(11.Rf2 c6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 Qe7 14.a5 exd4 15.exd4 e5 16.Nc4 exd4 17.Qxd4 d5 18.exd5 Nfxd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Rxf8+ Rxf8 21.Ne3 Kh8 22.h3 Nc6 23.Nxd5 Qe2 24.Qc5 Rf5 25.c4 h6* 0-1 Galkin,S (2619)-Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2622) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (10.3) *26.b3 Kh7 27.Kh1 Qb2 28.Re1 Qxb3 29.Qb6 Qxb6 30.axb6 Na5 31.g4 Rf7 32.c5 Nb3 33.c6 bxc6 34.Ne7 Nc5 35.Re5 Nd7 36.b7 Rf1+ 37.Kg2 Rb1 38.Ra5 Nb8 39.Nc8* 0-1 Fedorchuk,S (2619)-Fressinet,L (2622) Bundesliga 2223 Germany 2022 (10.3)*)* 11...d5 12.exd5 Nfxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.e4

Be6 16.Kh1 f6 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qe2 Qc5 19.Nc4 Rad8 20.Ne3 Rd7 21.Qd2 Qd4 22.Ra4 Qc5 23.Rf3 Rfd8 24.Ra1 Rd4 0-1 Boskovic,M (2713)-Osnos,V (2768) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (3)]

10...fxe6 11.d4 exd4 12.exd4 e5 13.d5 Ne7 14.Ng5



Ne6 would now be deadly. **14...Qd7 15.Ne6 Rf7 16.Ng5 Rff8 17.Ne6 Rf7 18.Ng5 Rff8 19.Ne6 Rf7** An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

E81

□ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.54) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E81: King's Indian: Sämisch: 6th move deviations (including 6 Be3 c6) Inf 71/(592) RR: 'Inf 71/(592)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 b5 9.cxb5 axb5N** 0.93/17

[9...Qa5± 0.33/20 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.Nc1 axb5 13.Bxb5 Ba6 *(13...Bd7 14.Ra3 Bxb5 15.axb5 Qb4 16.N1a2 Qd4 17.Qxd4 cxd4 18.Nb1 Nc4 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Nb4 Nxb2 21.0-0 h6* Chapter-Saemish Bg5 _2486 2022*)* 14.N1a2 Bxb5 15.axb5

A) 15...Nh5 16.0-0 Bd4+ 17.Kh1 Bxc3 18.bxc3 *(18.Qxc3 Qxb5 19.Rfb1 f6 20.Be3 Nc4 21.b3* Ramirez,C (2320)-Pupo,E (2400) 71/(592) Cuba 1997*)* 18...f6 19.Bh6 Rfb8 20.g4 Ng7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qe2 Qa4 Lehmann,Z (2275)-Paschall,W (2280) 71/(592) Budapest 1997;

B) 15...Rfe8 16.0-0 e6 17.dxe6 Rxe6 18.Rfb1 Nfd7 19.Qd1 Ree8 20.Bd2 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Nc4 22.Be1 Qd8 23.Nc1 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Qg5 1-0 Dreev,A (2670)-Sokolov,I (2665) Nussloch 1996 (9)]

[9...Nbd7 10.Nh3 Qa5 11.Nf2 Nb6 12.Nfd1 axb5 13.Nxb5 Bd7 14.Nbc3 Na4 15.Rc1 Rfb8 16.Bc4 Nxc3 17.Nxc3 h6 18.Be3 Ne8 19.0-0 h5 20.Bg5 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 f6 22.Bh4 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Bxc3 24.Qh6 1-0 From Beijing to Berlin,J (2470)-Gazola,V (2580) 10 Mannheim 1914 (5)]

10.Bxb5± Qa5 11.Nge2 Ba6 12.Bxa6 White is better. **12...Rxa6 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.Kh1 Rb8 15.Rab1 Ne8 16.h3 Ra7 17.Qc2**

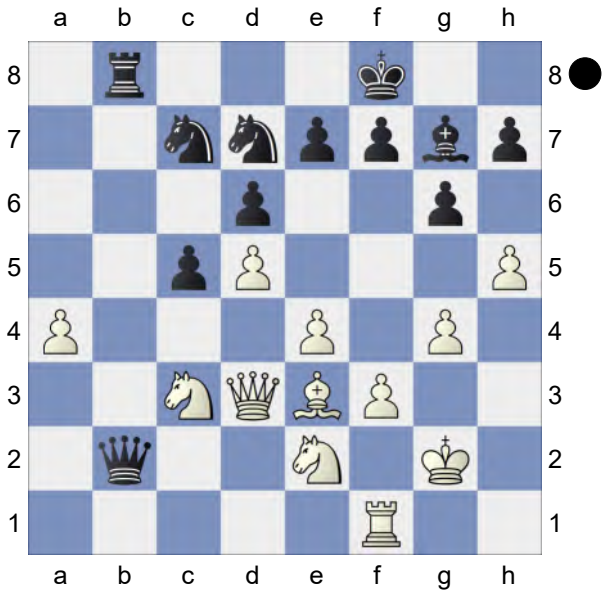
[17.Bxe7 f6 18.Nf4 Ne5 19.Bxd6 *(19.b4? Rxb4 20.Ne6 Rxe7-+)* 19...Nxd6∓]

17...Qa6 18.g4 0.10/20

[18.Bxe7 f6 19.f4 Nb6 20.Bxd6 Nxd6∓]

[18.Rfd1± 1.02/18]

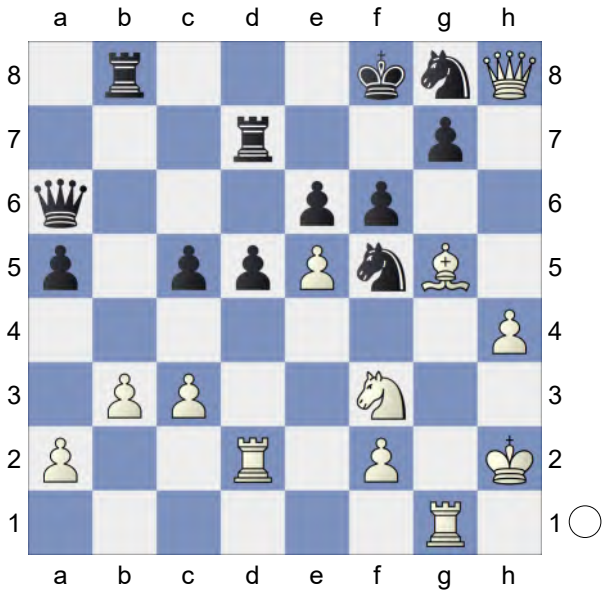
18...Kf8 0.48/20
[18...Ne5= 0.10/20]
19.Kg2 Nc7 20.a4 -0.08/22
[20.b3± 0.47/18]
20...Rab7 21.b3 Rb6 22.Be3 Qb7 23.h4 Rxb3 24.h5 -0.88/21
[24.Qxb3= -0.21/23 keeps the balance. Qxb3 25.Rxb3 Rxb3 26.Rb1 Rxc3 27.Nxc3 Bxc3 28.h5]
24...Rb2∓ 25.Rxb2 Qxb2 26.Qd3 -3.96/19
[26.Rc1∓ -0.82/20 is more resistant.]



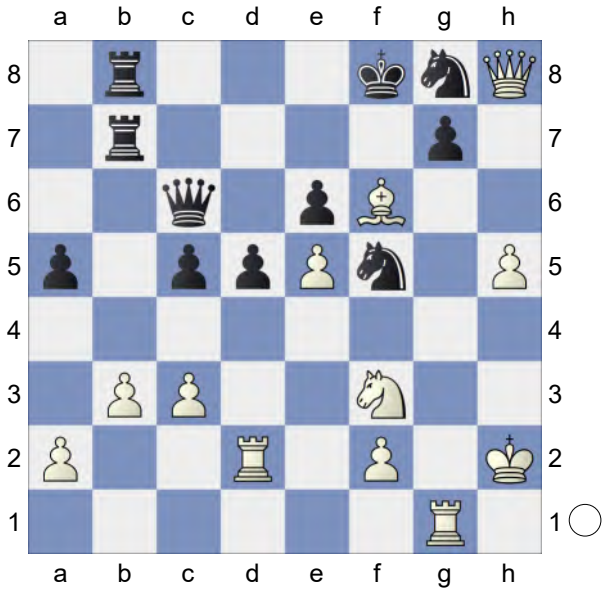
26...Rb3!-+ Black is winning.
[Not 26...Bxc3 27.Qxc3 Ne5 *(27...Qxe2+? perishes. 28.Rf2+-; 27...Nxd5? 28.exd5 Nf6 29.Qd3+-)* 28.Bd2∓]
27.Bd2 Ne5 28.Qb1 Nc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

B12
□ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
■ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.55) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5** White is slightly better.
10.Nb3 Qa6 11.Qd1 b6 12.Bg5
[12.Be3 simplifies Be7 13.Bg5 Bxg5 14.hxg5 g6 15.g3]
12...c5 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Re1 Nc6! 15.c3 Rc8 16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.b3 Rc7 18.Qd2 Qb6N
[18...Rd7 19.Rad1 Qb7 20.Qc1 a5 21.Re2 0-0 22.Bf6 d4 23.c4 d3 24.Ree1 Ncd4 25.Rxd3 Ne2+ 26.Rxe2 Rxd3 27.Qg5 a4 28.Qxh5 axb3 29.axb3 Qxb3 30.Ng5 Nh6 31.Kh2 Qb1 32.Re4 Rd1 33.g4 0-1 Brunello,M (2337)-Basso,P (2524) Forni di Sopra op 14th Forli di Sopra 2023 (9)]
19.Rad1 a5 20.Qf4 Hoping for Rxd5!
20...Rd7 21.Rd2 Qa6 22.Qa4 0-0 0.49/21
[22...Rb7= 0.01/21]
23.g4± hxg4 24.Qxg4 Rb8? 1.95/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[Black should try 24...Qb7± 0.43/21]
25.Kh2+- Black must now prevent Rg1.
25...Kf8? 4.08/20
[25...a4 26.Rg1 Nce7 *(26...axb3? is the wrong capture. 27.Bf6+-)* 27.Bxe7 Rxe7 28.h5±]
[25...Nce7 1.68/22 might work better.]
26.Qh5 Nce7 27.Qh8+ Black is weak on the dark squares. White is clearly winning. **27...Ng8 28.Rg1 f6**
(Diagram)



29.Bxf6 Rdb7
[29...Rf7 30.Ng5]
30.h5 Qc6



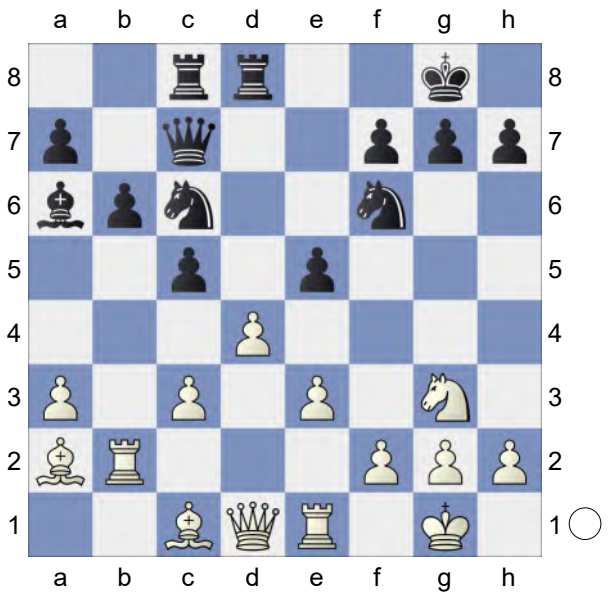
31.h6! Decoy **31...Nfxh6 32.Bxg7+ Rxg7 33.Qxg7+ Ke8 34.Qh7 Kf8 35.Qg7+ Ke8 36.Qg6+ Kd7 37.Qh7+ Ne7 38.Qxh6 Qa8 39.Rg7 Rh8 40.Rh7 Rxh7 41.Qxh7 Qf8 42.Kg2 Qf4 43.Qh4** Wards off Qg4+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

E49
□ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
■ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.56) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Ba2 b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Re1 Nc6 13.Ng3 Rfd8 14.Rb1 Rac8 15.Rb2 e5N** 0.79/19
[15...h6= -0.01/20 keeps the balance. 16.f4 Nd5 17.Bxd5 exd5 18.f5 f6 19.Rf2 cxd4 20.exd4 Re8 21.Re6 Qf7 22.Qg4 Kh7 23.h4 Rxe6 24.fxe6 Qg6 25.Qf4 Ne7 26.h5 Qb1 27.Qe3 Rc6 28.a4 Bc8 29.Rb2 Qa1 30.Qd3+ Kh8 ½-½ Siddharth,J (2415)-Doshi,M (2430) Budapest FS10 GM 2022 (3)]
[15...Qd7 16.Rd2 h6 17.h3 Kh8 18.Kh1 cxd4 19.cxd4 Na5 20.e4 Bc4 21.Bxc4 Nxc4 22.Rd3 Qb5 23.Qe2 Rd7 24.f4 Rcd8 25.Red1 a6 26.Kh2 Qc6 27.e5 Ng8 28.Nh5 b5 29.Qg4 g6 30.Ng3 ½-½ Tin,J (2570)-Donchenko,A (2639) Teplice op 17th 2024 (8)]
[15...Ne5 16.Rd2 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.e4 Ne8 19.Qg4 f6 20.h4 Qf7 21.h5 cxd4 22.cxd4 Rd7 23.Qf3 h6 24.a4 Rcd8 25.Bb2 Ba6 26.d5 Bb7 27.dxe6 Qxe6 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Qf4 Nd6 30.Bc3 ½-½ Wagner,D (2461)-Guichard,P (2358) FIDE Grand Swiss (Women) Douglas 2023 (6)]

(Diagram)

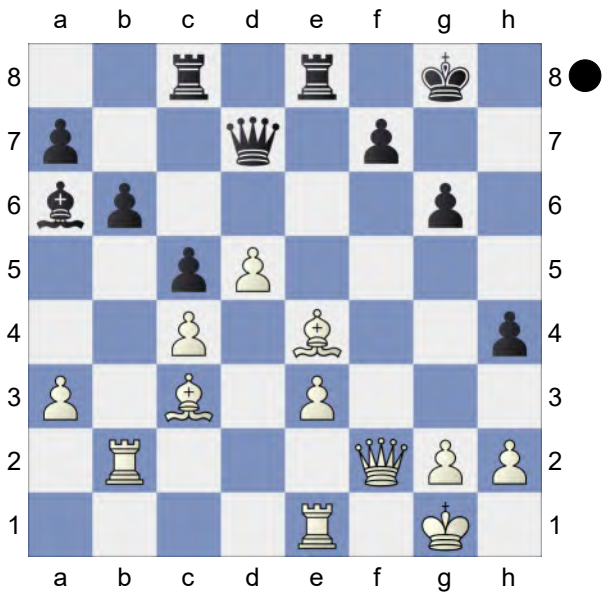
16.d5!± e4 would now be deadly. **16...e4**



17.Qa4 Na5 18.c4
[Much worse is 18.Nxe4 Nxd5 19.Rd2 c4=]
18...Qd7 19.Qc2 Re8 20.Bd2 h5 21.f3 h4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.fxe4 Nb7 2.32/20
[23...Qe7± 1.35/20 was worth a try.]
24.Bb1 Black must now prevent e5!
24...g6? 3.85/18
[24...Re5 1.99/18]
25.Bc3+- Nd6 26.Qf2 White is clearly winning. **26...Nxe4 27.Bxe4**
[27.Qxh4? is the wrong capture. Nxc3 28.Bc2 Qe7 29.Qxe7 Rxe7-+]

(Diagram)

Threatening mate with Qf6! **27...Rxe4 28.Qf6** Dodges Qd6 **28...Kf8 29.d6** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.43
1-0



B72
□ **Vivaan Vishal Shah 2296**
■ **Kamalidenova,Meruert 2378**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.57) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B72: Sicilian Dragon: 6 Be3, lines with h3+Bc4 and sidelines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.f3** Repels Ng4 **7...h5 8.Bc4 Bd7** White is better. **9.Bb3 Bg7 10.Qd2 Na5**
[10...Rc8 11.0-0-0 Na5 12.Kb1 a6 13.h3 h4 14.Rhe1 Rh5 15.Nde2 Nc4 16.Bxc4 Rxc4 17.b3 Rc8 18.Nf4 Re5 19.Nfd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Be6 21.Nf4 Qd7 22.Bd4 Qc6 23.Nd3 f6 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.Bb2 1-0 Jojua,D (2702)-B6 (2585) NRW-II 1994]
11.0-0-0 Nxb3+ 0.65/21
[11...Rb8= 0.28/20 was preferrable. 12.h3 b5 13.g4 Qc8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.c3 Qa6 18.Kb1 Qa5 19.Rhe1 Qxd5 20.Qe2 0-0 21.Ka1 Qa5 22.Qd2

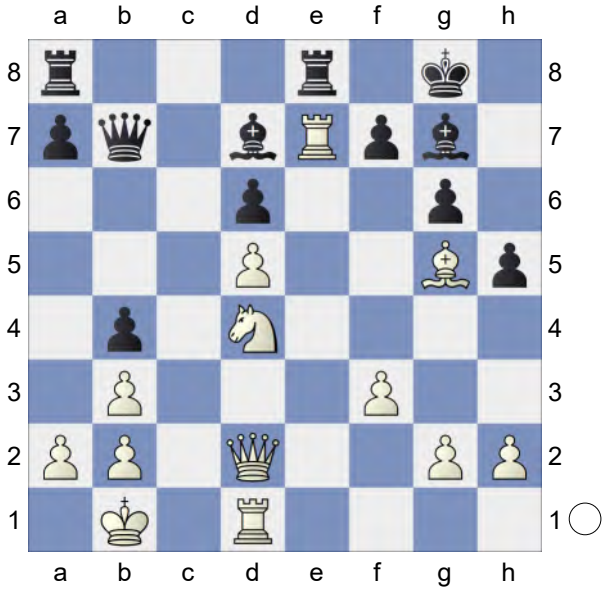
Rb6 23.Qc1 Rfb8 24.Rd2 h4 25.f4 e5 26.Nf3 Ra6 0-1 Junior,D (2183)-Avila Pavas,S (2485) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (6.31)]

12.cxb3N

[12.Nxb3 b5= *(12...a5 13.Kb1 a4 14.Nc1 a3 15.b3 Rc8 16.N1e2 0-0 17.Bd4 Bc6 18.Rhe1 Qc7 19.h3 e5 20.Be3 d5 21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.c4 Be6 24.Qb4 Bf5+ 25.Ka1 Rfd8 26.Qxa3 e4+ 27.Bd4* 1 Chapter-Games Chapter 13 Game *)*]

12...Qb8 13.Kb1 b5! 14.Rhe1 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Qb7 Dodges Nc6 **17.Bg5 0-0 18.Rxe7** Bh6 is the strong threat. **18...Rfe8** 1.40/16

[18...Qxd5= 0.18/21 keeps the balance. 19.h4 *(19.Rxd7 Bxd4* Remove Defender *20.Qxd4 Qf5+ 21.Ka1 Qxg5=)* 19...Rad8]



19.Nc6!→ Qf4 would now be deadly. White is up to no good. White has more active pieces. **19...a5?** 2.89/17 A mistake that costs the game.

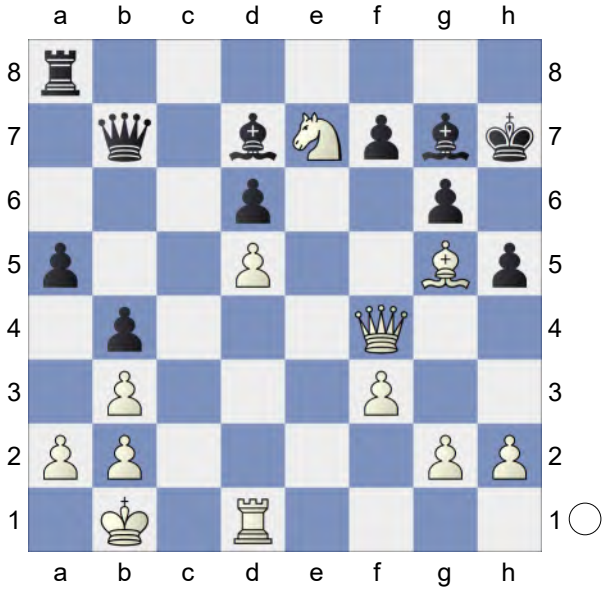
[19...Bf8!± 0.67/20 20.Rde1 *(20.Qxb4? Qxb4 21.Nxb4 Bxe7-+)* 20...a5]

[19...a6 20.Qf4]

20.Qf4!+- Rxe7 4.46/18

[20...Rf8 2.88/19 was necessary. 21.Bf6 *(21.Qxd6 Bf5+ 22.Ka1 Qb5=)* 21...a4 22.Bxg7 *(22.Nxb4? Bxf6 23.Qxf6 Bf5+-+; 22.Qxd6 Bf5+ 23.Kc1 Qb6±)* 22...Kxg7]

21.Nxe7+ Kh7



22.g4!

[22.Qxd6 a4 23.g4 axb3 24.gxh5 *(24.axb3 Qa7∓)* 24...Bf5+ *(24...bxa2+ 25.Ka1±)* 25.Nxf5 gxf5-+ *(25...bxa2+ 26.Ka1±)*]

[22.Qxf7? Bf5+ 23.Ka1 *(23.Nxf5? Qxf7 24.Nxd6 Qc7-+)* 23...Rf8-+]

22...f5 9.06/21

[⌓22...hxg4 5.14/20 23.fxg4 Re8 24.Qxf7 *(24.Qxd6 Qb5∓)* 24...Rxe7 25.Qxe7 Qc8]

23.gxh5 gxh5 24.Qh4

[24.Nxf5 Rf8 *(24...Bxf5+? 25.Qxf5+ Kh8 26.Qg6+-)* 25.Nxd6 Rxf4 26.Nxb7 Rxf3=]

24...Be8 25.Bf6

[25.Nxf5 Bg6 26.Ka1 a4 *(26...Bxf5? 27.Qxh5+ Kg8 28.Bh6-+)* 27.bxa4 *(27.Nxd6 axb3)*

27...Qd7 *(27...Bxf5 28.Qxh5+ Kg8 29.Bh6=)* 28.Qxb4 *(28.Nxg7 Qxa4)* 28...Qxf5-+ *(28...Bxf5? 29.a5-+)*]

25...Bh6 26.Bd4 Intending Qf6! and mate.

[26.Nxf5 Bg6 27.Ka1 Bxf5 28.Qxh5 Bg6∓]

26...Ra7 27.Qf6 White mates. **27...Qxe7 28.Qh8+**

[28.Qxf5+? too greedy. Bg6-+]

28...Kg6 29.Rg1+ Bg5 30.h4 Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.67

1-0

A05

□ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**
■ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (4.58) 6.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5**

[3...c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 *(5.h3 Bh5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Bg6 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.b3 a5 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rc4 Rab8* 1-0 Hidalgo,J (2532)-7.♕d6 ♕f6 8. ♕ f6 ♘ f6 (2374) Hiroshima Chushikoku-ch 2023 (7)*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nfxe4 17.dxe4 Ne6 18.Qg3 ½-½ Akopian,V (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2711) World Team Championship, Ningbo 2011 (3)]

4.0-0 e6 5.c4N

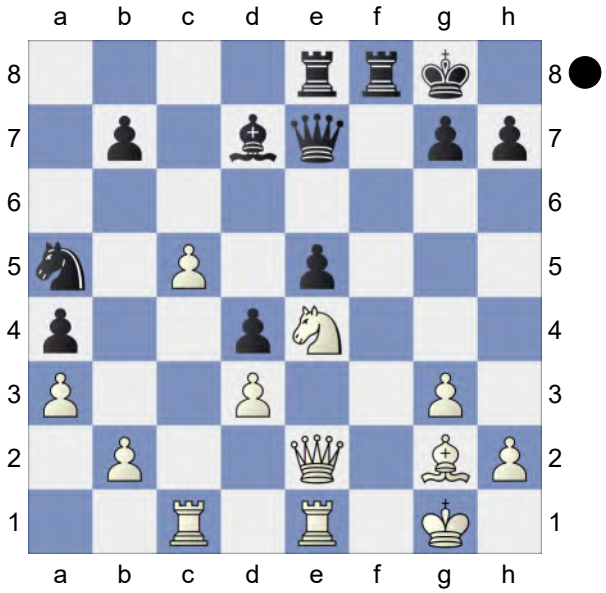
[5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.h3 b5 10.a4 b4 11.e4 Ba6 12.Re1 Nd7 13.Nh2 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.f4 Rad8 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 f5 19.Qh5 fxe4 0-1 Terelya,I-Hamiliton 85/342 Russia 2002 20.Nxe4 Nd4 21.Rac1 Rf5 22.Qg4 Bb7 23.Re3 e5 0-1 Ozols,K-Zirnis,A Latvian Exiles 5254 corr 1952]

[5.d3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b5 11.Nf1 Bb7 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.N1h2 Kh8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Qh6 h4 17.Nxh4 Nxe5 18.N4f3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 d4 1-0 Ravisekhar,R (2325)-Miheso,C Thessaloniki ol (Men) 1988 (2)]

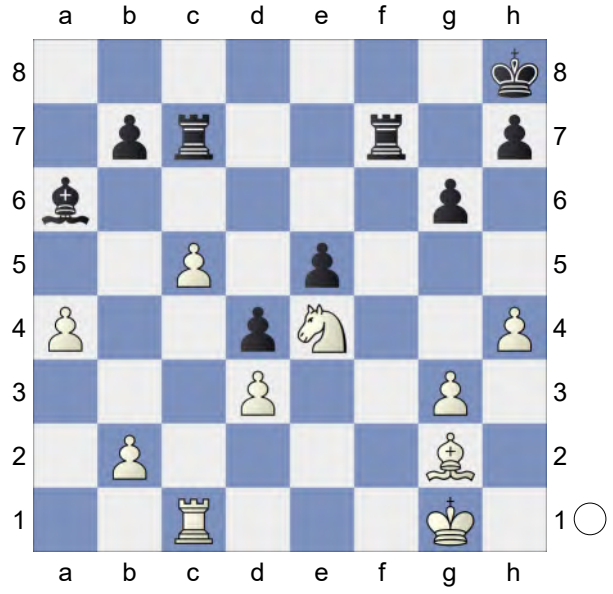
5...d4 6.e3 Nc6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 Bd6 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Nbd2 e5 White has an edge. **11.Ne4 Be7 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nd2 Bd7 15.a3 a5 16.c5 Qe7 17.Rc1 a4 18.Re1 Na5 19.f4 f6 20.fxe5**

[20.Qh5 looks sharper. Qe8 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Qxe8 Rfxe8 23.fxe5 fxe5 24.Bxb7 Nxb7 25.c6]

20...fxe5 21.Qe2 Rae8! 22.Ne4



Threatens to win with Nd6. **22...Nb3** **23.Rc4** Black must now prevent Nd6. **23...Bb5** 0.43/25
[23...Rc8= 0.03/21]
24.Rb4↑ White is pushing. **24...Ba6** **25.Qc2** -0.05/18
[25.Rxa4± 0.44/21 was preferrable. Nxc5 26.Nxc5 Qxc5 27.Be4]
25...Rc8= 26.Rxb3 axb3 27.Qxb3+ Kh8 28.Rc1 g6 0.84/21
[28...Qd7∓ -0.35/21 stays ahead.]
29.h4 0.48/18 White is more active.
[29.a4± 0.84/21]
29...Rc7 0.94/18
[29...Rc6± 0.48/18]
30.a4± Qf7? 2.53/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[30...b6± 1.00/20 keeps fighting.]
31.Qxf7+- Rfxf7 3.43/23
[31...Rcxf7 2.16/22 might work better. 32.Rd1 Ra8]



32.Rd1! b6 33.cxb6 Rc2 34.b4 Bb7 35.Rd2 White is clearly winning. **35...Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Kg7 37.Nc5**
[But not 37.Nd6 Bxg2 38.Kxg2 *(38.Nxf7? Bd5∓)* 38...Rf8] **37...Bxg2 38.Kxg2 Rff1 39.b7 Rg1+ 40.Kh3 Rh1+ 41.Rh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.38
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B92
□ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**
■ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
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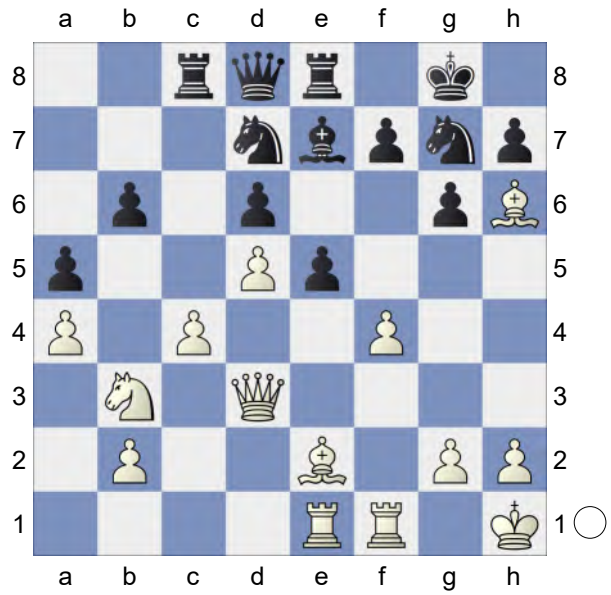
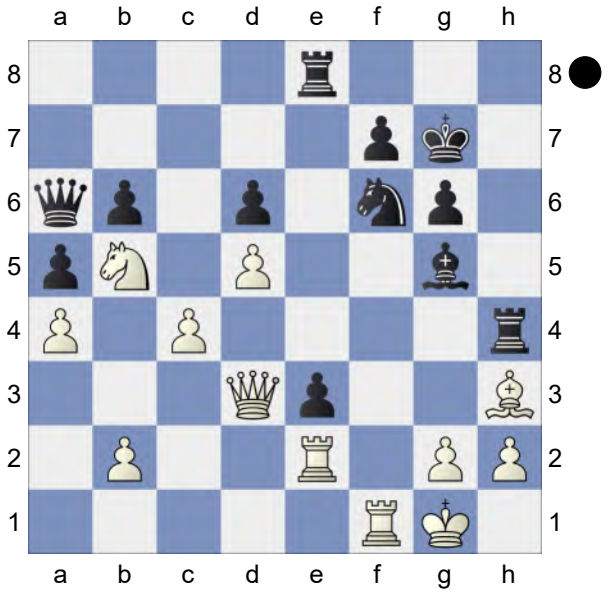
[Kitty Kat]

B92: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3**
[7.Nf3 h6 8.0-0 Be6 9.a4 Nc6 10.b3 Rc8 11.Bb2 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bf1 92/02 2002]
7...Be7 8.Be3N
[8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1 Nc6 10.f4 a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.Be3 Be6 13.Bb5 Qc7 14.Nd2 Rfd8 15.f5 Bd7 16.Rc1 d5 17.exd5 Nbxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Qe2 Bc6 20.c3 h6 21.Ne4 Nf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 0-1 Schliemann Gambit (2500)-5..g6 6. Nf3?! (2465) 108: Simultaneous Display Prague 2001 (8) 23.Rcd1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.h3 Bd7 27.Bxd7 Qxd7 28.Qd2 Qe8 29.Qd5 Bf6 30.b3 Qc8 31.Qd3 e4 32.Qxe4 Qxc3 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Bb6 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Be5+ 36.g3 0-1 Khusnutdinova,L (2500)-Pantaleon,S (2465) 108: Simultaneous Display Prague 2001 (8)]
8...Be6 9.Nd5 Nbd7 10.Qd3 Bxd5 11.exd5 Rc8 12.c4 0-0 13.0-0 a5 14.Rae1 b6 15.Kh1 g6 White is slightly better. **16.a4 Ne8 17.Bh6 Ng7 18.f4** Prevents Bg5. **18...Re8** 0.52/18

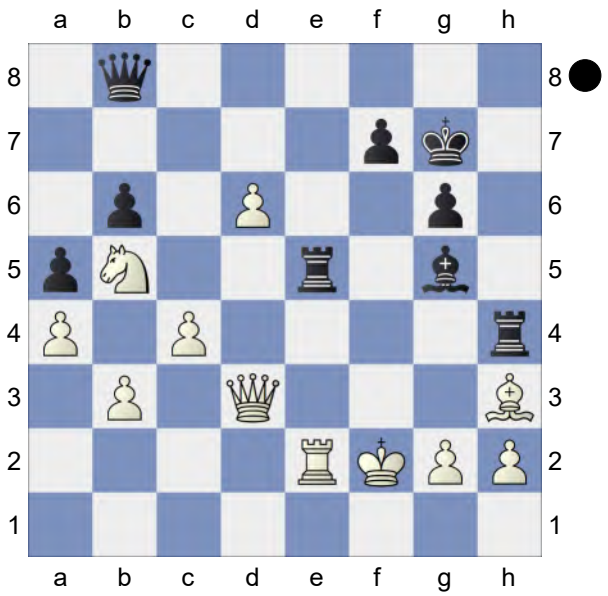
[18...exf4!= -0.29/19 19.Bxf4 *(19.Rxf4 Bg5∓)* 19...Nc5]



19.f5 -0.05/20 **Bg5=**
[19...Nxf5? 20.Rxf5 Bf8 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Qg3±]
20.Bxg7 -0.69/19
[20.Bxg5= 0.00/20 Qxg5 21.g4]
20...Kxg7∓ 21.Bg4 Rc7 22.Qe2 Nf6 23.Bh3 White is weak on the dark squares **23...Qa8 24.Na1 e4! 25.Nc2 e3 26.Qd3** -1.48/18
[White should play 26.g3 -0.99/20]
26...Rce7∓ Black is more active. **27.Kg1** -2.43/16
[27.Re2∓ -1.20/18]
27...Re4? -0.63/22
[27...b5-+ -2.43/16 28.axb5 e2]
28.fxg6 -1.11/17
[28.Re2!∓ -0.63/22 is more appropriate.]
28...hxg6 Strongly threatening ...e2.
29.Re2 -1.50/18
[⌓29.g3 -1.06/20]
29...Qa6 -0.37/19
[29...Rh4!∓ -1.50/18 And now ...Qd8 would win. 30.Ne1 Rh5]
30.Na3 -1.45/23
[30.b3∓ -0.37/19]
30...Rh4 31.Nb5

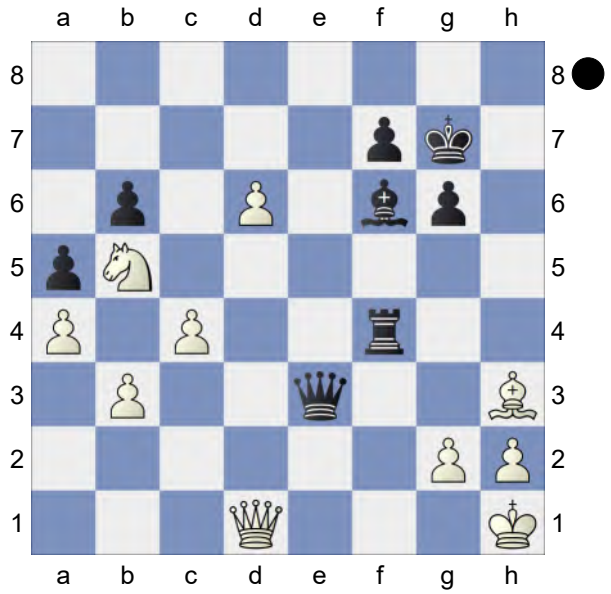


Inhibits Qa7. **31...Re5! 32.b3**
[32.Nxd6? Rxd5 33.Qa3 Rxc4-+]
32...Qa8 aiming for ...Ne4.
[32...Ne4 33.Rxe3 f5 *(33...Bxe3+ 34.Qxe3 f6 35.Nd4=)* 34.Re2∓]
33.Nxd6 -2.49/21
[33.Nd4∓ -1.50/17 Nh5 34.Nf3]
33...Qb8-+ 34.Nb5 Ne4 35.d6 -3.12/18
[⌓35.Rf3 -1.95/17]
35...Nf2 36.Rfxf2 exf2+ 37.Kxf2



Rxe2+ 38.Qxe2 Qd8 Threatens to win

with ...Qf6+. **39.Qe5+ Bf6** -1.21/18
[39...Kh7-+ -2.55/21 White must now prevent ...f5. 40.d7 f5]
40.Qd5? -4.19/17
[40.Qe3∓ -1.21/18]
40...Qe8 41.Qd2 -5.98/19 Repels Rf4+
[Don't blunder 41.Kf3? Qe1 42.Qd3 Be5-+]
[41.Qf3 -3.93/17 was necessary. Qe5 42.g4]
41...Qe4 (→ ...Rf4+). Black is clearly winning. **42.Kg1 Rf4 43.Qd1** Prevents Qb1 **43...Qe3+ 44.Kh1**



Qxb3!! Deflection, Back Rank. Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.30
0-1

D31
□ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
■ **Arun,Kataria** **2370**
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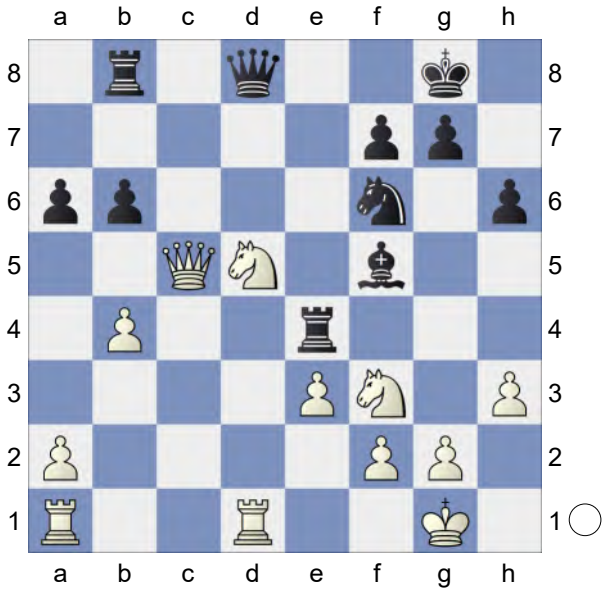
[Kitty Kat]

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 h6**
[5...c6 6.e4 *(6.Bg5 Nf6 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 Be7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.h3 Ne4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Rc1 Bf5 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nd2 f5 16.0-0 Qf7 17.Qb3 Qxb3 18.Nxb3 Nd7 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.Rxc5 Rad8* 1-0 Clemente,G (2176)-3.Nbd2 (2015) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (5. 15) *)* 6...dxe4 7.Ng5 Be7 8.Bc4 Nh6 9.Ngxe4 Nf5 10.d5 0-0 11.0-0 cxd5 12.Nxd5 Nc6 13.Qh5 Be6 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bd2 Nfd4 18.Rad1 Rf5 19.Qh3 Rd8 20.Be3 0-1 C 06/32 (2784)-Molina,R (2851) EUCup Poliot-Wasa Soviet Union 1991 (7)]
6.Bf4 Nf6 7.e3 Bd6 8.Be5N
White is slightly better.
[8.Bg3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.0-0 Bxg3 12.hxg3 Nbd7 13.b4 c6 14.a4 Re8 15.b5 cxb5 16.axb5 a5 17.Rfc1 Rc8 18.Rc2 g6 19.Rac1 Kg7 20.Na4 Rxc2 21.Qxc2 Qe7 22.Qc3 Ne4 0-1 Williams,S (2467)-Supi,L (2612) MrDodgy Online Inv Gp-A 3rd Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (6)]
[8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Bd3 0-0 *(9...Bg4 10.Qb3 Nbd7 11.Qxb7 0-0 12.Qb3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 c5 14.Qa3 Qb6 15.0-0-0 cxd4 16.exd4 Rfc8 17.Kb1 Rab8 18.Ka1 a5 19.Rhe1 Nf8 20.Na4 Qb4 21.Qxb4 Rxb4 22.Nc3 Ne6 23.Ne2 Kf8 24.Bf5* 1-0 Ter Sahakyan,S (2605)-Fieberg,S (2157) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3) *)* 10.h3 Nc6 11.0-0 Ne7 12.Qc2 g6 13.Na4 Bf5 14.Bxf5 Nxf5 15.Nc5 Rfb8 16.b4 c6 17.Ne5 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Nd6 19.f3 a5 H6 Mainline-N,N 2020]

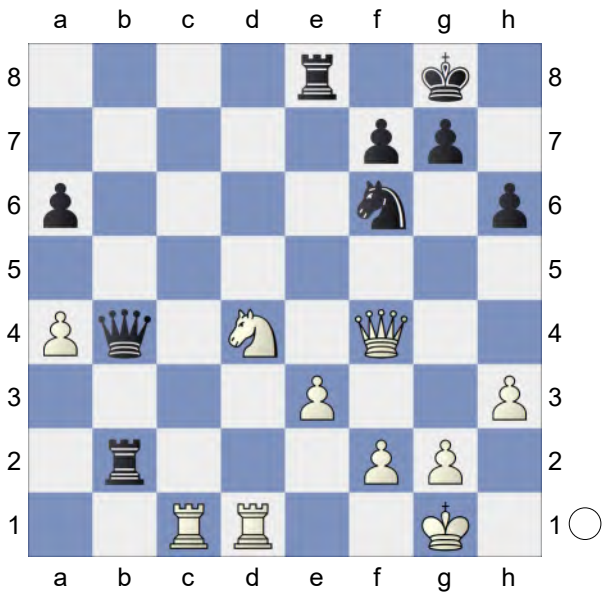
8...c6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.h3 Nbd7 13.Qc2 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Rfd1 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Qb6 17.b3 Be6 18.Qd4 Qa5 19.b4 Qd8 20.Na4 Bf5 1.15/20
[20...Rc8= 0.28/19]
21.Nb6± Re4 1.44/20
[⌓21...Rb8 1.08/24]
22.Qc5 Rb8 23.Nxd5 And now Nb6 would win. Excellent horsemanship.
23...b6



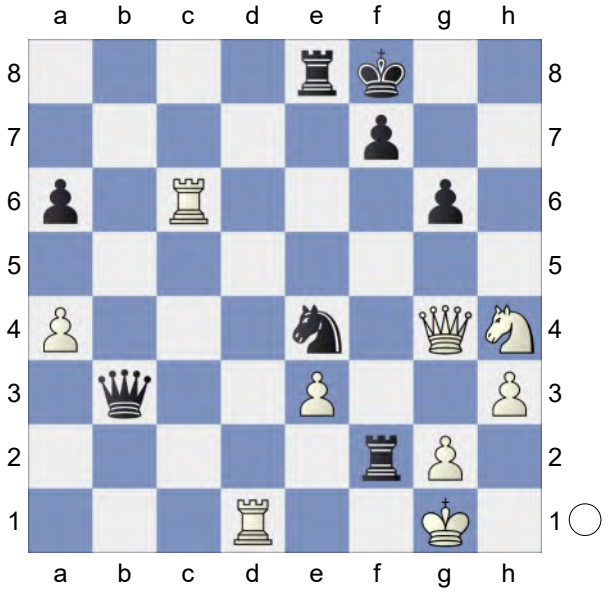
24.Nxb6 0.93/18 **Qxb6 25.Qxf5** aiming for a3. **25...Rxb4** 1.33/19
[⌓25...g6 0.90/20 26.Qa5 Rxb4 27.Qxb6 R4xb6]
26.Rac1 Qb7 27.Nd4 White is more active. **27...Rb2 28.a4 Re8 29.Qf4** 0.80/20
[⌓29.Rc2 1.37/22]
29...Qb4

(Diagram)

30.Rc6 0.45/23
[30.Qc7!± 0.91/20]
30...Ne4± 31.Nf5 0.09/16
[31.Rxa6 Rxf2 32.Qg4 Kh7=]
[Better is 31.Rf1± 0.60/18]



31...Rxf2=
[31...Qxa4? 32.Qg4 g5 33.Nxh6+ Kf8 34.Rf6+-]
32.Qg4 Qb2 33.Nxh6+ Kf8! Threatens to win with ...Qb3. **34.Nf5→** White is up to no good. **34...g6 35.Nh4** Nxg6+! would now be deadly. Dancing on a razor blade. **35...Qb3?** 2.31/23
[35...Rf6= 0.07/21 36.Rxf6 Nxf6]

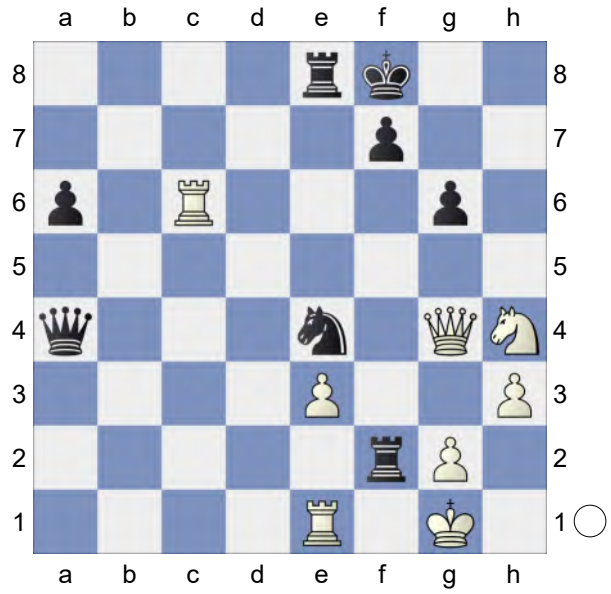


36.Re1? 0.04/20
[Only move: 36.Rxg6!+- 2.31/23 White threatens Rg8+ and mate. fxg6

37.Nxg6+ Kf7 38.Rd7+ Kf6 39.Nf4 Rxg2+ 40.Nxg2 *(40.Kxg2 Qa2+ 41.Qe2 Qg8+ 42.Qg4 Qa2+ 43.Qe2 Qg8+ 44.Qg4 Qa2+=)* 40...Qb1+ 41.Rd1]

36...Qxa4 0.94/22

[36...Rf6= 0.04/20 37.Rxf6 Nxf6]



37.Nxg6+!± D e m o l i t i o n **37...fxg6**

38.Qxg6 0.00/18

[38.Rxg6± 0.91/19 Qa2 39.Qh4]

38...Qa2 8.77/22 Against Rg8+

[Avoid the trap 38...Rf7? 39.Qh6+ *(39.Rxa6 Qd7+-)* 39...Ke7 40.Rc7++- *(40.Rxa6 Qb3+-; 40.Rxa6 Qd7+-)*]

[38...Rxg2+= 0.00/18 39.Kxg2 Qa2+ 40.Kh1 Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nxh3+ 42.Kh1 Nf2+ 43.Kg1 Nh3+ 44.Kh1 Nf2+ 45.Kg1 Nh3+]

39.Qh6++- White is clearly winning.

[39.Rxa6 Rxg2+ 40.Qxg2 Qxa6∓]

39...Ke7 40.Qg7+

[40.Rxa6? g e t s m a t e d . Rxg2+ 41.Kh1 Ng3#]

40...Qf7 41.Rc7+ Ke6 42.Rxf7 Rxf7 43.Qg4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)

1-0

C11

□ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**

■ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**

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[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 b5 9.h4 Qa5N**

[9...b4 10.Ne2 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Ng3 h5 13.Be2 g6 14.0-0 Na4 15.c3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Rac1 Bd7 18.Rc2 Na7 19.Ng5 Nb5 20.f5 gxf5 21.Nxf7 d4 22.Nxf5 exf5 23.Nxh8 dxe3 24.Qd5 French-8.♕d2 b5 Survey 2020]

[9...Bb7 10.h5 Be7 *(10...h6 11.a3 Qa5 12.Rd1 b4 13.axb4 Qxb4 14.Be2 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Bc5 16.Nb3 Bb6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 19.Kh2 a5 20.Na4 Qc7 21.Rf3 Rae8 22.Nac5 Nxc5 23.Nxc5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Qxc5 25.Rg3* 0-1 Pranav,A (2509)-Niemann,H (2667) Wch U20 60th Mexico City 2023 (10)) 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Bd3 Rc8 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.f5 Nb4 15.Qf4 Nxd3+ 16.cxd3 exf5 17.Qxf5 Rc7 18.d4 Bc8 19.Qf4 Be7 20.0-0 h6 21.Rac1 Be6 22.Ne2 0-0 23.Qg3 Rc4 24.b3 ½-½ 10.♔b1 b5 11.c5_13795_15163 (2780)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2_13770 (2635) CCOL3 prel2-01 corr ICCF 1955]

[9...Qb6 10.Rh3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc5 13.0-0-0 Bb7 14.Re3 Bc6 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd4 b4 17.Ne2 a5 18.f5 0-0-0 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Nf4 Kb7 21.g3 Rhe8

22.Bh3 Re7 23.Kb1 Be8 24.a3 0-1 Dietzinger,U (2271)-Lie,K (2513) Chapter 4 (12) Game 1 (4.42)]

10.h5 h6 11.Ne2 b4 0.77/18

[11...Qxd2+= 0.22/17 keeps the balance. 12.Bxd2 b4]

12.g4 Be7 13.Bg2 Qc7 14.0-0 a5 15.Rae1 -0.27/18

[15.Rfc1± 0.31/17]

15...Ba6= 16.f5 Nb6 0.99/21

[16...cxd4= -0.03/17 remains equal. 17.Bf4 Qb6]

17.fxe6

[17.dxc5 Nc4 18.Qc1 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qa7-+]

17...fxe6 18.b3 Prevents Nc4

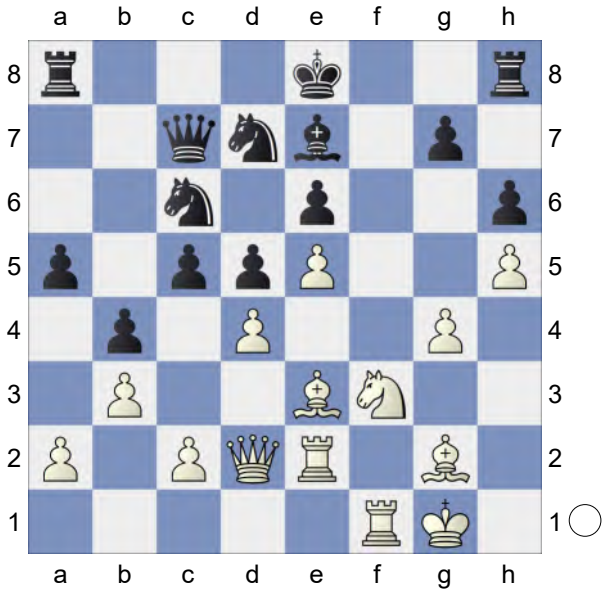
[18.dxc5? Nc4 19.Qc1 Nxe3 *(19...N4xe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Kh1±; 19...N6xe5 20.Nf4±)* 20.Qxe3 Qa7-+]

[18.Nf4 feels hotter. Bxf1 19.Bxf1 0-0 20.Nxe6 Qd7 21.Nxf8 Rxf8 22.dxc5 Rxf3 23.cxb6 Bh4 24.Qd1]

18...Bxe2 19.Rxe2

[19.Qxe2 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Bxd4 Bc5 22.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 23.Kh2 Nd7=]

19...Nd7



20.Qd3! 0-0-0 21.c3↑ White has some pressure. **21...bxc3 22.Rc1 Nb4?** 2.10/18

[Black should try 22...cxd4± 0.59/22 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Bb4]

23.Qxc3+- Na6? 3.36/17

[23...Rdf8 1.76/16 24.dxc5 Nc6]

24.dxc5 Bxc5 25.Bxc5 Ndxc5 26.Nd4 Qb6 27.Qe3 Kb7 28.Rd2? 1.24/17

[28.Rec2+- 3.42/18]

28...Rhe8? 3.09/21

[28...Rd7± 1.24/17 29.Kh1 Rc8]

29.Bf1? 1.20/16

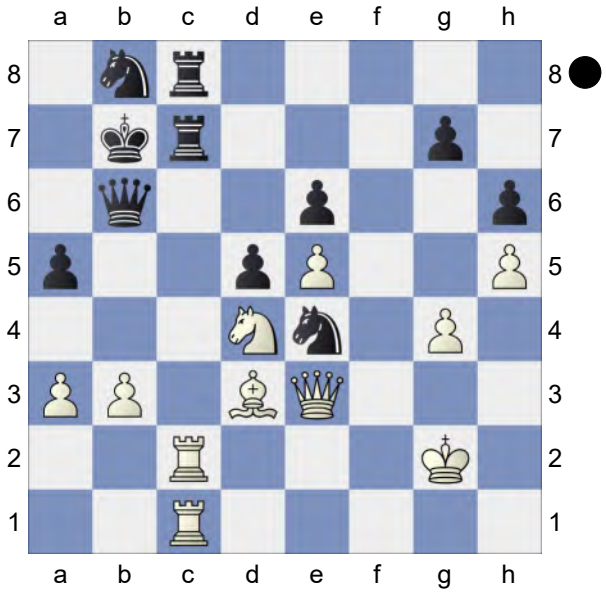
[29.Rdc2+- 3.09/21 has better winning chances.]

29...Rc8± 30.Bb5 0.45/18

[30.Rf2± 1.04/18 Hoping for Nb5. Rf8 31.Rxf8 Rxf8 32.g5]

30...Re7!± 31.a3 Rec7! 32.Rdc2 Nb8! ...Nxb3! would now be deadly. **33.Kg2 Ne4** aiming for ...Rxc2+. **34.Bd3** -1.93/23

[34.Rxc7+= 0.05/21 and White has nothing to worry. Rxc7 35.Rxc7+ Qxc7 36.Nxe6 Qxe5 37.Nc5+ Kc7 38.Nxe4 dxe4 39.Qg3 *(39.Qa7+ Kc8=)*]



34...Rxc2+!-+ 35.Rxc2 Rxc2+ 36.Nxc2 Qxe3
[36...Qxb3? 37.Ba6+ *(37.Bxe4 Qxe3 38.Bxd5+ exd5±)* 37...Kxa6 38.Qxb3+-]
37.Nxe3 Endgame. KBN-KNN **37...Nc5 38.Bh7** -3.60/21
[38.Bc2 -1.99/19 might work better.]
38...Nxb3 39.Bg8 Nc5 40.Kf3 Nbd7 41.Kf4 Nd3+ 42.Kg3 N7c5
[And not 42...N7xe5 43.Bxe6 d4 44.Nc2= *(44.Nf5 Nc5=)*]
43.Nc2 Kc7
[43...Nxe5? 44.Nd4-+]
44.Nd4 Kd7
[44...Nxe5 45.Bxe6 Nc6 46.Nxc6 Kxc6 47.Bf5-+]
45.Nf3 Ne4+ A dynamic duo of knights.
46.Kg2 Ng5 Against Bh7. What a bad dream for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

B12

□ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
■ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**
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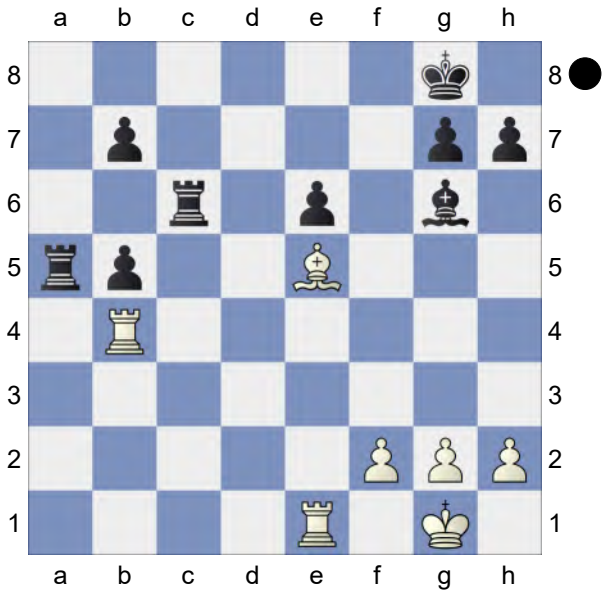
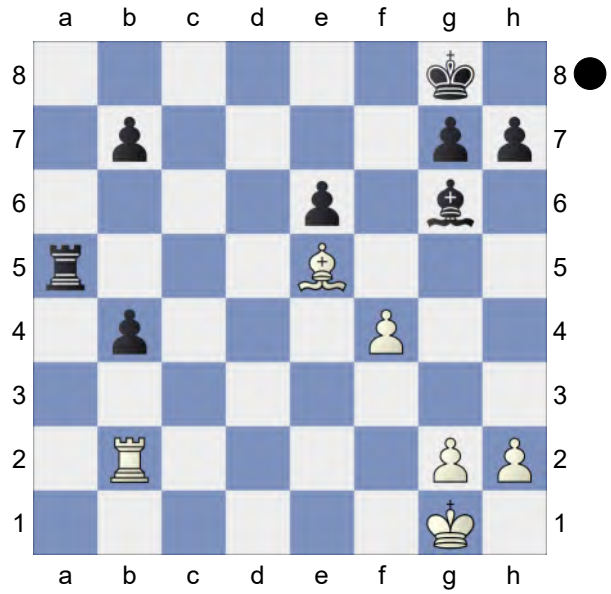
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Bg6 7.Be2 Ne7 8.0-0 Nf5** White is slightly better. **9.a4 a6 10.a5 c5 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4** d5 is the strong threat. **12...cxd4 13.Nbxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bc5 15.Qg4N**
[15.Qf4 0-0 16.Be3 Rc8 17.Bxc5 Rxc5 18.b4 Rc6 19.b5 Rc5 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.Rfd1 Qc7 22.Bxa6 Rxa5 23.Rxa5 Qxa5 24.Rxd7 Qxa6 25.h3 h6 26.Kh2 Qc6 27.Rd6 Qe4 28.Qxe4 Bxe4 29.Nd2 Bd5 ½-½ 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2731)-Ciocaltea, V (2724) 25/638 Lvov 1978]
15...Qc7 16.Bd2 -0.49/19
[16.Re1= 0.19/19]
16...Nxe5∓ 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Rac1 0-0
[18...Qxb2?! 19.Bc3 Qa3 *(19...h5? 20.Qf3+-)* 20.Qf3± *(20.Bxg7 Bf5=)*]
19.Bf4 -1.51/20
[19.Bc3∓ -0.57/19 Qc7 20.Be2]
19...Qxb2∓ 20.Bxe6 Qb5 21.Qg5 Ba3
[21...Qxa5? too greedy. 22.Rxc5 *(22.Qxc5?* perishes. *Qxc5 23.Rxc5 fxe6-+* Discovered Attack*)* 22...h6 23.Qe5+- *(23.Qxg6 Qxc5+-; 23.Rxa5 hxg5 24.Bd6 fxe6±)*]
22.Rc3 Bb4 23.Rb3 fxe6 24.Qxb5 axb5 25.Rxb4 Rxa5 26.Bd6 Rc8 27.Re1 -2.18/22
[27.h3∓ -1.51/19]
27...Bd3 28.Rd4 Bg6 -0.59/20
[28...Bc4∓ -1.41/20 29.Be5 Bd5]
29.Rb4? -2.13/20
[29.Bg3∓ -0.59/20]
29...Rc6-+ 30.Be5



Rc4 31.Rb2 -3.30/22
[⌓31.Rb3 -2.12/17]
31...b4 32.f4 Rc2 Hoping for ...Rxe5!

33.Reb1 Rxb2 34.Rxb2 Endgame.



KRB-KRB **34...Rb5 35.Rd2 b3 36.Bb2 Ra5?** -0.01/23
[Black should try 36...Be4-+ -2.19/20 White must now prevent ...Ra5. 37.Kf2 Bd5]
37.Rd8+= The position is equal. **37...Kf7 38.Rd7+ Ke8 39.Rxb7 Bc2 40.Bxg7 Ra2 41.g4 Kd8 42.Be5 Be4** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
■ **Wafa,Hamed** **2359**
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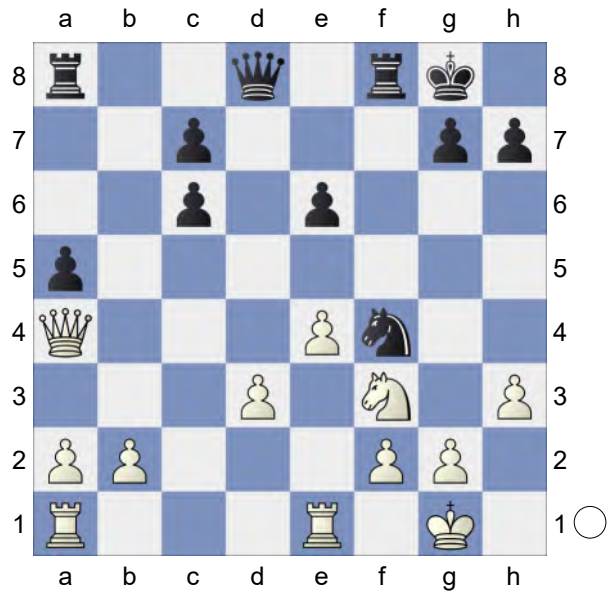
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3**
[5.Nc3 d6 6.a3 a6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 h6 10.b4 Ba7 11.Nd5 g5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Kg2 Nh7 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.Nd2 Nf8 16.Ne3 Nd4 17.c3 Nde6 18.Rh1 Nf4+ 19.Kg1 c6 0-1 Sadhwani,R (2603)-Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com U20 Speed Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2.21)]
5...d6N
[5...0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Nbd2 d6 9.0-0 Na5 10.Bb5 a6 11.Ba4 b5 12.Bc2 c5 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.h3 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a3 exd4 18.Nb3 d5 19.e5 Ne4 20.Bxe7 1-0 Rudolph,J (2628)-Kublis,A (2448) European Championship, Antalya 2004 (3) Qxe7 21.Nfxd4 Qxe5 22.Nxc6 Bxc6 23.f3 Qxb2 24.Nd4 Nf6 25.Qd2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxa3 27.Nxc6 Qc5+ 28.Nd4 a5 29.Kh1 b4 30.Rc1 Qb6 31.Ba4 Nh5 32.g4 Nf6 33.Kg2 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qa7 35.Qe5 0-1 Balogh,C (2448)-Ilincic,Z (2536) 86/236 Novi Sad 2003 Qb8 36.Qxb8 Rxb8 37.Rc5 Ra8 38.Nb3 Kf8 39.Rxa5 Rc8 40.Rc5 Ra8 41.Ra5 Rc8 42.Nd4 Rc4 43.Nf5 Rc8 44.Rb5 g6 45.Nd4 1-0 Balogh,C (2628)-Kosten,A (2448) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (3)]
6.0-0
[6.b4!? Bb6□ 7.Nbd2=]
6...a5 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 Ba7 White has an edge. **9.Na3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nb5 Bb6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d5 14.Re1 d4** 0.63/20
[14...Qd7= -0.01/19]
15.cxd4± exd4 16.Qa4 0.00/22 White is more active.
[White should play 16.e5± 0.84/20 Nd5 17.Re4 *(17.Nbxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Nf4=; 17.Nfxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Nf4=)*]
16...Nh5 17.Nbxd4
[17.Nfxd4 Qh4 18.Qc2 *(18.Nxe6? Qxf2+ 19.Kh1 Ne5-+)* 18...Nb4∓]

17...Nf4 2.02/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[17...Nxd4= 0.11/18 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 Nf4]
18.Nxc6+- bxc6



19.Re3!
[19.Qxc6?! Nxh3+ 20.gxh3 *(20.Kh2 Nxf2 21.Rf1 Ng4+ 22.Kg1 Qf6=)* 20...Rxf3 21.Qxe6+ Kh8±]
19...Qf6 20.Qc2
[20.Qxc6 Rab8±]
20...Rab8 21.d4 1.32/18
[21.Qxc6 Qg6 22.Ne1 *(22.Qxc7? Qxg2#)* 22...Rxb2∓]
[White should try 21.Rb1+- 1.68/19]
21...Rb5 2.47/19
[21...c5± 1.32/18]
22.Ne5 Threatens to win with Nd7!
[22.Qxc6 Rxb2 23.Qa6 *(23.Qxc7 Qg6∓)* 23...c5∓]
22...Qh4 3.55/17
[⩲22...c5 2.26/16]
23.g3
[23.Nxc6? Rg5 24.Ne7+ Kh8-+]
23...Qg5 24.h4
[24.Nxc6? Nxh3+ 25.Kf1 Rxf2+ *(25...Qxe3? 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Nf5-+)* 26.Qxf2 Nxf2 27.Kxf2 Rxb2+ 28.Re2 Rxe2+ 29.Kxe2 Qb5+ *(29...Qxg3? 30.d5-+)* 30.Kf3 Qxc6-+]
24...Qh6 25.gxf4 White is clearly winning. **25...Rxf4 26.Qxc6**
[26.Nxc6? perishes. Rxh4 27.Ne7+ Kf8-+]
26...Rb8 27.d5 Rf6 28.Rg3 Qf4 29.Ng4
[And not 29.Qxc7 Qxf2+ 30.Kh1 Qxg3 31.Qxb8+ Rf8=]
29...Rg6 30.h5 Rg5 31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.h6 Rg8 33.Kg2 Rg6 34.Qf5 Qd2 35.hxg7+ R8xg7 36.Rh1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.46
1-0

A14
□ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
■ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
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[Kitty Kat]

A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.d3N** -0.24/20
[9.d4 0.15/20 was preferrable. cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 *(10...Bf6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Na3 Ba6 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Rfc1 c5 16.Nc4 Rfd8 17.a3 g6 18.Na5 Rc7 19.Bf3 Rdc8 20.Rab1 Nb6 21.Qe4 c4 22.Nxc4 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Nxc4 24.Rb7 Nd2 25.Rbxc7* 0-1 Sadikhov,U (2489)-Ahmad,K (2321) Baku op 2023 (9)*)*
11.Na3 *(11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Rc8 13.Rc1 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bf6 15.Qd3 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 Qb6 18.Rc1 h6 19.Qe5 Bc6 20.Bxc6 Rc8 21.Rc4 bxc6 22.Rg4 g5 23.Qf6 Qd8 24.Qxh6 f6 25.h4* 4 1 c4 e6 g3

d5 3 Bg2 Nf6 4 Nf3-1 c4 e6 g3 d5 3 Bg2 Nf6 Nf3) 11...Ndb4 12.Nc4 Bf6 13.Ne3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Bxc6 Nxc6 17.Qd7 Qe7 18.Qxe7 Nxe7 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rac1 Nc6 21.Nc4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.f4 0-1 Chigaev,M (2613)-Sasikiran,K (2678) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 18th 2019 (4)]

[9.Nc3 Bf6 10.Qc1 b6 11.Nxd5 Bxb2 12.Qxb2 exd5 13.d4 Qf6 14.Qd2 cxd4 15.Rfd1 Ba6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qxd4 18.Rxd4 Bxe2 19.Re1 Rae8 20.Bxd5 Bb5 21.Red1 Re7 A 14/02 2000]

9...f6 0.28/20

[⌓9...b6 -0.24/20]

10.Nbd2 -0.64/18

[10.d4= 0.28/20]

10...e5∓ Black is slightly better. **11.a3 Be6** -0.24/21

[11...Bg4∓ -0.75/18]

12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Ne4 b6 14.e3 h6 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.Rfd1 g5 0.00/18

[Black should try 16...Rfd8∓ -0.92/15]

17.Qb1 -0.40/16

[17.d4!= 0.00/18 cxd4 18.Nexg5]

17...Rfd8! 18.Nc3 Bf8 19.d4 exd4 0.29/19

[⌓19...cxd4 -0.28/24 20.exd4 Nxc3 21.Bxc3 Bf5 *(21...Bxa3 22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.Qg6+ Kf8 24.Qxh6+ Ke8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qh7+ Ke8 27.Qh8+ Kf7 28.Qh5+ Kf8 29.Qh6+ Kf7 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Qh6+=)*]

20.exd4= aiming for Nxd5. **20...g4?** 2.29/22

[20...Nxc3= 0.12/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.Bxc3 Qe7]

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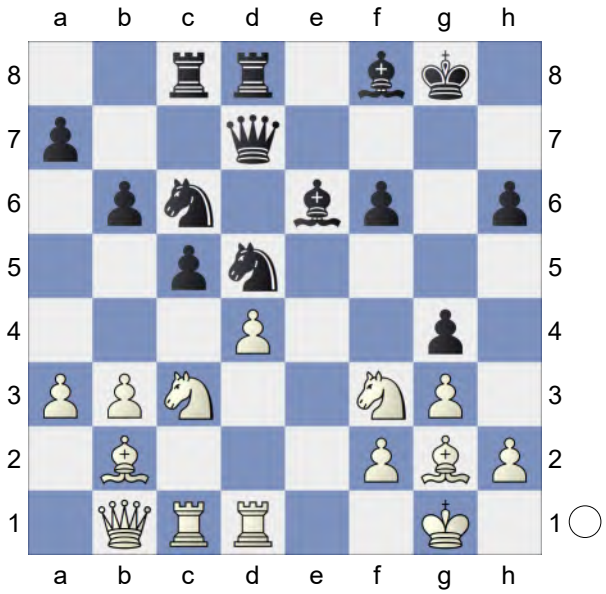


21.Nh4? 0.04/16

[21.Nxd5!+- 2.29/22 Bxd5 22.dxc5]

21...Nxc3

[21...cxd4 22.Nxd5 Bxd5 23.Bxd4 *(23.Bxd5+ Qxd5 24.Qg6+ Kh8±)* 23...Bxg2 24.Bxf6+-]

22.Bxc3 Nxd4 23.Re1 Prevents Ne2+

23...Bf7

[23...Nxb3? 24.Bxf6 Qf7 25.Rxe6+-]

24.Be4 Re8

[24...Bxb3 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Qxb3+ c4 27.Qa4+-]

[24...Nxb3? 25.Bxf6 Bg7 26.Bh7+ Kf8 *(26...Kh8? 27.Bxg7+ Kxg7 28.Bf5+-* Decoy *)* 27.Be7+ Qxe7 28.Rxe7 Kxe7 29.Qe4+ Kd6 30.Re1+-]

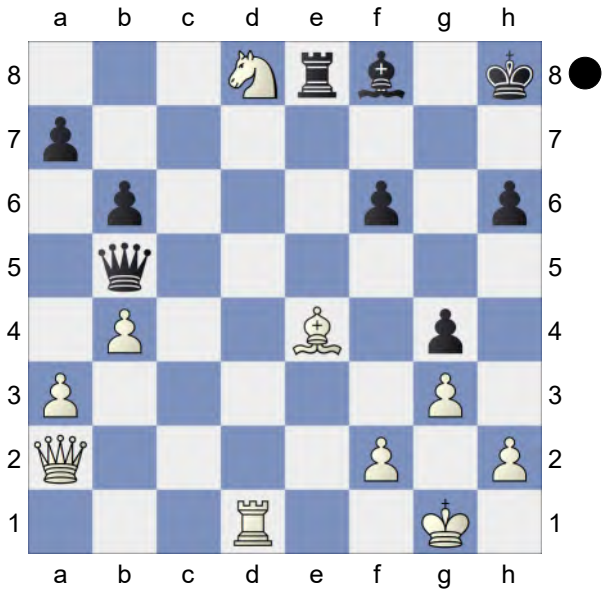
25.Rcd1 Rcd8

[25...Bxb3? 26.Qxb3+ c4 27.Qb1+- *(27.Rxd4 Rxe4 28.Rexe4 Qxd4+-)*]

26.Bxd4

[26.Nf5 Ne2+ *(26...Bxb3 27.Rxd4* Remove Defender *cxd4 28.Qxb3+ Qf7 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7 30.Bxd4±)* 27.Kf1 Qb5 *(27...Nxc3? 28.Rxd7 Nxb1 29.Rxd8∓)* 28.Rxe2 Rxd1+ *(28...Bxb3? 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Ne3+-)* 29.Qxd1 Rxe4∓]

26...cxd4 27.Nf5 Qb5 28.Nxd4 Qg5 29.b4 Against Bc5 **29...Kh8 30.Nc6 Rxd1 31.Rxd1 Qb5?** 3.24/22
[31...a5± 0.77/18]
32.Nd8+-
[32.Nxa7 Qe2 33.Bg2 f5±]
32...Ba2 33.Qxa2



Threatening mate with Qf7! **33...Rxe4 34.Qf7 Qe8 35.Qxf6+**
[Worse is 35.Qxa7 Re1+ 36.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kg1 Qb1+ 39.Kg2 Qe4+ 40.Kg1 Qd5 41.Qxb6 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qf3+ 43.Kf1 Bg7= *(43...Qd1+ 44.Kg2=)*]
35...Kg8 36.Kg2 Threatens to win with Qf5. **36...Re2 37.Rd4** 0.72/22 Prevents Qe4+
[37.Qf5+- 2.23/23 is more deadly. Qe4+ 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.Rd5]
37...h5 3.82/23
[37...Qh5± 0.72/22 is tougher. 38.Rd1 Re5]
38.Qf5 Bg7 39.Qd5+ Kh7 40.Rf4 Strongly threatening Nf7. **40...Re5 41.Qd3+ Kg8?** 3.55/19
[41...Qg6 1.75/21 is a better defense. 42.Qc4 a6]
42.h3 gxh3+ 43.Kxh3 Qb5 44.Qxb5 Rxb5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **45.Nc6 a6?** 5.97/20
[45...Bf8 3.58/17 was necessary. 46.Nxa7 Rd5]
46.a4 White is clearly winning. **46...Rg5 47.Kh4 Bh6 48.Ne7+ Kh7 49.Rf7+ Rg7 50.Rxg7+ Bxg7 51.Kxh5** KB-KN **51...Bc3 52.Nd5 Be1 53.f3 Bxg3 54.Nxb6 Kg7 55.Kg5 Kf7 56.Kf5 Ke7 57.Nd5+ Kd6 58.Ke4 Be1 59.f4 Kc6 60.Kd4 Bf2+ 61.Ke5** Black must now prevent Ke6. **61...Bg3 62.Ke6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.47
1-0

B40
□ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
■ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
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[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 Lübeck 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7

17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 4 Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21 Game]

5...Nc6 6.Bf4 Bb4 7.Ndb5 Nxe4 8.Qf3 d5 9.Nc7+ Kf8 10.Nxa8 And now 0-0-0 would win.

[10.0-0-0 simplifies Bxc3 11.bxc3 Rb8 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Qxe4 dxe4 14.Rxd8+ Nxd8 15.Bxb8 a6 16.Bd6+]

10...e5 11.Bd2 Nd4 12.Qd3 -0.69/18

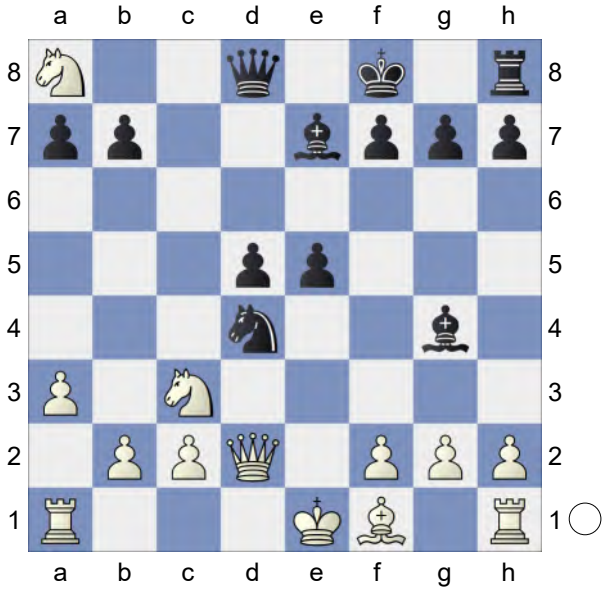
[12.Qd1= 0.27/20 Bg4 *(12...Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Be7 14.Nb5±)* 13.Qxg4 Nxc2+ 14.Ke2]

12...Nxd2? 2.09/18 This costs Black the game.

[12...Nc5∓ -0.69/18 stays ahead. 13.Qg3 Nxc2+ 14.Kd1 Nxa1 15.Qxe5 Ne4]

13.Qxd2+- Bg4 14.a3 Be7

[14...Ba5? 15.b4+-]



...Bg5! would now be deadly. A strong pair of Bishops. **15.Nb5! Nxb5 16.Bxb5 Be6** 2.02/22

[⌓16...h5 1.65/17 17.0-0 g6]

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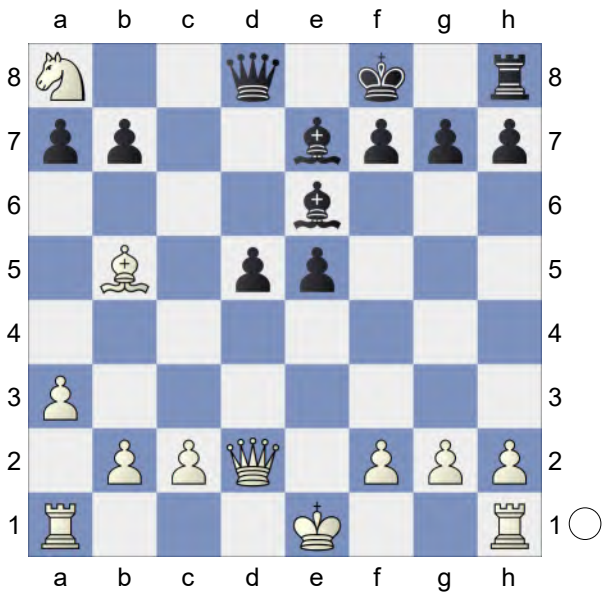
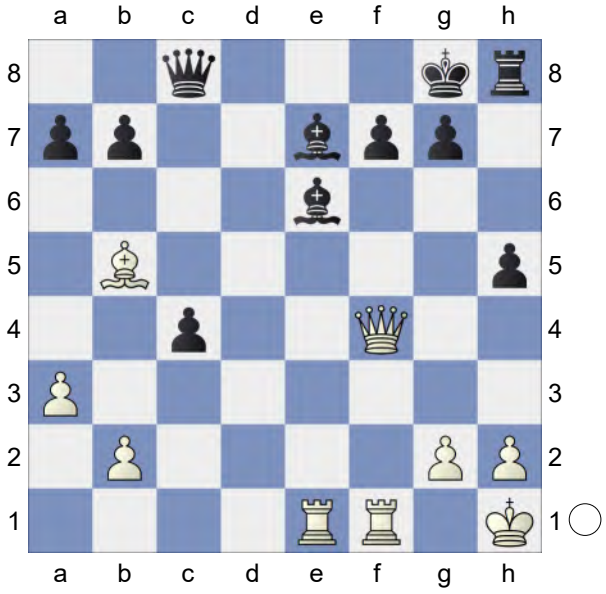


17.0-0! Qxa8 18.f4 Black must now prevent f5. **18...exf4** 2.18/16

[⌓18...g6 1.62/20]

19.Qxf4 Qc8 Strongly threatening ... Qc5+. **20.Kh1** Hoping for Rae1. **20...h5 21.Rae1** Threatens to win with Rxe6! **21...Kg8 22.c4** cxd5 is the strong threat. **22...dxc4** 4.14/19

[22...d4 2.28/19 is a better defense. 23.Qxd4 Bc5]



23.Rxe6! Qxe6 24.Bxc4 Bd6

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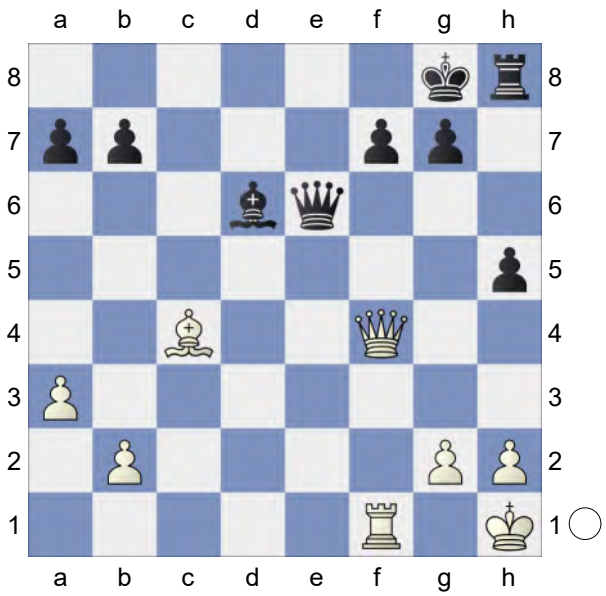

25.Qc1
[25.Qxf7+ Qxf7 26.Rxf7 *(26.Bxf7+ Kh7±)* 26...b5±]
25...Qe5 26.Bxf7+ White is clearly winning. **26...Kf8 27.Bd5+** Discovered Attack (Check)
[Don't do 27.Bxh5+ Ke7 28.Re1 Rxh5+-]
27...Ke7 28.Re1 Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.43
[28.Bxb7? Qxh2#]
1-0

C68
□ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh 2301**
■ **Aziz,Husain 2329**
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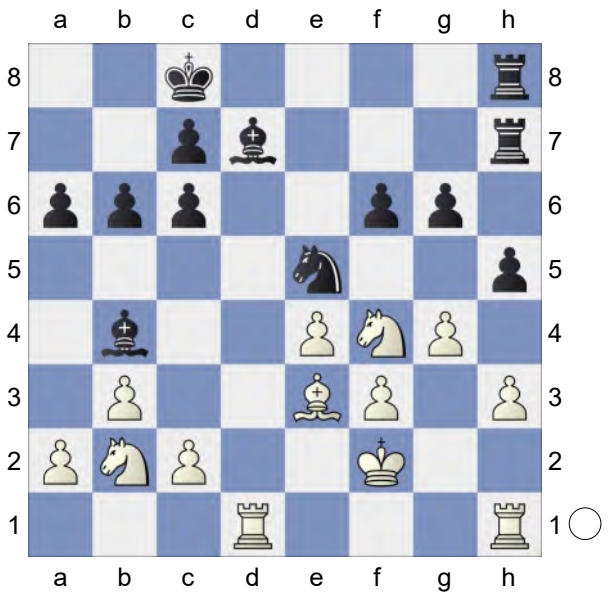
[Kitty Kat]

C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.Nc3 f6 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.f3**
[10.0-0-0 Ne7 11.Nb3 b6 12.f4 Ng6 13.a3 c5 14.Rhf1 Bd6 15.Nd2 Rhe8 16.Nc4 Bf8 17.f5 Nh8 18.a4 Nf7 19.Bf4 b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd2 Bc6 22.Rde1 Nd6 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.g3 Be5 0-1 Brachtel,R (2567)-Osnos,V (2772) Cuxhaven Seniors op 1st 2006]
10...Ne7 11.Kf2 Ng6 12.Rad1 Re8N
[12...Ne5 13.b3 g6 14.h3 Bg7 15.Rd2 Rhe8 16.Rhd1 b6 17.Nde2 Be6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.f4 Nf7 21.g4 Bd7 22.Kf3 Nd6 23.Ng3 Nf7 24.Nce2 c5 25.Bc1 Bf8 26.Bb2 Be7 27.Nc3 1-0 Rasik,V (2413)-Valenta,V (1971) Pardubice rapid op 34th 2023 (1) Bc6 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.exd5 Nd6 30.f5 gxf5 31.Nxf5 Nxf5 32.gxf5 Ke8 33.a4 Kf7 34.Ke4 Bd6 35.Bc1 Ke7 36.Bd2 Kf7 37.Bh6 Ke7 38.Bd2 Kf7 39.Be3 Ke7 40.Bc1 Kf7 41.Bd2 Ke7 42.Be3 1-0 Salygo,A (2413)-6.00 c6 7.a4 ♘bd7 (1971) Budapest SixDays 05 GM-A 2023 (1)]
[12...h5 13.h4 Re8 14.Nde2 Ne5 15.b3 g6 16.Nf4 Bd6 17.Nd3 Rhf8 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Na4 f5 20.Nc5 Be6 21.Nxe6 Rxe6 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Bd4 Bd6 24.Rhe1 Rg6 25.Kf1 Rfg8 26.Re2 Bg3 27.Bf2 1-0 Munkhzul,T (2256)-Tokhirjonova, G (2380) Olympiad Women-45 Budapest 2024 (5.4)]
13.g4 Ne5 14.b3 h5 15.h3 Rh7 16.Nde2 Bb4 17.Na4 b6 18.Nf4 g6 19.Nb2 Reh8

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...hxg4. **20.Nbd3 Nxd3+ 21.Nxd3 Bd6 22.g5 fxg5 23.Bxg5 h4 24.Kg2** 0.25/11
[24.Rdg1± 0.61/3]
24...Re8= 25.Rhf1 Rf7 0.26/6



[25...Rh5 -0.11/2 is superior. 26.Be3 Rf8]

26.Nf2

[Stronger than 26.Bxh4 Rh7 27.e5 Be7 *(27...Bxe5 28.Rde1∓; 27...Rxh4 28.exd6 cxd6 29.Nf2∓)* 28.Bxe7 Bxh3+ 29.Kg3 Bxf1∓ *(29...Rexe7 30.Rh1=)*]

26...Bg3 27.Ng4 Be6 28.Rd3 a5 29.Rfd1 Kb7 30.Rd8 Rff8 31.Rxe8 Rxe8 32.Rd8 -0.16/11

[32.f4± 0.49/7]

32...Rxd8 33.Bxd8 Endgame. KBB-KBN **33...a4** 0.46/15 **34.Bf6** 0.04/2

[34.Bg5± 0.46/15]

34...c5 35.Ne3 axb3 36.axb3 b5 37.Bg5 Kc6 38.f4 Kd6 39.Bh6 Bf7 0.73/19

[39...Bd7= 0.23/19 keeps the balance.]

40.Kf3± Bf8+ is the strong threat.

40...Be1 1.42/22

[40...c4!± 0.68/19]

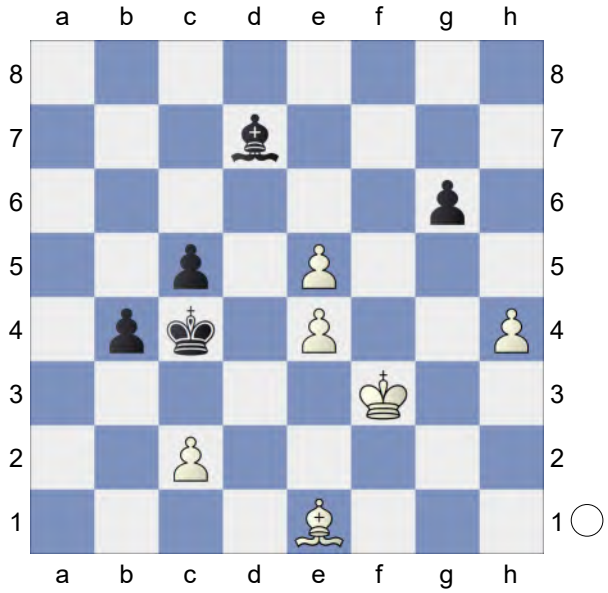
41.Bf8+ 0.42/5

[41.Ng2± 1.42/22 Bd2 42.Nxh4]

41...Kc6± 42.Ng4 0.11/19

[42.Kg4± 0.67/2]

42...Bc3= 43.Be7 b4 44.Ne3 Bd4 45.Ng4 Be6 46.Bxh4 c4 47.bxc4 Kc5 48.Be1 Kxc4 The position is equal. **49.h4 c5 50.Ne5+ Bxe5 51.fxe5** KB-KB **51...Bd7**



White must now prevent ...Ba4. **52.e6! Bxe6 53.Kf4 Bd7** ...Ba4 would now be deadly. **54.Ke3! Ba4 55.Kd2 Kd4 56.Bf2+ Kxe4 57.Bxc5 b3 58.cxb3 Bxb3 59.Kc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

C67

□ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**

■ **Garv,Rai** **2277**

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[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 Mikhalevski, V: 'GM Mihail Marin: 'L A C K O F C L A R I T Y A N D RESOLUTION'' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 Ke8 10.h3 h5 11.Ne2 Be7**

[11...b6 12.Bg5 c5 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Rfd1 Bxf3 15.gxf3 c6 16.f4 Be7 17.Ne4 Bxg5 18.fxg5 Ke7 19.Nd6 Ke6 20.Rd3 Rhd8 21.Re1 a5 22.f4 c4 23.Rdd1 b5 24.Kf2 a4 25.a3 g6 26.Kf3 1-0 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2767)-Corfield,J (2762) corr Afroatin Indiv. Prelim1 AFROATIN 1997 (14)]

12.Bf4

[12.Bg5 Be6 13.Nf4 Bd5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Ng5 Nd4 16.Rad1 Ne6 17.Ngxe6 Bxe6 18.h4 a5 19.a3 a4 20.Rfe1 g6 21.f3 Ra5 22.c3 Rb5 23.Re2 Ra8 24.Rd4 Raa5 25.Kf2 Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Rxe5 1-0 Carlsen,M (2772)-Jakovenko,D (2760) Dortmund SuperGM 37th 2009 (1)]

12...Be6N The position is equal.

[12...c5 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.Bg5 Bc4 15.Nc3 c6 16.Bxe7 Kxe7 17.Ne4 Be2 18.Nd6 Nxd6 19.exd6+ Kf6 20.Rd2 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rhd8 22.d7 b6 23.Re1 g6 24.f4 Kf5 25.Rd6 Rf8 26.Re7 f6 27.Rxc6 1-0 Gopal,G (2611)-Petrosian,T (2597) Martuni 109/(194) 2010]

13.Ned4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Rd8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Rad1 Kf7 0.19/20

[16...Rd5 -0.20/20 should be considered.]

17.g3= Kg6 18.Kg2 Rxd1 19.Rxd1± Endgame. KRB-KRB **19...Rd8** Inhibits Rd7. **20.Re1** 0.00/28

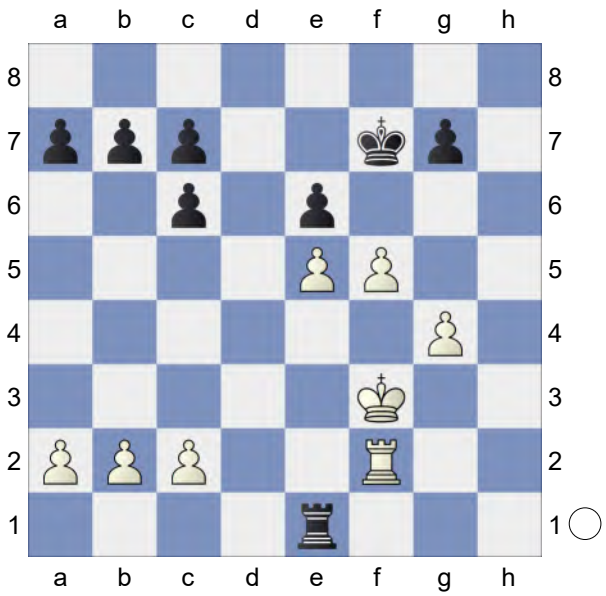
[20.Rxd8± 0.66/19 Bxd8 21.g4]

20...Bg5= 21.Bxg5 Kxg5 KR-KR **22.f4+ Kg6 23.Kf3 Rd2 24.Re2 Rd1 25.g4 hxg4+ 26.hxg4 Kf7 27.f5 Rf1+ 28.Rf2 Re1**

(Diagram)

Hoping for ...exf5. **29.Kf4 Ke7** 0.79/23

[29...exf5= 0.19/21 remains equal.



30.gxf5 g6]

30.Rh2 0.04/22

[White should play 30.b3± 0.79/23]

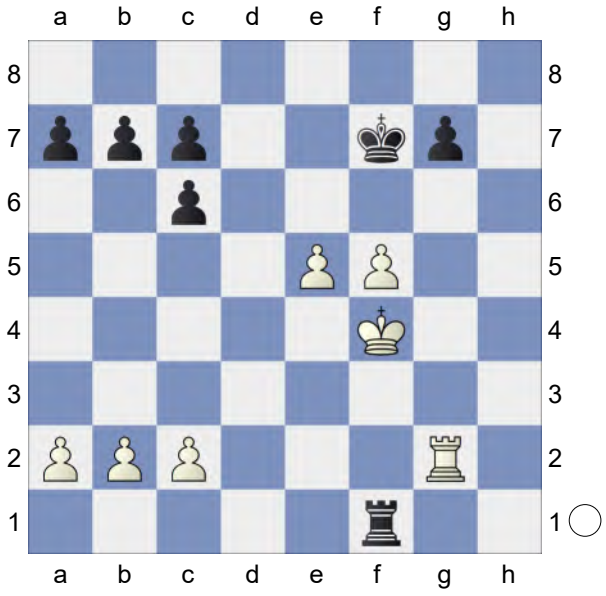
30...Rf1+ 31.Kg5 f6+! would now be deadly. **31...exf5 32.gxf5 Rg1+ 33.Kf4 Rf1+! 34.Kg4** 0.03/22

[White should try 34.Kg5!± 0.67/25]

34...Re1! 35.Rg2 Strongly threatening Kf4. **35...Kf7?** 2.36/25 This costs Black the game.

[35...Re4+= 0.03/30 and Black stays safe. 36.Kg5 Rxe5]

36.Kf4+- Rf1+



37.Kg5! Re1 2.42/25
[⌓37...a5 1.98/25 38.e6+ Kf8]
38.e6+ Kf8 39.Rg3 Re2? 5.83/22
[39...a5 2.11/20 is more resistant. 40.Rd3 Rg1+ 41.Kh5 Rh1+ 42.Kg4 Rg1+ 43.Rg3 Rc1 *(43...Rxg3+ 44.Kxg3 Ke7 45.Kf4+-)*]
40.Rd3 Rg2+ 41.Kf4 Rf2+ 42.Kg4 Rxc2 43.Rd8+ Ke7 44.Rd7+ Ke8 45.Kf3
[45.Rxg7? is the wrong capture. Rg2+ *(45...Rxb2 46.f6 Kf8 47.e7+ Ke8 48.Rg8+ Kd7 49.Rd8+ Ke6 50.e8Q+ Kxf6 51.Qf8+ Kg6 52.Qf5+ Kg7 53.Qg5+ Kh7 54.Rd7+ Kh8 55.Qg7#)* 46.Kf4 Rxg7-+]
45...Rxb2 46.Rxg7 White threatens f6 and mate. **46...Rb1 47.Rxc7 a5 48.Kf4 a4 49.Ke5 Kd8** Inhibits Rc8+. **50.Rd7+ Kc8 51.f6 a3 52.f7 Re1+ 53.Kd6 Rf1 54.Rc7+ Kb8 55.Re7** 11.91/20
[⌓55.Rd7 24.22/20 Ka7 56.e7 Kb6 57.e8Q *(57.f8Q Rd1+ 58.Ke6 Re1+ 59.Kf7 Rh1 60.Qd8+* Overworked Piece *Kb5 61.e8Q Rf1+ 62.Kg8 Rg1+ 63.Rg7 Rxg7+ 64.Kxg7 Kc4 65.Qe2+ Kb4 66.Qb6+ Kc3 67.Qc5#)* 57...Rd1+ 58.Ke7 Rh1 59.Kd8 *(59.f8R Re1+ 60.Kd8 Rxe8+ 61.Rxe8 Kb5 62.Rxb7+ Kc4 63.Kd7 Kd4 64.Rb4+ Kd3)* 59...Rf1 60.Qe3+ *(60.f8R Rxf8 61.Qxf8 c5 62.Qf3 Kb5 63.Qxb7+ Ka5 64.Qb8 c4 65.Ra7#)* 60...Ka6 61.Qd3+ *(61.Qxa3+ Kb5 62.Qb2+ Ka4 63.Qd4+ Ka5 64.Rxb7 Rd1* Pin *65.Ra7+ Kb5 66.a4#)* 61...Kb6 62.Qxf1 c5 63.f8Q *(63.f8N Ka5 64.Rxb7 c4 65.Qf5+ Ka6 66.Qb5#)* 63...Ka7 64.Qb5 Kb8 65.Qxb7#]
55...Ka7 56.Re8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.56
1-0

D45
□ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
■ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
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[Kitty Kat]

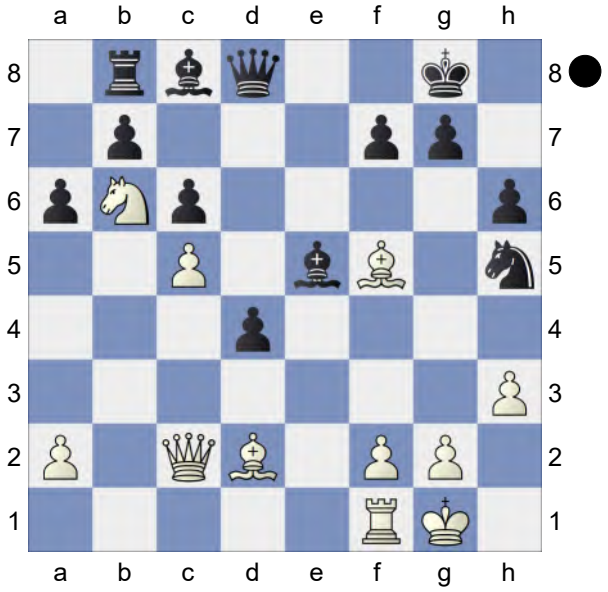
D45: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Golod,V: 'Inf 99/298' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6**
[4...a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Qc7 8.b4 e5 9.a4 Ne4 10.Bb2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 e4 12.Nd2 Be7 13.b5 h5 14.b6 Qb8 15.Qb3 h4 16.h3 Be6 17.Qb2 f5 18.0-0-0 Nf6 19.f4 0-1 Gaborit,J (1953)-Meredith,D (2339) 40: Monarch Assurance Open, Erin Pori 2006 (2)]
5.Nf3 a6 6.b3 Bb4N
[6...Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nf6 15.Qe3 Qe7 16.Rab1 Ng4 17.Qb3 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Nf6 21.Be5 ½-½ Rodshtein,M (2530)-Golod,V (2597) 99/298 Dresden 2007 Nd7 22.Bc3 Ra7 23.Rfd1 Nf6 24.Qg3 Kh8 25.Bf3 Rc8 26.Qe5 h6 27.g3 Qc7 28.Kg2 Qxe5 29.Bxe5 Nd7 30.Bf4 Nb6 31.Be2 Na4 32.Rb3 Be7 33.Rdb1 Nc5 34.Rb8 Ra8 35.Rxa8 Rxa8 36.Bb8 ½-½ Semi Slav Cxd5 (2530)-Guerra,J (2597) FRA-ch Toulouse 1995]
7.Bd2 Nbd7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd6 10.e4 dxc4 11.bxc4 The position is equal. **11...e5! 12.c5 Bc7 13.Na4 exd4 14.h3** Against Ng4 **14...Re8 15.Qc2 h6 16.Rae1** -0.06/19
[16.Rad1⩲ 0.37/18]
16...Nh5= 17.e5 -0.58/17
[17.Nb6= -0.18/20 is more appropriate. Nxb6 *(17...Bxb6*

18.cxb6 Nhf6 19.Qc1=) 18.cxb6 Bxb6 19.e5]

17...Nxe5∓

[17...Bxe5 18.Nb6 Nxb6 19.Nxe5+-]

18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Rxe5 Bxe5 20.Nb6 Rb8 ...Be6 is the strong threat. **21.Bf5**



d3! Deflection **22.Bxd3 Be6 23.Bf5! Bf4↑** Black has some pressure.

[23...Bc7 simplifies 24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Re1 Bxb6 26.cxb6 Qd7]

24.Bxe6 Qxd2

[24...Bxd2? 25.Bg4+- *(25.Nd7 fxe6 26.Nxb8 Nf4=)*]

25.Bxf7+? -2.43/17 **Kxf7-+ 26.Qb3+ Kf8 27.g3**

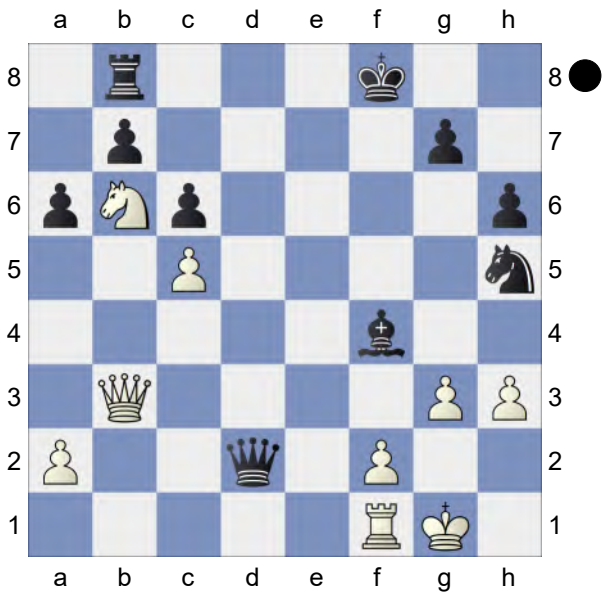
[27.Rd1? Re8 28.Qb1 *(28.Nd7+? Qxd7 29.g4 Qe6-+)* 28...Qe2 29.Nd7+ Kf7-+ *(29...Kg8? 30.Rf1-+)*]

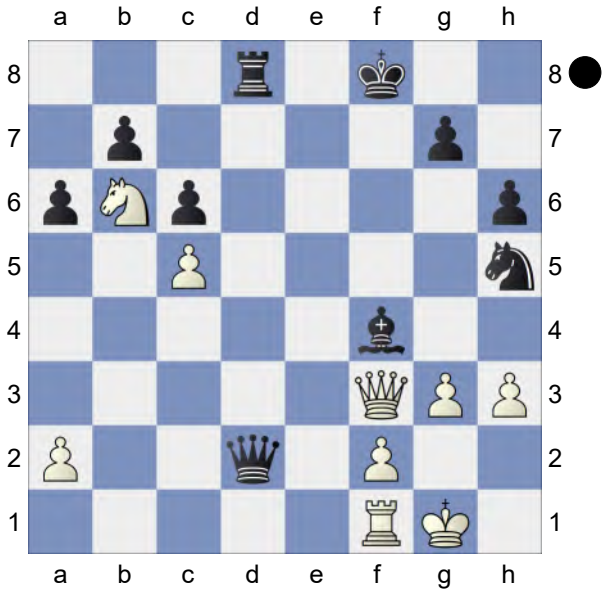
(Diagram)

27...Rd8! ...Qe2! would now be deadly. **28.Qf3**

(Diagram)

g6 -1.47/16 **29.gxf4∓ Qxf4**





[29...Nxf4 30.Nc4 Qd4 *(30...Qxa2? 31.Qxf4+ Kg8 32.Qe4+-)* 31.Nd6∓]

30.Qxf4+ -2.86/20

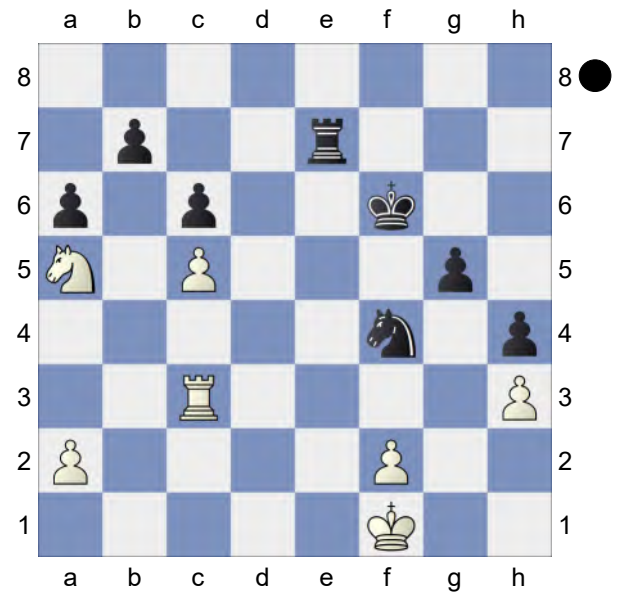
[30.Qe3∓ -1.58/17 is a better defense.]

30...Nxf4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **31.Rb1 Ne6 32.Rc1 Kf7 33.Nc4 Kf6**

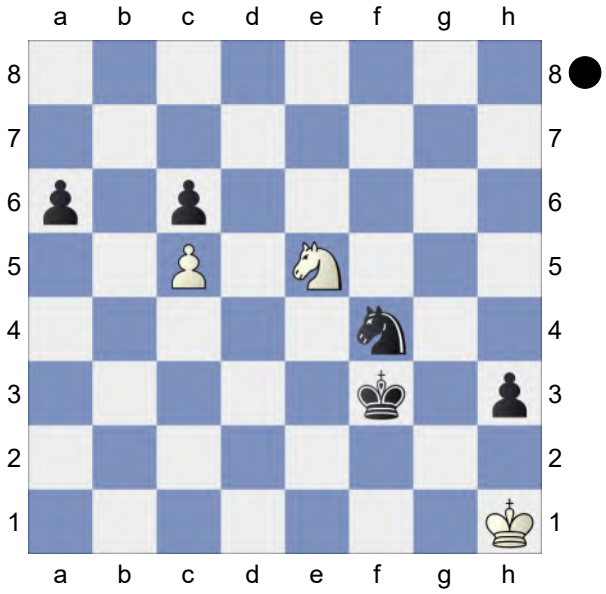
[33...Nxc5 34.Ne5+ Ke6 35.Rxc5±]

34.Na5 Rd7 35.Kf1 Re7 36.Nb3 g5 37.Na5 h5 38.Rc2 h4 39.Rc1 Nf4 40.Rc3

(Diagram)



g4! 41.Rc4 Kg5
[Less strong is 41...Nxh3 42.Rxg4 Rh7 43.Kg2∓]
42.hxg4 Rd7
[42...Kxg4 43.Rc2∓]
43.Kg1 Rd1+
[43...Kxg4? 44.Rc2-+]
44.Kh2 Rd2
[44...Kxg4? 45.Rc2-+]
45.Nxb7 Rxf2+ 46.Kh1 h3? -2.11/22
[46...Ne2 -5.53/24 (→ ...h3) 47.Nd6 Ng3+ 48.Kg1 Rxa2 49.Ne4+ Nxe4 *(49...Kxg4? too greedy. 50.Nc3+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kf5 51.Nxa2+-)* 50.Rxe4 Rc2]
47.Nd6-+ Hoping for Ne4+. **47...Rxa2?** -0.09/19
[Don't play 47...Kxg4 48.Ra4∓]
[47...Re2-+ -1.88/22 aiming for ...Nd3! 48.Nf7+ Kxg4 49.Nh6+ Kf3 50.Rc3+ Re3]
48.Nf7+= Kxg4 And now ...Re2 would win. **49.Ne5+ Kg5** Strongly threatening ...Ne2.
[49...Kg3!? 50.Rc3+□ Kh4=]
50.Nf3+ Kf5 51.Nh4+! Kg4 52.Ng6 Rf2 53.Ra4? -8.86/18
[53.Ne5+∓ -0.73/19 Kg5 54.Rc3]
53...Kg3-+ 54.Ra3+ Rf3 55.Rxf3+ Kxf3 56.Ne5+



Kg3! 57.Nxc6 Nd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

A46

□ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
■ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar** **2241**
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[Kitty Kat]

D05: Colle System with ...e6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3**
[3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 0-1 Adianto,U (2598)-Kasparov,G (2838) EUR-ASIA m 30' Batumi rapid 2001 (5)]
3...b6
[3...c5 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 d5 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 9.c4 Bb7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Rc1 Qe7 12.Qc2 Nb4 13.Qb1 Ne4 14.dxc5 bxc5

15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ne1 Rad8 17.g3 Bb8 18.a3 1-0 Novosel,L (2400)-Cvitan,E (2294) Pula op 35th 2023 (4)]

4.Bd3N

[4.Be2 Bb7 5.0-0 Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 d6 8.c4 c5 9.Nc3 a6 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Rfd1 Ra7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qa8 14.f3 Qb8 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Qd2 Ba8 17.Bf1 Ne5 18.Re1 Rd7 0-1 Bjelobrk,I (2338)-Rogers,I (2574) AUS-ch Adelaide AUS 2003 (9) 19.Rad1 Ng6 20.Qf2 Bd8 21.Nc2 h5 22.g3 Qb7 23.a4 Be7 24.Bg2 h4 25.Rd2 Qc7 26.Red1 hxg3 27.hxg3 Kh7 28.Bf1 Rh8 29.Kg2 Kg8 30.Be2 d5 31.exd5 Bc5 32.Qe1 Nh5 33.Rd4 exd5 9 Chapter-Games Chapter 3 Game]

4...Bb7 5.0-0 d5 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nbd2 c5 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.f4 Ne4 0.49/23

[10...cxd4= -0.02/16 11.exd4 Rc8]

11.Nxe4± dxe4 12.Bc4 aiming for Nxd7. **12...Nf6** White is slightly better. **13.Ng4 Be7 14.f5 exf5 15.Rxf5 Bc8 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Rf4 Bb7** 1.69/22

[17...Bg5± 0.57/21]

(Diagram)

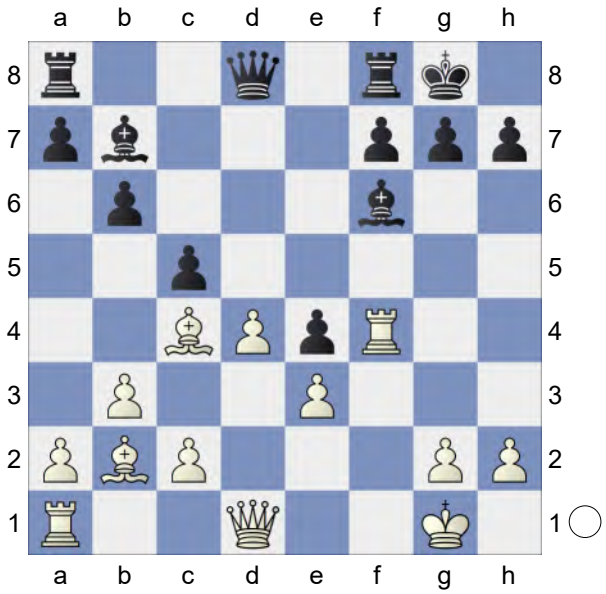
18.Qh5 0.92/20

[18.Qg4!+- 1.69/22 And now Raf1 would win. b5 *(18...cxd4? 19.Raf1+-)* 19.Raf1 bxc4 20.Rxf6]

18...g6±

[18...cxd4? 19.Raf1 g6 *(19...dxe3? 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rxf6+-)* 20.Qh3+- *(20.Qh6 Bg7+-)*]

19.Qe2 0.31/25 White has more active pieces.



[19.Qg4± 0.92/23 Threatens to win with Raf1. Bg7 *(19...cxd4? 20.Raf1+-)* 20.Rd1]

19...Bg7 0.81/26

[Black should try 19...Bg5± 0.31/25]

20.Rd1 Strongly threatening dxc5.

20...cxd4 1.50/22

[20...Bd5!± 0.70/23]

21.Ba3 0.31/20

[White has to play 21.Bxd4± 1.50/22 Bxd4 22.Rxd4]

21...Be5± 22.Rff1 b5? 2.13/22 This costs Black the game. **23.Bxf8+- bxc4**

(Diagram)

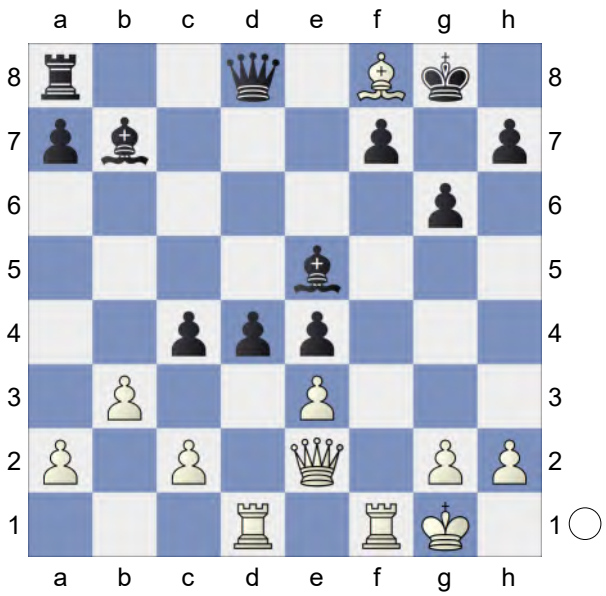
24.exd4 Qxf8 3.32/19

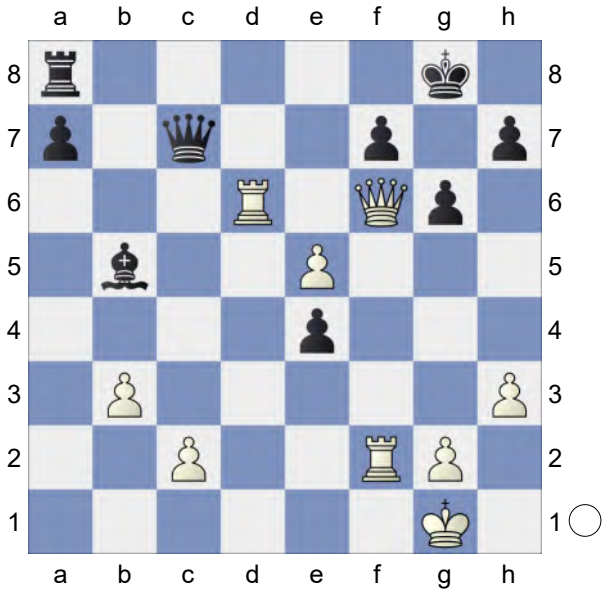
[⌓24...Bxd4+ 2.26/20 25.Kh1 Qxf8 *(25...Kxf8? too greedy. 26.Qxc4 f5 27.Qxd4+-)* 26.Rxd4 Qe7]

25.dxe5 cxb3 26.axb3 Qc5+ 27.Qf2 Qc7 28.Rd6 Bc8 6.84/20

[⌓28...e3 4.18/20 29.Qf6 *(29.Qxe3 Qxc2 30.Qg5 Qc5+ 31.Kh1 Rf8+-)* 29...e2]

29.Qf6 Rd8+ would kill now. **29...Bg4 30.h3 Be2 31.Rf2 Bb5**

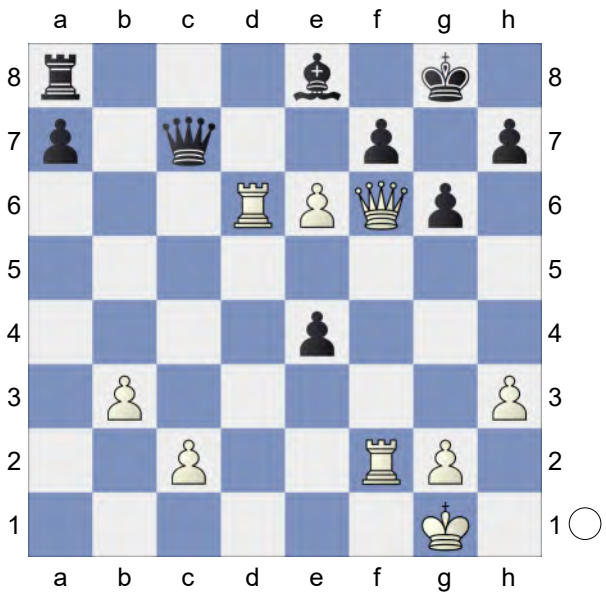




Dodges e6 **32.e6! Be8**
[32...Rf8 33.e7]

(Diagram)

33.Rd7! Deflection, Promotion. White mates. **33...Bxd7 34.exf7+ Kf8 35.Qh8+** Skewer, Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.73
1-0



E71
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**
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[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 e5 6.d5 a5 7.Be3 Na6 8.Bd3**
White is slightly better.
[8.Be2 h5 9.Nf3 Bd7 10.Qc2 Nh7 11.g3 f5 12.a3 0-0 13.exf5 gxf5 14.0-0-0 Nc5 15.g4 e4 16.Nd2 Qe7 17.Kb1 Kh8 18.Rhg1 Na4 19.gxf5 Nxc3+ 20.bxc3 Bxf5 21.Bxh5 b5 22.Bg6 bxc4 1-0 Sunilduth Lyna,N (2651)-Gukesh,D (2758) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (5)]
8...0-0 9.g4N
[9.Nge2 Nc5 *(9...c6 10.a3 Bd7 11.Bc2 cxd5 12.cxd5 b5 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Qd2 Rfc8 15.Rfc1 Qb7 16.f3 Be8 17.Nd1 Nd7 18.b4 axb4 19.axb4 Nb6 20.Nb2 Bf6 21.Bb3 Bd8 22.Kh2 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 24.Rxc8* Dengler,P (2640)-Peter,W

(2710) 49/658 Haninge 1990) 10.Bc2 c6 11.a3 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.b4 Na6 14.Rb1 axb4 15.axb4 Nh5 16.Na4 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.0-0 Qh4 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Nc3 Nf4 22.Qg4 King,S-4.e4 d6 5.h3 Survey 1997 Qe7 23.Ne4 Nc7 24.Qd1 Kh8 25.b5 Rd8 26.Kh2 Rh5 27.Re1 Rf8 28.Qb3 Qh4 29.Bxf4 exf4 30.Qf3 Nxd5 31.Nc4 Qd8 32.Nexd6 Qd7 33.b6 Qc6 34.Re6 Qd7 35.Ree1 Qc6 36.Rbd1 Qc5 37.Re6 1-0 Strick,E (2625)-Rodrigues, E (2505) 33/188 Hastings 1981 (6.2)]

9...Nd7 10.Nf3 Ndc5 11.Rg1 c6 12.a3 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nc7 14.Nc3 N7e6 15.Bc2 Dodges a4 **15...Nf4 16.h4 b6** -0.09/19

[16...Be6∓ -0.45/18 17.b3 Kh8]

17.a4= Be6 18.Nd5 -0.84/18

[18.b3= -0.17/19]

18...Bxd5∓ 19.exd5 e4 -0.41/17

[19...Re8∓ -0.89/21 ...e4! would now be deadly. 20.Kf1 e4]

20.Bxf4∓ exf3 21.Qxf3 Bxb2

[21...Qxh4 22.Bxd6 Rfe8+ *(22...Bxb2 23.Bxf8 Re8+ 24.Kd1=)* 23.Kf1=]

22.Rb1 Bg7 0.02/20

[22...Qf6∓ -0.44/20 is more appropriate. 23.g5 Qd4]

23.Kf1= Active counter play! Black is weak on the light squares **23...Na6 24.h5 Nb4 25.Bb3** A strong pair of Bishops. **25...Qf6 26.Kg2** aiming for g5. **26...Rfe8** 0.77/19

[26...Nd3± 0.33/20 27.Bxd6 *(27.Qxd3 Qxf4 28.Qf3 Qg5∓)* 27...Qxd6 28.Qxd3 Rfe8]

27.Be3 0.26/21

[27.g5± 0.77/19 Qf5 28.Bxd6 Qxf3+ 29.Kxf3]

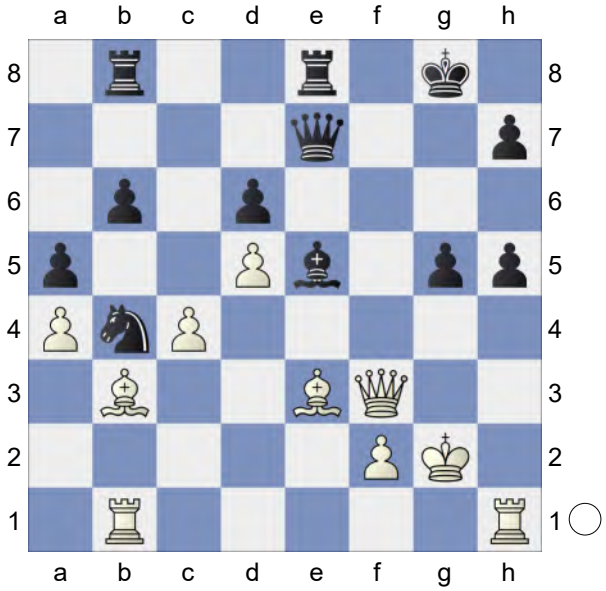
27...Rab8 28.Rgd1 Qe7 29.Bf4 gxh5 30.g5 0.39/20

[30.gxh5± 0.87/21 Qg3 is the strong threat. Be5 31.Re1]

30...Be5 31.Be3 0.27/21

[31.Re1± 0.72/20]

31...f6 32.Rh1 fxg5



White must now prevent ...Rf8. **33.Rxh5 Rf8 34.Qe4**

[34.Rxg5+ Kh8 *(34...Qxg5+ 35.Bxg5 Rxf3 36.Kxf3=)* 35.Qe4 Rbe8=]

34...Rbe8! 35.Rbh1 0.06/19

[35.Bxg5? Rxf2+ 36.Kxf2 Bg3+ 37.Kxg3 Qxe4-+]

[Better is 35.Bd1± 0.57/19 Bf6 36.Qxe7 Rxe7 37.Bg4]

35...Bf4 The position is equal. **36.Qxe7 Rxe7 37.Bxb6 Nd3 38.c5** Hoping for c6.

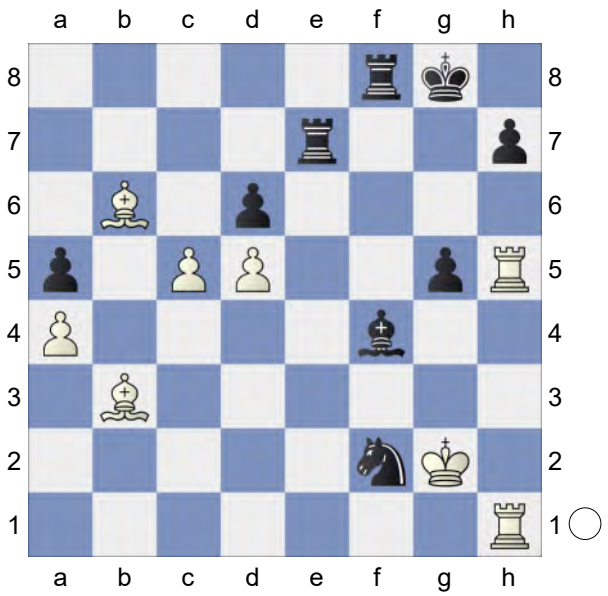
[38.Bxa5 Re2 39.Bb6 Rb2-+]

38...Nxf2

(Diagram)

Decoy **39.cxd6**

[39.Kxf2 is a self mate. Bh2+ 40.Kg2 Re2+ 41.Kh3 Rf3+ 42.Kg4 Rg3+ *(42...Rxb3? perishes. 43.R1xh2*



Rxh2 44.Rxh2+-) 43.Kf5 Re5+ 44.Kf6 Rf3#]

39...Re2 And now ...Ne4+ would win. **40.d7 Nxh1+ 41.Kxh1 Re1+ 42.Kg2 Re2+ 43.Kh1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

B89

□ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**

■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**

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[Kitty Kat]

B89: Sicilian: Velimirovic Attack Nunn,J: 'Inf 45/286' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qe2 Nxd4 9.Bxd4 0-0**

[9...Bd7 10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Nb5 0-0 12.Nxd6 Bc6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Bb3 b5 15.Rhf1 Qc7 16.f4 Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.f5 Qxh2 19.Kb1 Rfe8 20.f6 g6 21.Be5 Qh5 22.Qxh5 gxh5 23.Rd3 Rad8 24.Rg3+ ½-½ Nunn,J (2615)-Kortschnoj,V (2640) Bruxelles 45/286 1988]

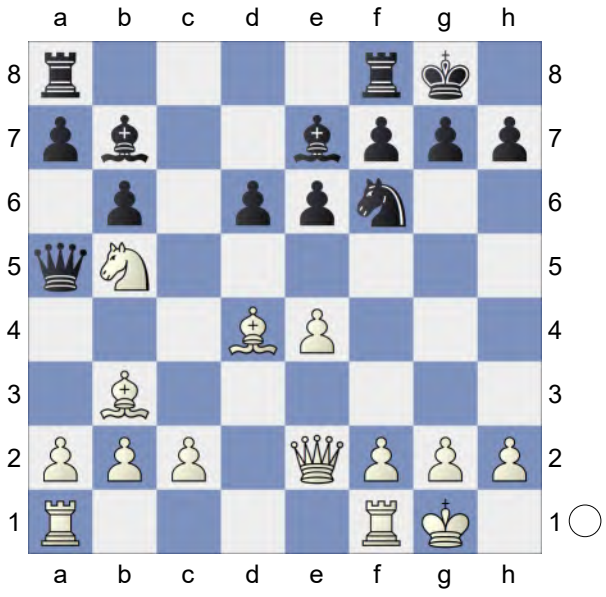
10.Bb3 White is much more active.

[10.0-0-0 Qa5 11.Rhg1 a6 12.g4 b5 13.Bb3 Nd7 14.g5 b4 15.g6 hxg6 16.Nd5 exd5 17.Bxd5 Bf6 18.Rxg6 Bxd4 19.Rxd4 Ne5 20.Qh5 Qb5 21.Rg1 Be6 22.Qg5 g6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.f4 Ra7 0-1 Buchholz,B (1826)-Hosak,W (2058) corr SE245 www.desc-online.de 2015]

10...Qa5 11.0-0N 0.43/22

[11.0-0-0± 0.82/20 Bd7 12.Rhg1 Rfc8 13.g4 e5 14.g5 Ne8 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Be3 Be6 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 a5 19.a4 Ra6 20.e5 Rac6 21.c3 Bf5 22.exd6 Bf8 23.Ne7+ Bxe7 24.Qxe7 Bg6 25.Rge1 Qxe7 26.Rxe7 2 Chapter-Games Chapter 2 (1) Game Kf8 27.Rxb7 De Block,F-Noshin,A corr W-24ch sf04 ICCF 2000]

11...b6 12.Nb5 Bb7



13.Bc3 0.33/17

[13.a4!± 0.76/23]

13...Qa6± 14.e5 Ne4 0.85/20

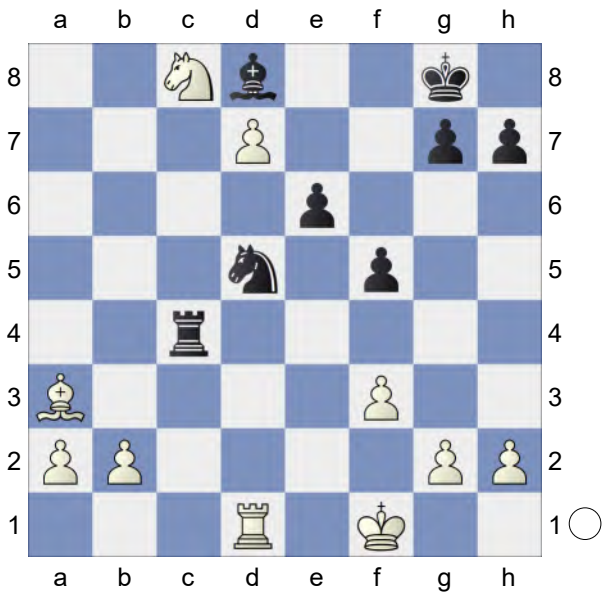
[14...dxe5= 0.29/25 15.Qxe5 Rad8]

15.Bb4± Bc6 16.Bc4 0.42/25

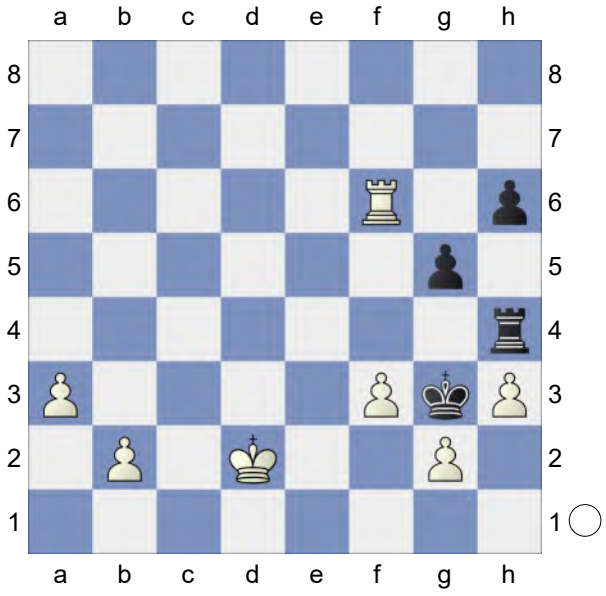
[16.Bxd6 Bxd6 *(16...Bxb5 17.c4∓)* 17.Bc4 Bc5∓ *(17...Bxe5? 18.Nd6-+)*]
[16.c4± 0.79/22]
16...Qb7 1.17/20 White now steadily converts the win.
[16...Bxb5± 0.42/25 17.Bxb5 Qb7]
17.exd6
[17.Nxd6?! Bxd6 18.exd6 b5=]
17...Bf6 18.Nc7↑ Keeping Black busy.
18...b5 1.62/21
[18...Rad8± 1.11/21]
19.Bxb5+- Bxb5 20.Qxb5
[20.Nxb5 Bxb2 21.Rab1 a5±]
20...Qxb5 21.Nxb5 Hoping for Rfe1.
21...Rab8 3.16/19
[⌓21...a6 1.94/18]
22.c4 Rfc8 23.Ba3
[23.Nxa7 Rxc4 24.a3 Bxb2=]
23...Rxc4 24.Rfc1
[24.Nxa7 Bd4 25.d7 *(25.b3 Rc3∓)* 25...Nxf2∓ *(25...Bxa7? 26.Rac1+-)*]
24...Rbc8
[24...Rxc1+ 25.Rxc1 h6 26.f3± *(26.Nxa7 Nxd6 27.Bxd6 Rb7+-; 26.Nxa7 Nxd6 27.Nc6 Ra8+-)*]
25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Rd1
[26.Nxa7 Rc2 27.Nb5 Nxf2±]
26...Bd8 27.d7 f5 28.f3
[28.Nxa7 Rc7+-]
28...Nf6 29.Nxa7 Bb6+ 3.81/20
[29...Rc7 2.57/17 was worth a try.]
30.Kf1 Nd5 Strongly threatening ... Ne3+. **31.Nc8** Black must now prevent Nxb6. **31...Bd8**

(Diagram)

aiming for ...Ne3+. **32.Ne7+! Nxe7 33.Bxe7 Bxe7 34.d8Q+**
[34.d8R+ Bxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kf7=]
[Much less strong is 34.d8B?! Bc5±]
34...Bxd8 35.Rxd8+ Endgame. KR-KR
35...Kf7 36.Ke2 e5 37.Kd2 g5



38.Rd7+ Kg6 3.43/23
[⌓38...Kf6 1.96/20 39.Rxh7 Ra4]
39.Rd6+ 2.01/18
[⌓39.a3 3.43/23]
39...Kh5? 4.66/19
[39...Kf7 2.01/18 40.Rh6 Kg7]
40.Rd5 White is clearly winning.
40...Rh4 41.h3 Ra4 42.a3
[Stronger than 42.Rxe5 Rxa2 43.g4+ *(43.Rxf5 Rxb2+ 44.Ke3 Rxg2=)* 43...Kh4=]
42...Kh4 43.Rxe5 Kg3 44.Rxf5 h6 45.Rf6 Rh4



46.f4! gxf4
[46...Rxf4 47.Rxh6]
47.Rg6+ Kf2 48.b4 Rh5 49.a4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

C55
□ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
■ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**
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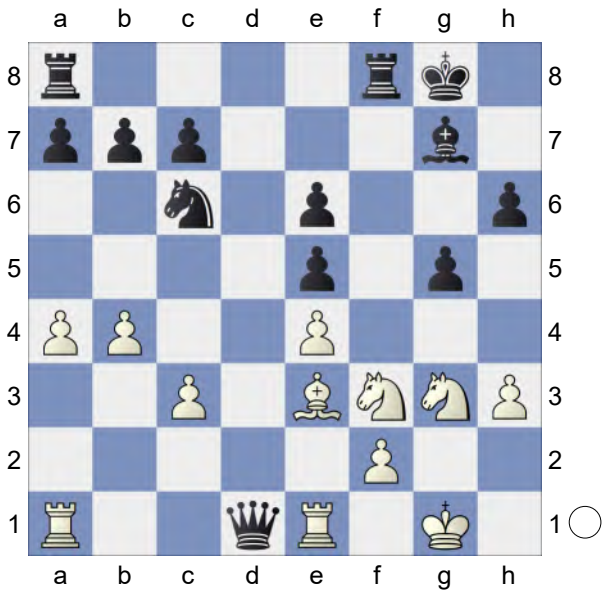
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3 d6N**
[5...Bc5 6.0-0 *(6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7* 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2)*; 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Qd2 d6 8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5* ½-½ Pattrick,G-Douven,R Sofia ch-BUL 1977 (5)*)*
6...d6 7.h3 *(7.Bg5 hxg5 8.Nxg5 Be6 9.Nxe6 fxe6 10.Bxe6 Qe7 11.Bd5 Qd7 12.a3 0-0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Qd2 Ne7 15.Rab1 c6 16.Ba2 Rh7 17.b5 Rdh8 18.h3 a6 19.bxc6 Nxc6 20.Rb2 Ng4 21.Rfb1 Na5* ½-½ Gyacsok,R (750)-Gattermayer,J (852) GER-ch U25-C Willingen 2023 (8) *)* 7...a6 8.Nd5 Be6 9.Re1 0-0 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Na5 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Bxe6 Qxe6 14.c3 f5 15.exf5 Qxf5 16.e4 Qf4 17.Qd2 Qg3 18.Qf2 Qg6 19.Qe2 Rf6 20.Rf1 1-0 Hernandez Sandoval,S-Reuassner,H 45/717 Vilnius 1988 (1)]
6.a4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Ne2 White is slightly better. **11...Nh5 12.c3 d5 13.Ng3 Nf4 14.b4** 0.09/16
[14.Bxf4± 0.58/19 Rxf4 15.b4]
14...g5 0.70/15
[14...dxe4= 0.09/16 15.Nxe4 Nxd3]
15.Re1 0.29/19
[15.b5± 0.70/15 Ne7 16.d4]
15...dxe4= 16.dxe4 With the idea Qb3.
[16.Nxe4 feels hotter. Nxd3 17.Rf1 Nf4 18.Nfd2]
16...Nxh3+ 17.gxh3 Threatens to win with Nh2. **17...Qxd1**



Remove Defender **18.Raxd1 Rxf3 19.Rd7 Rc8 20.Red1 b6 21.b5 Na5 22.Nh5 Bf8 23.h4 Rf7 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.Rd8 Rxd8 26.Rxd8 Kh7 27.Re8**
[27.Bxg5? Kg6 28.Bh4 Kxh5-+]
27...Be7
[27...Kg6!? 28.Ng3□ Be7=]
28.Rc8 Bd6
[28...Kg6!? 29.Ng3□ Bf6=]
29.Re8

[29.Bxg5? Kg6 30.Be3 Kxh5-+]
29...Be7 30.Rc8 Bd6
[30...Kg6!? 31.Ng3□ Bf6=]
31.Re8
[31.Bxg5? Kg6 32.Bh4 Kxh5-+]
31...Re7
[31...Kg6!? 32.Ng3□ Be7=]
32.Ra8 Kg6 33.Ng3 c6 34.Rd8 -0.50/22
[34.bxc6= -0.13/23 Rc7 *(34...Nxc6 35.Rg8+ Rg7 36.Re8=)* 35.Kg2]
34...Ba3 -0.10/25
[34...Nc4!∓ -0.50/22 35.bxc6 Rc7]
35.Rg8+ Rg7 36.Re8 Re7 37.Rg8+ Rg7 38.Re8 cxb5 39.axb5 Re7 40.Rg8+ Rg7 41.Re8 Be7 42.Rc8 Bd6 43.Re8 Re7 44.Rg8+ Kf7! 45.Rxg5 Nc4 46.Nh5 Na3 47.Rg7+ -1.36/29
[White should try 47.Kg2∓ -0.60/20]
47...Kf8∓ 48.Rg6 Nxb5 49.Bh6+ Ke8 50.Bg5 -3.27/19
[50.f4 -1.90/18 was worth a try.]
50...Rh7-+ 51.Bh6 Nc7
[51...Nxc3 52.Rxe6+ Kd7 53.Rg6∓]
52.Kf1 Be7 53.f4 exf4 54.Bxf4 Nb5 55.Ng3 Rf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
[Not 55...Nxc3 56.Rxe6 Kd7 57.Re5-+]
[Don't take 55...Kf7 56.Rg4-+]
0-1

B90

□ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2578**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
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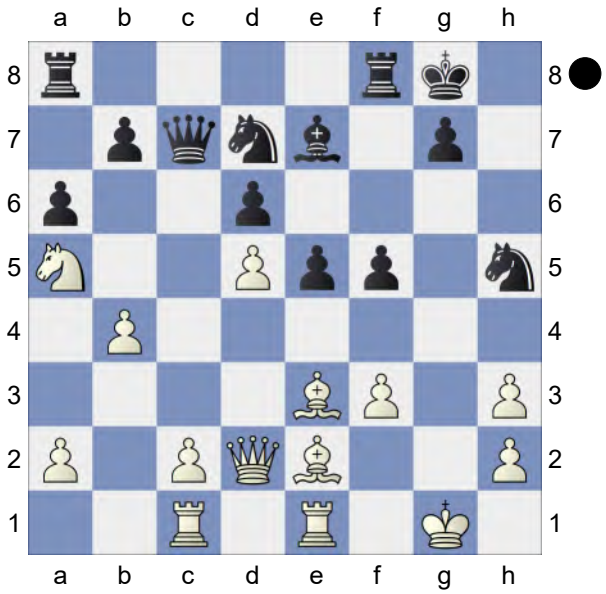
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N**
[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7* ½-½ 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 ICCF (2.6)*)* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
7...Be6 8.f3 Be7 9.Qd2 h5 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Qc7 White is slightly better. **13.Rc1 h4 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Rfe1 0-0 16.Na5 f5 17.b4** -0.33/23
[Better is 17.c4± 0.40/20]
17...h3∓ 18.gxh3 -0.81/22
[18.c4∓ -0.43/21 deserves consideration.]



18...Bh4 -0.18/18

[Black should try 18...f4!∓ -0.81/22 19.Bf2 e4 20.fxe4 f3]

19.Rf1!= Ndf6

[19...f4!? 20.Bf2□ Bxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Nhf6=]

20.c4 f4 0.66/17

[20...Qd7= 0.22/20 feels stronger.]

21.Bf2± Bxf2+ 22.Rxf2 e4 ...e3 would now be deadly. **23.Qd4 Rae8 24.c5** Strongly threatening Nc4. **24...Re5! 25.Rd1 dxc5**

[25...Nxd5? 26.cxd6 *(26.fxe4 dxc5∓)* 26...Qxd6 27.fxe4+- *(27.Nxb7 Qe6=)*]

[25...Rxd5? 26.Bc4+-]

26.Qxc5

[26.d6 looks sharper. cxd4 27.dxc7 e3 28.Bc4+]

26...Qf7 27.Rg2 Dodges Rg5 **27...exf3**

[27...Nxd5 28.Nc4 Rf5 29.Nd6+- *(29.fxe4 f3=)*]

28.Bxf3 Threatens to win with Nc4. **28...Ne4 29.Qd4** -2.30/18 This move loses the game for White.

[29.Qc4!∓ -0.61/18 Ng5 30.Rxg5 Rxg5+ 31.Kh1]

29...Ng5-+ Black has strong compensation. **30.Bg4** -3.58/18

[30.Rxg5 -1.94/18 Rxg5+ 31.Kh1]

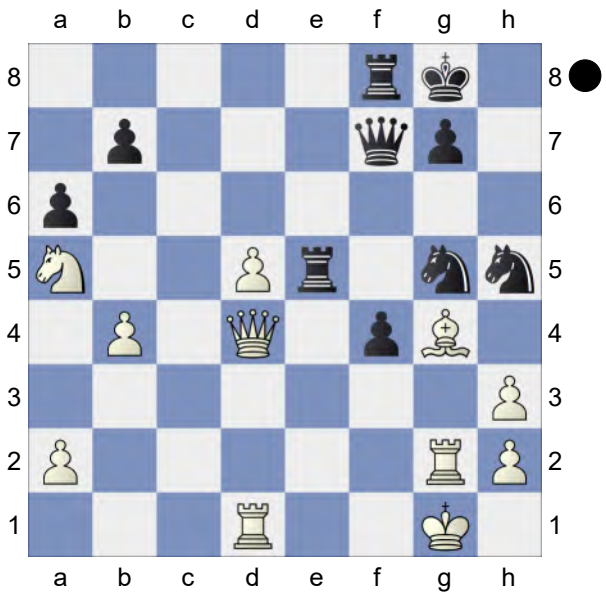
(Diagram)

30...Qe8! 31.Rf2 f3→ Black attacks with force. **32.Kf1?** -4.92/17

[32.d6 -2.09/16 only move. Nf4 33.Qc4+ Kh8 34.Rff1]

32...Rf4 Skewer **33.Qd3 Rfe4** (→ ...Re1+)

[33...Rxb4 34.d6 Nf4 *(34...Rxa5? 35.d7+-; 34...Rbe4 35.Rxf3 Re1+ 36.Rxe1∓)* 35.d7 Nxd3 36.dxe8Q+ Rxe8 37.Rc2-+]



[33...Re3 34.Be6+ Nxe6 *(34...Rxe6 35.dxe6 Nf6 36.Qd8±)* 35.Qxe3±]

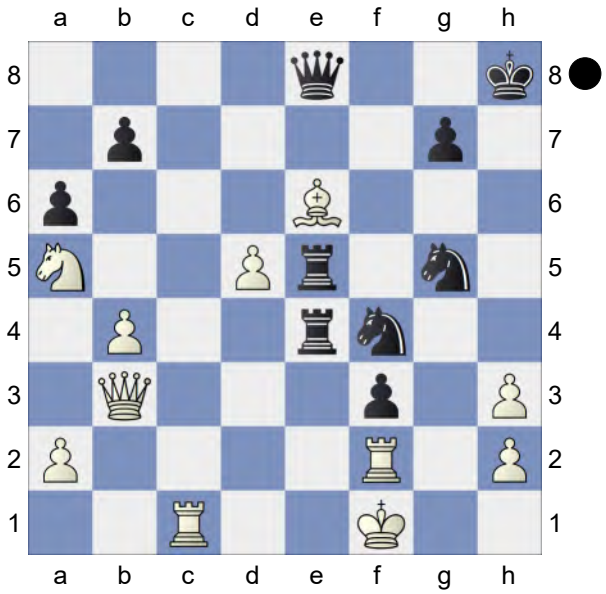
34.Be6+ Kh8 35.Rc1? -6.78/17

[35.Nc4 -3.93/14 Nf4 36.Nxe5 Nxd3 37.Nxd3]

35...Nf4 Black is clearly winning.

[35...Rxb4 36.Nc4 *(36.Rc8 Qxc8 37.Bxc8 Nf4-+)* 36...Re2 *(36...Nf4 37.Qd2=)* 37.Nd6∓ *(37.Rxe2? Nf4-+* Deflection, Double Attack *)*]

36.Qb3



Nxd5! Decoy. A dynamic duo of knights.

37.Rxf3

[37.Qxd5 Rxe6]
37...Nxf3 Weighted Error Value: White=1.08/Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

B43
□ **Pranesh,M.** **2582**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**
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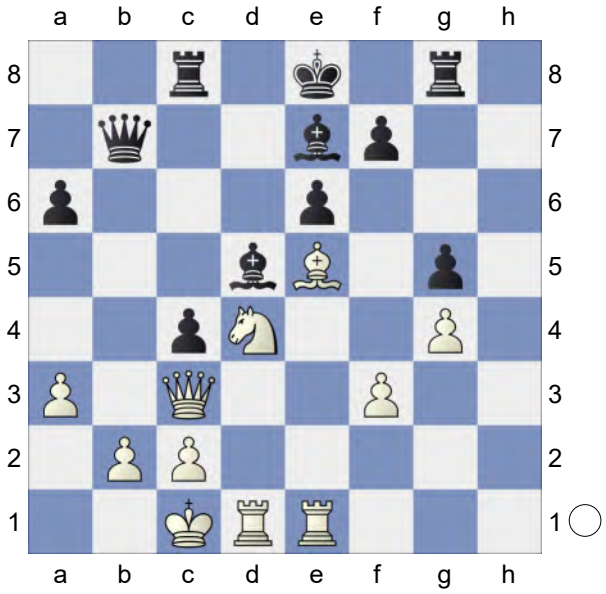
[Kitty Kat]

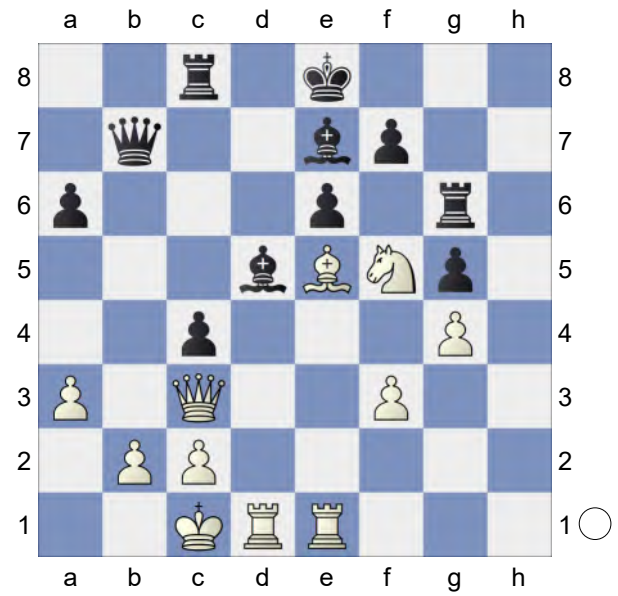
B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3**
[3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 a6 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.h3 Nd7 10.Be3 b5 11.g4 Bb7 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Qf2 1-0 Demchenko,A (2611)-Medvegy,Z (2548) ZMDI Open 2016 Dresden GER (6.2)]
3...a6N
[3...Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.d3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 a6 10.h4 b5 11.Bf4 Bb7 12.h5 Nb6 13.Nh2 Nd4 14.Nb1 Bg5 15.c3 Nf5 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.Nd2 Nh6 18.Ndf1 1-0 Hadzovic,A (2309)-Mrndjic,M (2207) BIH-chT 21st Sarajevo 2023 (1.5)]
4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Qf3 Nf6 7.g4 h6 8.Bf4 -0.04/21
[8.h4± 0.44/20]
8...d6!= ...e5 would now be deadly.
9.Bg3 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Ne5 0.82/19
[10...b5!= 0.09/21]
11.Qe2± Threatens to win with f4.
11...g5 12.h4 Strongly threatening hxg5.
12...Rg8 13.f3↑ White is on the roll.
13...Bd7 14.Qd2 b5 15.a3 Rc8 16.Be2 Qb8 17.Nb3 Nc4 1.51/18
[Better is 17...Be7 1.15/20 18.hxg5 hxg5]
18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Nd4
[19.Bxd6? Bxd6 20.Qxd6 cxb3-+]
19...Qb7 2.10/22
[19...e5± 1.40/21]
20.e5 Nd5 21.Nxd5
[21.exd6?! Rb8 22.b4 cxb3 23.Nxb3 *(23.cxb3? Nxc3 24.Rde1 gxh4-+)* 23...Nxc3 24.Qxc3 Rc8±]
21...Qxd5 22.Qc3! Hoping for Nf5!
22...dxe5 23.Ne2 Qb7 24.Bxe5 Bc6 25.Nd4
[25.Qxc4? Bxf3 26.Qd4 Bxh1-+]
25...Bd5 26.hxg5! hxg5 27.Rhe1 Be7 2.88/18
[⌓27...Rd8 1.74/19 28.Bf6 Rd7]



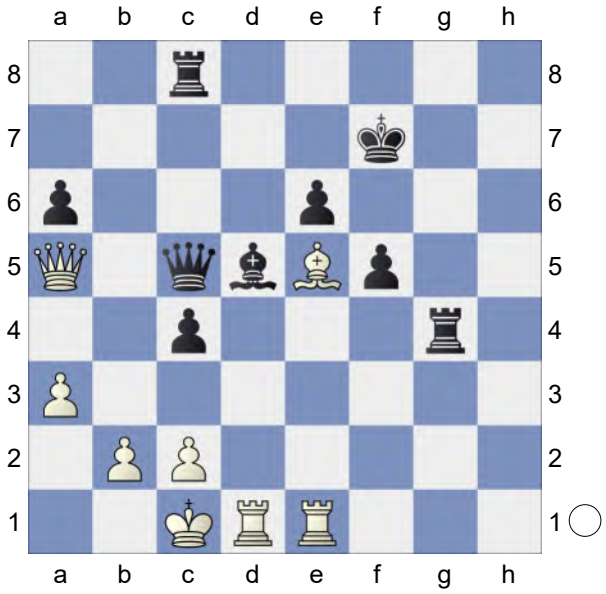
28.Nf5!+- Rg6
[28...exf5 29.Bd6 Be6 30.Bxe7 *(30.gxf5 Rd8+-)* 30...fxg4 *(30...Kxe7? 31.gxf5* Pin *Qb5 32.Re5+-* Pin *)* 31.Bd6 Qxf3 32.Qd4+-]

(Diagram)

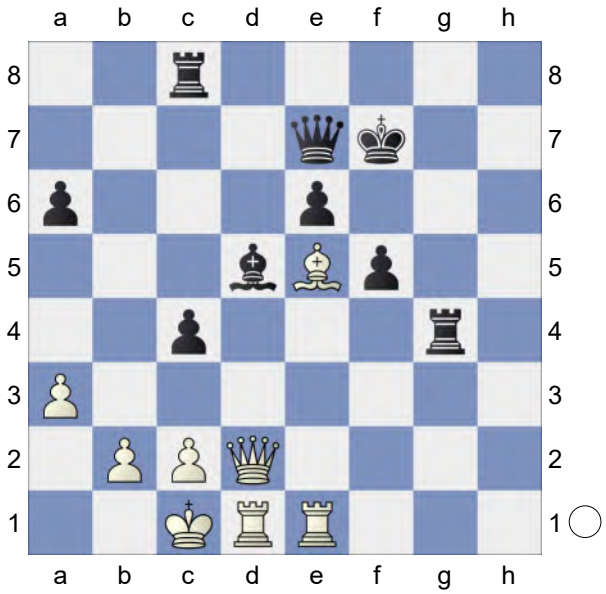
29.Rd2! Rd8
[29...Qc6 30.Nxe7]
30.Nxe7 Qxe7 31.f4 gxf4 32.Bxf4



Rxg4 33.Be5 White is more active. **33...Qc5** 1.51/21
[⌓33...Re4 1.09/19 34.Rf1 *(34.Rg1 Kd7±)* 34...Qh4]
34.Bf6 0.99/17
[⌓34.b4! 1.51/21 Qb6 35.Bf6]
34...Rc8± 35.Bd4 Prevents Rg1. White has strong compensation. **35...Qd6 36.Be5 Qc5 37.Rdd1 f5** 1.41/20
[⌓37...Re4 0.77/18]
38.Bh2 1.02/19
[⌓38.Bd4 1.41/20 Qd6 39.Kb1]
38...Kf7 39.Be5 Qh3 is the strong threat. **39...Qe7 40.Qa5** -0.11/20
[40.Kb1± 1.06/17]
40...Qc5 0.80/25
[40...c3!= -0.11/20 41.Bxc3 *(41.Qxa6 Ra8∓)* 41...Qd6]
41.Qd2 0.09/21
[41.Qc3!± 0.80/25]
41...Qe7 1.42/20
[41...c3!= 0.09/21 keeps the balance. 42.Bxc3 *(42.bxc3? Qxa3+ 43.Kb1 Qa2+ 44.Kc1 Qa1#)* 42...Qc4]
42.Qa5 -0.08/22
[White should try 42.Kb1!± 1.42/20]
42...Qc5 0.84/23
[42...c3= -0.08/22 43.Bxc3 *(43.Qxa6 Ra8∓)* 43...Qb7]



43.Qd2 0.01/20
[43.Qc3!± 0.84/23]
43...Qe7 1.42/19
[43...c3!= 0.01/20 remains equal. 44.Bxc3 *(44.bxc3? leads to mate. Qxa3+ 45.Kb1 Qa2+ 46.Kc1 Qa1#)* 44...Qc4]



44.Kb1! Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.32
½-½

A06
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
■ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.6) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A06: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 **1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 a6 5.d4 Nf6 6.dxc5N**

[6.Nbd2

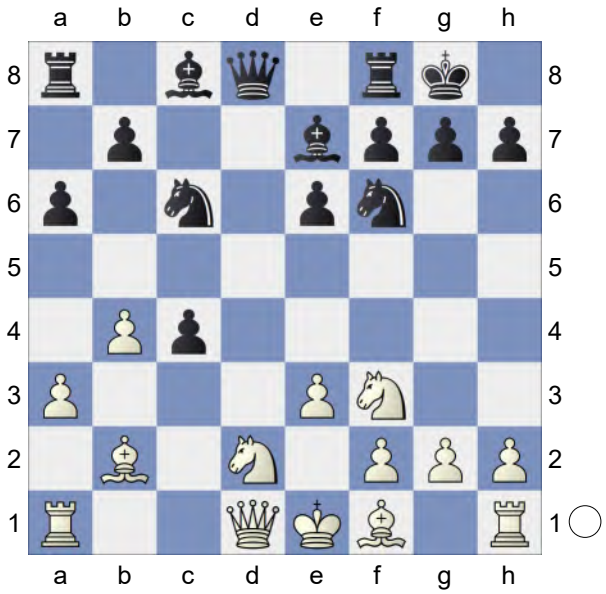
A) 6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 *(7.exd4 g6 8.a3 Bg7 9.Bd3 Nh5 10.g3 0-0 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 d4 13.f4 f6 14.Qe2 fxe5 15.fxe5 Bh6 16.0-0-0 Be3 17.Rhf1 Bh3 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Kb1 b5 20.Nf1 Bg1 21.a4 bxa4* 1-0 Ju,W (2584)-Goryachkina,A (2578) 9th matchgame, Vladivostok 2020 (9)*)* 7...e6 8.Be2 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Bb2 Be6 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Nc4 Re8 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Qd2 Qe6 17.Rfd1 h6 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.h3 Qf5 20.Bg4 Qg6 21.Rxc8 0-1 Pedersen,P (2670)-Sikorova,J (2725) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (4);

B) 6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.dxc5 e6 9.a3 a5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bxc5 13.Bb5+ Kf8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Bb2 Bxd3 16.cxd3 f6 17.g5 fxg5 18.h4 Be7 19.Qg4 Bf6 20.d4 Qe7 21.Rc1 0-1 Alvarado,C (2044)-Diao,M (2097) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (9);

C) 6...e6 7.a3 cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.f4 b5 13.Qf3 Qb6 14.Qe3 g6 15.Rae1 Rac8 16.h3 Bb8 17.g4 Ba7 18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.f5 exf5 20.gxf5 Rce8 1-0 Sanal,V (2590)-Milikow,Y (2414) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (3)]

[6.Be2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qc7 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0 e6 10.c4 Bd6 11.h3 0-0 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Bb8 16.Bf3 e5 17.e4 d4 18.Na4 Rcd8 19.c5 Bc8 20.Rb1 g5 0-1 Maksimovic,B (2502)-Nihal,S (2694) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (6.1)]

6...e6 7.a3 Black should prevent b4. **7...Bxc5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c4 dxc4 10.b4 Be7**



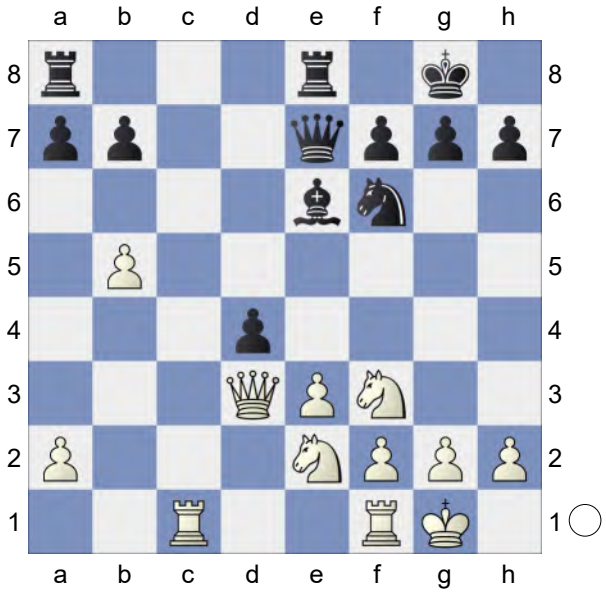
And now ...b5 would win. **11.Bxc4 b5 12.Be2 Bb7 13.0-0 h6 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Nbd4 Rfd8** The position is equal. **17.Qb3 Nb8 18.Ba1 Bd5 19.Qb2 Nbd7 20.Nb3 Qb7 21.Na5 Qa8 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rc1 Bd8 24.Rxc8 Qxc8 25.Nd2 Nb6 26.Bd3 Na4 27.Qc2 Qxc2 28.Bxc2 Bxa5 29.bxa5 Nc5 30.f3 Nfd7 31.e4 Ba2 32.Bd4 e5 33.Bc3 f6 34.Bb4 Kf7 35.Kf2 Na4 36.Nb3 Nb8 37.h4 g6 38.g3 Nc6 39.f4 Nb2 40.Nc5 Nc4**

[But not 40...Nd4 41.Bc3 Nxc2

42.Bxb2±]
41.Nxa6 aiming for Bd3. **41...N4xa5 42.fxe5 fxe5 43.Bc3 Bb3 44.Bxb3+ Nxb3 45.Ke3 Nbd4** A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

D35
□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.7) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

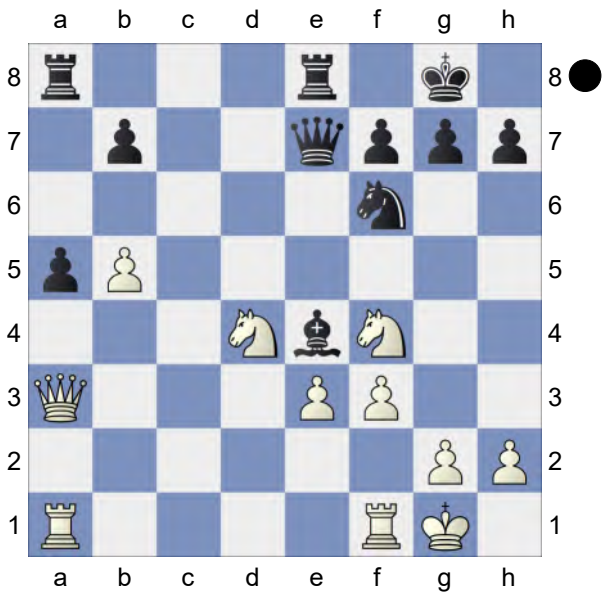
D36: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation: Main line (5 Bg5 c6 6 Qc2) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Qc2N**
[7.e3 Bf5 *(7...c6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Nf3 Nbd7 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.Ne5 N6d7 13.Nf3 Nb6 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rae1 Rad8 16.Nd2 f6 17.Nb3 Bf7 18.f3 Nc4 19.Qf2 Bg6 20.e4 Nb6 21.Nc5 Qc7 22.Bc2* 1-0 Sarana,A (2668)-Sielecki,C (2430) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (11)*)* 8.Nge2 0-0 *(8...c6 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.f3 0-0 12.0-0 Rae8 13.Re1 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 g6 15.Rad1 Re7 16.Qf1 c5 17.Qf2 Rfe8 18.Re2 Qc6 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Nf1 b5 21.Red2 Re5 22.Rc2 Qb6 23.Ne2* 1-0 Deac,B (2700)-Lupulescu,C (2592) ROM GP Final KO Alba Iulia rapid 2022 (3.1)*)* 9.Ng3 Be4 *(9...Bg6 10.h4 Re8 11.h5 Rxe3+ 12.fxe3 Qxg3+ 13.Kd2 Ne4+ 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Rh3 Qd6 16.Qb3 Nd7 17.Rc1 b6 18.h6 c5 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Qc3 gxh6 21.Bb5 Rb8 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Qe5 Qb5 24.Rg3+* 0-1 Sevian,S (2689)-Makarian,R (2550) Julius Baer GenCup PI/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (6) *)* 10.Ngxe4 Nxe4 11.Bd3 Nf6 12.0-0 c6 13.f3 Nbd7 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.Rad1 Rfe8 16.Qf2 Nf8 17.Rfe1 Ne6 18.Bb1 a6 19.a3 Qc7 20.b4 a5 21.Qb2 axb4 ½-½ Lupulescu,C (2589)-Sargissian,G (2671) Chessable Play In Match D3 Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (1.3)]
7...0-0 8.e3 Qe7 9.Nf3 c6 10.Bd3 Re8 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rab1 Ne4 13.b4 Ndf6 14.b5 White is slightly better. **14...c5 15.dxc5! Nxc5 16.Rbc1 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Be6 18.Ne2 d4**



Discovered Attack **19.Nfxd4 Bxa2 20.Ra1 Bd5 21.Nf4 Be4 22.Qa3 a5 23.f3**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Qxe7. **23...g5! 24.Nfe2** A dynamic duo of knights. **24...Bg6 25.e4 Nd7 26.Rfc1** And now Qxe7 would win. **26...Qd8** 0.62/20



[26...Nb6!= 0.02/20]

27.Qd6 Rc7 would now be deadly. White has more active pieces. **27...Ne5 28.Qxd8 Rexd8 29.b6 Rd6 30.Rc5 f6 31.Raxa5 Rxa5 32.Rxa5 Rxb6 33.h4 gxh4 34.Rc5 h3 35.gxh3 Nc6 36.Nxc6 Rxc6±** Endgame. KRB-KRN **37.Rd5** The position is equal. **37...Be8 38.Nd4 Rc7 39.Rd8 Kf7 40.Rb8 Bd7 41.Kg2 Ke7 42.Rh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

C55

□ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**
■ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.8) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7**

[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nb6 *(6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 fxe5 13.Nc3 Bg4 14.Re1 Bh4 15.Be3 Bf5 16.Na4 Bxc2 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Bd5 Bd3 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Bd5* 0-1 3.c3 ♗g7 4. ♗g5_30545 (2123)-Hauge,L (2379) Cappelle op 25th Cappelle la Grande 2009 (3)*)* 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5)]

5.0-0 0-0 6.Nbd2N

[6.Nc3 d6 7.a3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2 Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Bd6 ½-½ Edighoffer,H-Melton,R APCT King ch-1 corr 1996]

6...d6 7.a4 Na5 8.Ba2 c5 White has an edge. **9.Nc4 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne3 Bg5 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nc4 Bh6 15.c3 Qd7 16.Rb1 Rab8 17.Re1 a6 18.a5 Qc7 19.b4 cxb4 20.cxb4 Rf6 21.Ne3 Bxe3** The position is equal. **22.fxe3 Rbf8 23.d4 exd4 24.exd4 d5 25.Qd3 h6 26.b5 dxe4 27.Qxe4 axb5 28.Rxb5** a6! would now be deadly. **28...Qd7** White must now prevent ...Rf4. **29.Rb6 Rf4 30.Qxe6+ Qxe6 31.Rxe6 Nxd4 32.Re3 Nxf3+ 33.Rxf3 Rxf3 34.gxf3 Rf5** An even fight not without its subleties. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

B30

□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
■ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.9) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 Nh6 7.c3 Nf7 8.d4 Be7 9.Ba3 White has an edge.
9...cxd4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.cxd4 0-0 12.Nc3 d6 13.b4 0.06/20
[13.Qd2± 0.45/20]
13...d5 The position is equal. **14.Rb1 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.a4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 e5 18.dxe5**
[18.Re1 feels hotter. Bf5 19.Qc2 Rfa8 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Nd4]
18...Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Nc3 Bf5 21.Qb3+ Qf7 22.Qxf7+ Kxf7 23.Rb7+ Kg6 24.h3 h5 25.Rc7 Rc5 26.Ne2 Ra8 27.Ra1 Rca5 28.Nc3 Rc5 29.Ne2 Rca5 30.Nc3 Rc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

E28

□ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**
■ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**
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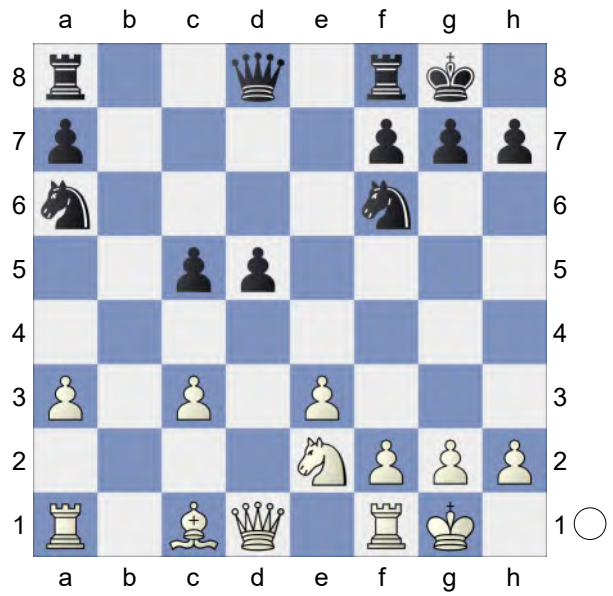
[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Bd3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne2 b6 10.0-0 Ba6 11.dxc5**
[11.f3 Bxd3 *(11...Re8 12.Ng3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nc6 14.Bb2 Rc8 15.e4 dxe4 16.fxe4 Ne5 17.Qe2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nc4 19.Rae1* Skalicka,C-Cabrera Trujillo,J corr WC39/ct/3 ICCF 2019) 12.Qxd3 Nc6 13.Ng3 Qd7 14.Bb2 Rad8 15.Rad1 cxd4 16.cxd4 Ne8 17.e4 Nd6 18.Bc1 Nc4 19.f4 f6 ½-½ Petrosian,T (2585)-Gheorghiu,F (2605) Moscow IT 1981 (13)]
11...bxc5 12.Bxa6 Nxa6

(Diagram)



13.c4! The position is equal. **13...Rb8N** Prevents Bb2.

[13...dxc4 is interesting. 14.Qa4 Qd3 15.Nf4 Qc3]

[13...Nc7 14.Bb2 dxc4 15.Qxd8 Rfxd8 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Rfc1 Ne6 18.Rxc4 f5 19.h3 Rd5 20.Nc3 Rd6 21.g4 fxg4 22.hxg4 Rb8 23.Ne4 Ra6 24.f4 Rb3 25.Kf2 Raxa3 26.Rxa3 Rxa3 27.f5 Nf8 28.Rxc5 1-0 Rakhmanov,A (2623)-Sagar,S (2451) 10th Teplice Open 2015 Teplice CZE (6.4) h6 29.Rc8 a5 30.Ra8 a4 31.Nc5 Ra2+ 32.Kf3 Rd2 33.Ne6 a3 34.Rxf8+ Kh7 35.Rxf7+ 1-0 6...e5,o (2623)-8.f3 ♘bd7 9.g4_64881 (2451) 72/(38) Dieren 1997 (6.4)]

14.Qc2 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Qa5 16.Ra2 Rfd8 17.e4 Nd7 18.Bf4 Nb6 19.Qc1 Rbc8 0.80/21

[19...Rb7± 0.31/20]

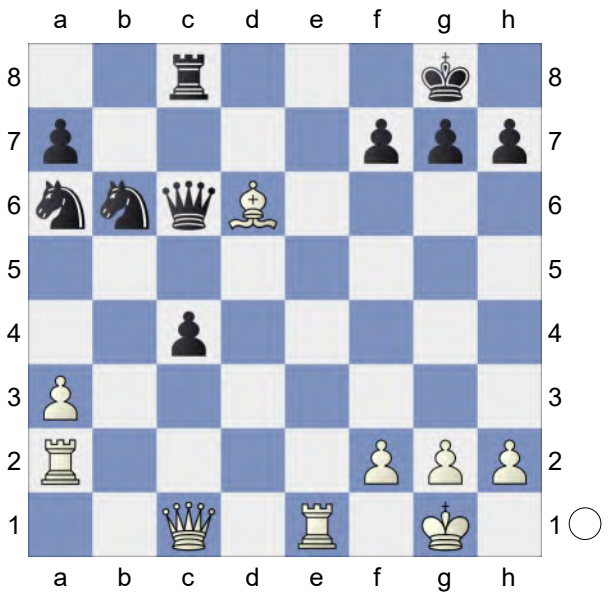
20.Ng3!± Qa4 2.01/19

[20...Nb4± 0.89/15 21.Rd2 Nd3]

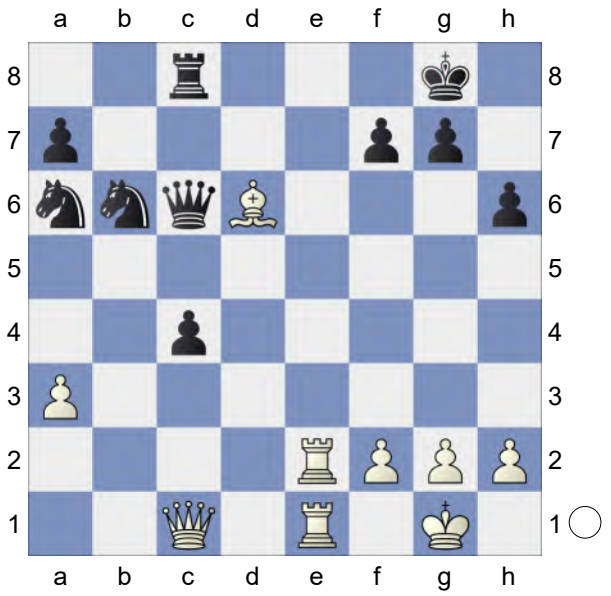
21.Nf5!↑ White is in control. **21...Qxe4 22.Nd6 Rxd6** 2.13/21

[⌓22...Qe6 1.71/19 23.Rd2 Ra8]

23.Bxd6 c4 24.Re1 Qc6



25.Rae2! Black is weak on the dark squares **25...h6**



26.Qc2! Nd5

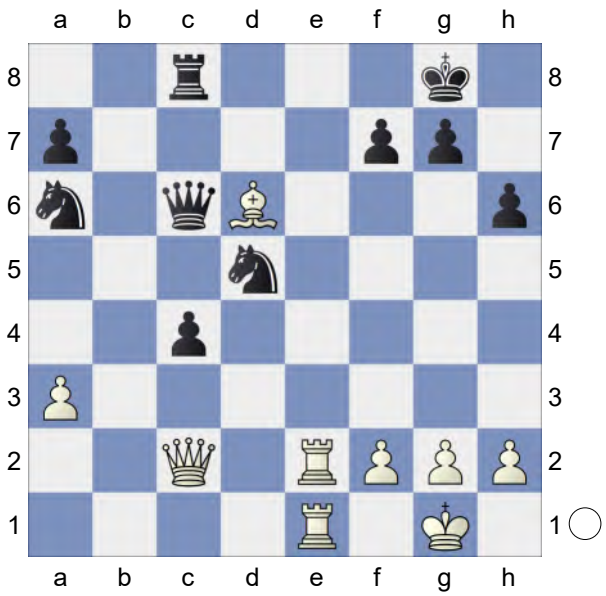
(Diagram)

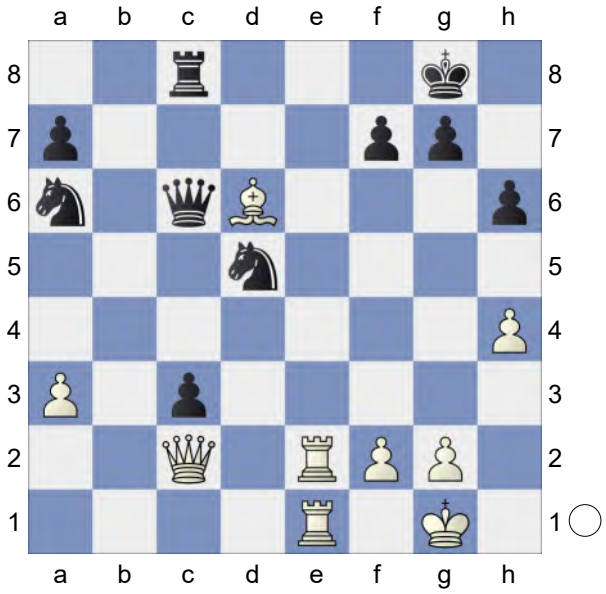
27.h4! c3

[27...Nac7 28.Be5]

(Diagram)

28.Re4 0.99/20 **Rd8** 2.68/18





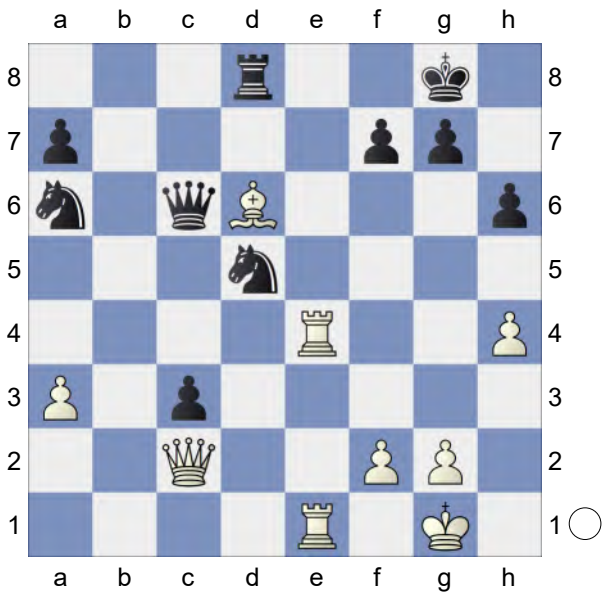
[28...Nac7± 0.99/20 keeps fighting. 29.Be5 Ne6]

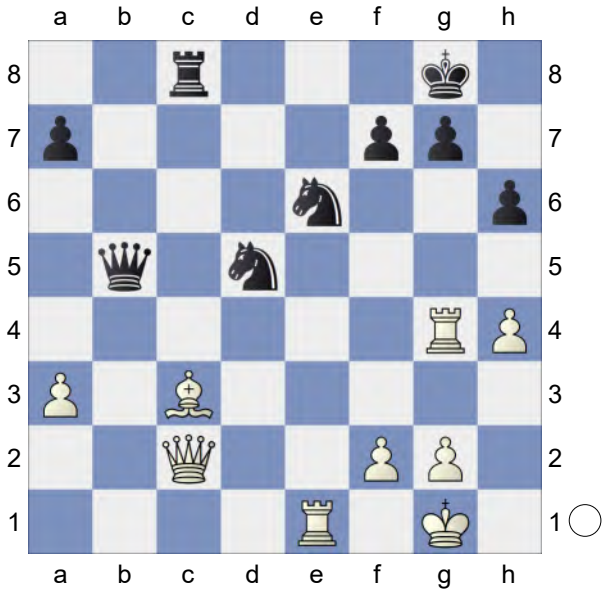
(Diagram)

This costs Black the game. **29.Be5! Nc5** 2.98/21

[29...Re8 2.09/18 is a better defense. 30.Bd4 Nac7 31.Rxe8+ *(31.Bxa7 Rc8±)* 31...Nxe8 32.Bxa7 Nef6]

30.Rc4 Qb5 31.Rg4 Ne6 32.Bxc3 Black must now prevent Rxe6! **32...Rc8**





33.Rg3 Qc6 34.Rc1 Qc4 35.Qd2 Threatens to win with Bb2. **35...Ndf4 36.Re1** Prevents Ne2+. **36...Nh5 37.Rf3 Nhf4 38.Be5 Ng6 39.Rc3** White is clearly winning. **39...Qa6 40.Qd6** Deflection **40...Qxd6 41.Rxc8+ Qf8 42.Rxf8+ Kxf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.36

1-0

D37

□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**

■ **Pranav,V.** **2621**

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[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3

[3.g3 a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

3...d5 4.d4N

[4.e3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 exd5 7.b4 cxb4 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be6 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Qh5+ Bf7 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxa2 1-0 Model Games-Parligras,M Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

4...Nbd7 5.Qc2 c5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 exd5 8.g3 White has an edge. **8...Be7 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Rfd1→** White mounts an attack. **13...Qd6 14.Ng5 Bxg5** 0.92/19

[14...Qg6± 0.54/21 is superior. 15.Qxg6 hxg6]

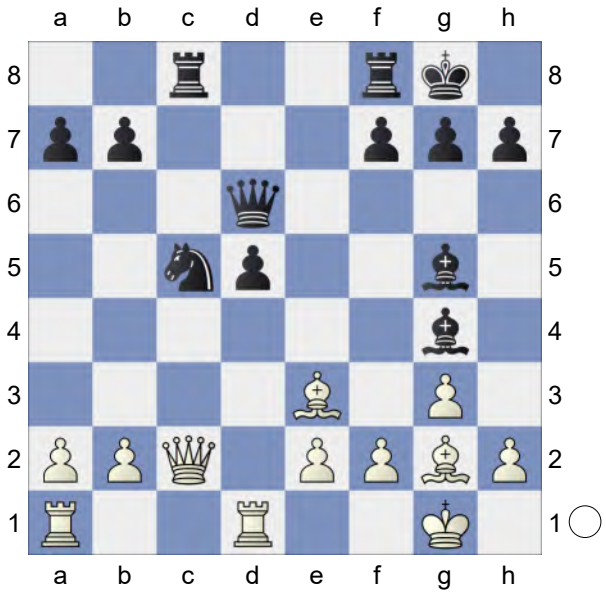
(Diagram)

15.Rxd5!±

[15.Bxg5?! Ne6 16.Qd2 d4=]

15...Qa6

[15...Ne6? 16.Qxc8 *(16.Bxg5? Qxd5-+)* 16...Rxc8 *(16...Qxd5? 17.Qxf8+ Kxf8 18.Bxd5+-)* 17.Rxd6+-]

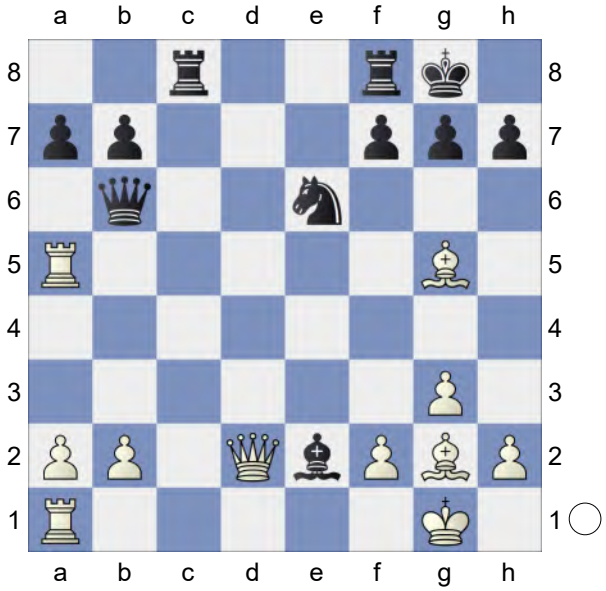


16.Bxg5 0.49/19

[Much worse is 16.Rxg5 Ne6 17.Qe4 Nxg5 18.Qxg4 Ne6=]

[16.Bxc5± 0.91/22 Be7 17.Qe4 Rxc5 18.Qxe7 *(18.Qxg4 Qf6±)*]

16...Ne6± Wards off **17.Qd2** Hoping for Ra5. **17...Bxe2 18.Ra5 Qb6**



19.Be3 0.39/22 This pair of bishops is nice.

[19.Rd5!± 0.77/19 Nxg5 20.Qxe2]

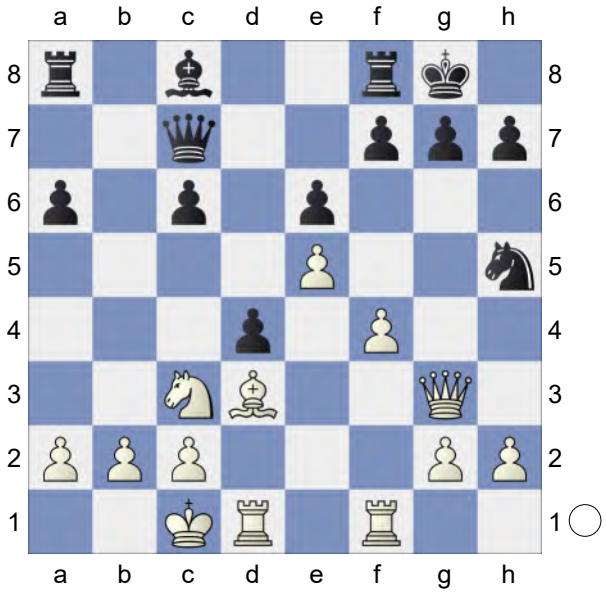
19...Qc7 1.89/20 A mistake that costs the game.

[19...Rfd8!± 0.39/22 20.Rd5

(20.Qxe2 Qxa5 21.Bxb7 Rb8∓)
20...Rxd5 21.Bxd5 Qd8 22.Bxb7
(22.Qxe2 Qxd5 23.h4 Qf5=)
22...Qxd2 23.Bxd2 Rb8]
20.Rd5 Ba6 21.Bxa7 b6 22.Rd7 Qc5 2.61/18
[22...Rcd8 1.84/22 might work better. 23.Rxc7 Rxd2]
23.b4+- Deflection **23...Qf5 24.Bxb6 Ng5 25.Qd5 Nh3+ 26.Bxh3** White is clearly winning. **26...Qxh3 27.b5 Rb8** 7.48/22
[⌓27...Bxb5 4.26/16 28.Qxb5 Rb8]
28.bxa6 Rxb6 29.Rd8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.35
1-0

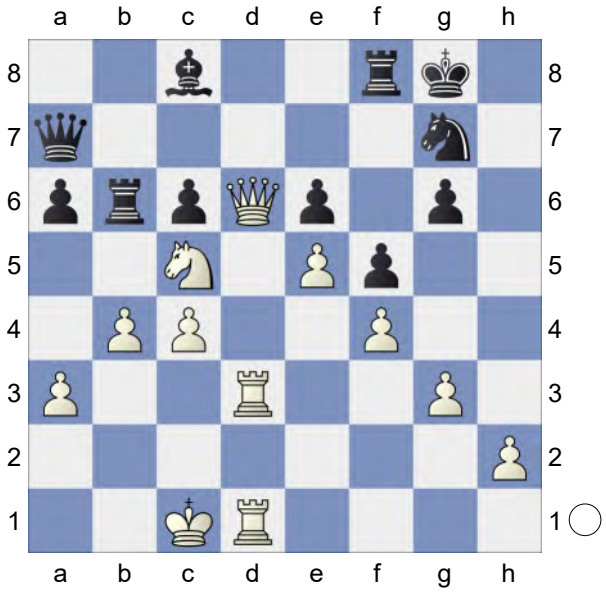
B47
□ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
■ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.12) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B47: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4, 6 g3 and 6 Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3**
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.f4N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Qf3 d5 9.Be3 Nf6 White has an edge. **10.0-0-0 Be7 11.Bd4 0-0 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Qg3 Bf6** 0.82/21
[13...f6= 0.21/20]
14.Bxf6!± Nxf6 15.Rhf1 0.25/18 White is more active.
[15.e5± 0.79/20 Ne8 16.Qh3]
15...d4 1.35/18
[15...Nd7= 0.25/18]
16.e5!→ White wants a kill. **16...Nh5**



17.Bxh7+ 0.00/20 **Kxh7= 18.Qd3+** -0.36/20
[18.Qh3= 0.00/20 dxc3 19.Qxh5+ Kg8 20.Rd3]
18...Kg8 0.13/21
[18...f5!∓ -0.36/20 was preferrable. 19.exf6+ Kg8 20.fxg7 Qxg7]
19.Qxd4 aiming for g4. **19...f5 20.Na4** White has compensation. **20...Qa5 21.a3** Inhibits c5. **21...Rb8 22.Nc5** -0.14/17
[White should play 22.g3!± 0.87/18]
22...Rb5 23.Rf3 Black must now

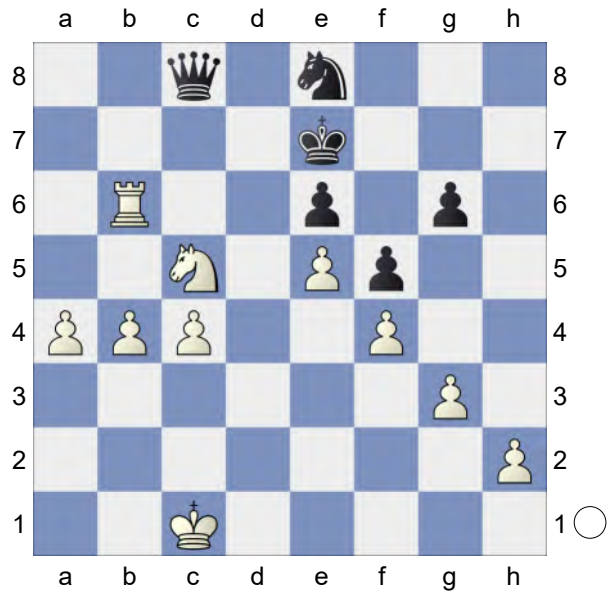
prevent b4. **23...Qc7?** 2.53/19
[23...Rxc5= -0.14/17 and Black has nothing to worry. 24.b4 Rxc2+ *(24...Nxf4? 25.Qxf4+-)* 25.Kxc2 Qd5]
24.c4 Rb6 25.Qd6 Qf7 26.b4 1.03/19
[26.Rd2+- 2.02/20]
26...g6 1.82/21
[26...Qa7± 1.03/19 is a better defense.]
27.g3 Ng7 28.Rfd3 Qa7



29.Qxf8+? -0.25/19 **Kxf8 30.Rd8+ Ke7?** 4.18/23 White now steadily converts the win.
[30...Kf7= -0.12/21 31.Rxc8 Rb8 32.Rd7+ *(32.Rxc6 Qa8∓; 32.Rc7+? Qxc7 33.Rd7+ Qxd7-+)* 32...Qxd7 33.Rxb8 Qd4 34.Rb7+ Kg8 35.Rxg7+ Double Attack *(35.Nxa6? Qxc4+ 36.Kb2 Qxa6-+)* 35...Kh8 36.Rxg6 *(36.Nxe6? Qxc4+ 37.Kb2 Qxe6-+)* 36...Qc3+ 37.Kd1 Qxa3]
31.Rxc8+- Rb8? 6.89/24
[31...Rb7 2.64/20 32.Rdd8 *(32.Rxc6 Rc7=)* 32...g5 33.fxg5 Kf7 34.Rxc6 Rb6]
32.Rxc6? 2.14/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[32.Rc7+? Qxc7 33.Nxa6 Qb6 34.Nxb8 Qxb8-+]
[32.Rxb8 6.89/24 Qxb8 33.Rd7+ Kf8 34.Rb7 Qxb7 35.Nxb7]
32...Rd8 3.48/22
[32...Qa8 2.14/21 might work better. 33.Rc7+ *(33.Rxa6 Qf3=)* 33...Kf8]
33.Rdd6
[33.Rxa6 Rxd1+ 34.Kxd1 Qc7±]
33...Ne8 34.Rxa6
[34.Rxe6+ Kf8±]
34...Qc7 35.Rdc6
[35.Rxe6+ Kf7 36.Rec6 *(36.Rxg6 Rd4±)* 36...Qb8+-]
35...Qb8 36.Rcb6
[36.Nxe6 Rd7±]
[36.Rab6 Qa8]
36...Qc8 37.Rc6 Deflection **37...Qb8 38.Rab6** 2.58/18
[38.Nxe6 Rd7+-]
[⌓38.Rcb6 4.73/24 Qc8 39.Rxe6+ Kf7 40.Ra7+ *(40.Rxg6 Rd4±)* 40...Kg8 41.Rxg6+ Kh8 42.Rh6+ Kg8 43.Rha6]
38...Qa8 39.a4
[39.Nxe6 Qxa3+ 40.Kc2 Qa2+ 41.Kc3 Qd2+ 42.Kb3 Qd1+ 43.Kb2 Rd2+ 44.Ka3 Rd3+ *(44...Rxh2? 45.Rb7++-)* 45.Ka2 Qe2+ 46.Kb1 Rd1#]
[39.Rxe6+? Kf8 40.Rxe8+ *(40.Rxg6? Qxa3+ 41.Kc2 Qa2+ 42.Kc3 Rd2-+)* 40...Kxe8-+]
39...Rc8? 3.23/19
[39...Rd4 1.61/20 40.Kb2 *(40.Nxe6 Rd7±; 40.Rxe6+ Kf7-+; 40.Rb7+ Kf8+-)* 40...Rxc4]
40.Rxc8! Deflection
[40.Rxe6+ Kf7 41.Kb2 *(41.Rxg6 Qf3=)* 41...Qg2+ 42.Kc3 Qf3+ 43.Kb2 Qg2+ 44.Kb3 Qf3+ 45.Kc2 Qe2+ 46.Kc3 Qe1+ 47.Kc2 Qf1 48.Rb7+ *(48.Rxg6? Qxc4+ 49.Kb2*

Rd8-+) 48...Rc7 49.Rxc7+ Nxc7 50.Rf6+ Ke7∓]

40...Qxc8



41.a5!

[41.Nxe6? is the wrong capture. Qxc4+ 42.Kd2 Qa2+ *(42...Nc7 43.Nxc7 Qxc7 44.a5∓)* 43.Ke3 Qxa4-+ *(43...Qxh2? 44.Kf3-+)*]

[41.Rxe6+?! Kf7+-]

41...Nc7 42.a6 Na8 43.Rxe6+ Kf7 44.Rd6 Qh8? 8.62/18

[44...g5 2.22/17 45.fxg5 Qh8 46.g6+ Kg7]

45.Rd7+ Ke8

(Diagram)

46.Ra7!

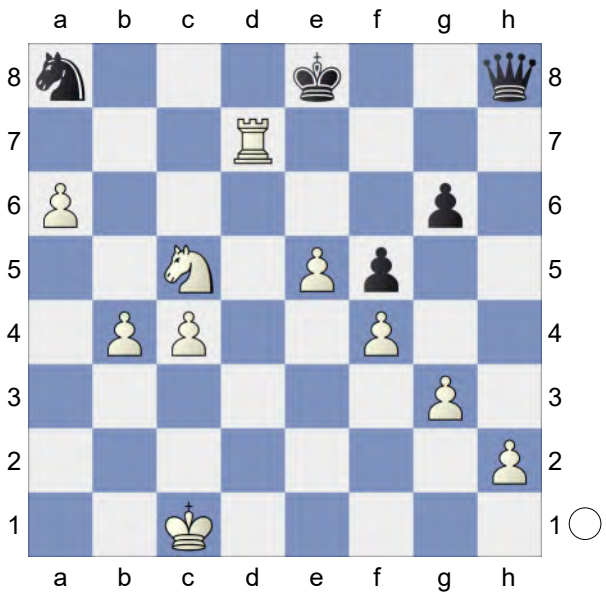
[Not 46.Rb7 Qxh2 47.Nd7 *(47.Rb8+ Kf7=)* 47...Qe2=]

46...Nb6 47.Rb7 Hoping for Rb8+.

47...Qxh2 48.Rxb6 Endgame. KQ-KRN

48...Qa2 49.Rb8+ Ke7 50.Rb7+ Ke8 51.a7 Rb8+ would now be deadly.

51...Qa1+ 52.Kc2 Qa2+ 53.Kc3 Qa1+ 54.Kb3 Qd1+ 55.Ka2 Qc2+ 56.Ka3 Qc1+ 57.Ka4 Weighted Error Value:



White=0.42/Black=0.70

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B90

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek 2777**

■ **Ayush,Sharma 2466**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.13) 7.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Qd3** 0.18/22

[6.Be3± 0.58/20 was preferrable.]

[6.a4 Nc6 7.a5 e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 c5 11.Bf4 Qc7 12.Qe2 Bb7 13.e5 Qc6 14.f3 Nh5 15.Bd2 c4 16.Bxc4 dxe5 17.b3 Rd8 18.Rad1 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Nf4 20.Na4 Nxe2 ½-½ 9.♘d2 a5/ 14.♕c2 ♘gf6 1 (2732)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2775) 9.Nb3 (1.1)]

6...Nbd7N

[6...Nc6 7.Bg5 e6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0-0 Qa5 10.e5 Qxe5 11.f4 Qf5 12.Qxf5 exf5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Bd3 Rg8 15.Rhe1+ Kd8 16.Rd2 Ra7

17.Nd1 h5 18.Ne3 Re7 19.Rf2 h4 20.Kd2 d5 21.Ree2 ½-½ Sanjuan Garcia,M (2638)-Jadasz,F (2426) Spanish Team Championship Torrelavega 2007 (5.1) Re4 22.c4 Bb4+ 23.Kc2 Bc5 24.Bxe4 fxe4 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.b4 Ba7 27.Nxd5 Bxf2 28.Rxf2 f5 29.Rd2 Rg6 30.Ne3+ Kc7 31.Rd4 Be6 32.a3 Rg8 ½-½ Hou,Y (2638)-Huang,Q (2426) CHN-chT Div A KO Liaocheng 2023 (5.1)]

7.Be2 b5 8.0-0 The position is equal.

8...Bb7 9.b4 g6 10.a4 bxa4 11.Rxa4

[11.Nxa4 Bxe4 12.Qb3 Bg7∓]

11...Bg7 12.Nb3 0-0 13.Bf4 Rc8 Hoping for ...Nh5. **14.Na5 Ba8 15.Ra3! Qb6 16.Rb3 Rc7** 0.89/21

[16...Rfe8± 0.46/18]

17.Nd5± Nxd5 18.exd5 Ne5 19.Qd2 Rfc8 1.85/21

[19...e6± 1.02/18 was worth a try.]

20.c3 Nc4 2.55/22

[⌓20...e6 1.66/20]

21.Nxc4 Rxc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Re1 Qc7 24.Bg5

[24.Rc1 Qb7]

24...Be5

[24...Bxc3? 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Rxe7+- *(26.Bxe7 Qc8+-; 26.Bxe7 Qc8+-)*]

25.h3 f6

[25...Rxc3? 26.Rxc3 Bxc3 27.Qc1 Bxd5 28.Re3+- *(28.Rxe7 Qc6+-; 28.Bxe7 Bb7±; 28.Bd2 Qb7+-)*]

26.Bh6 g5

[26...Rxc3? 27.Rxc3 Bxc3 28.Qc2+-]

27.b5 axb5

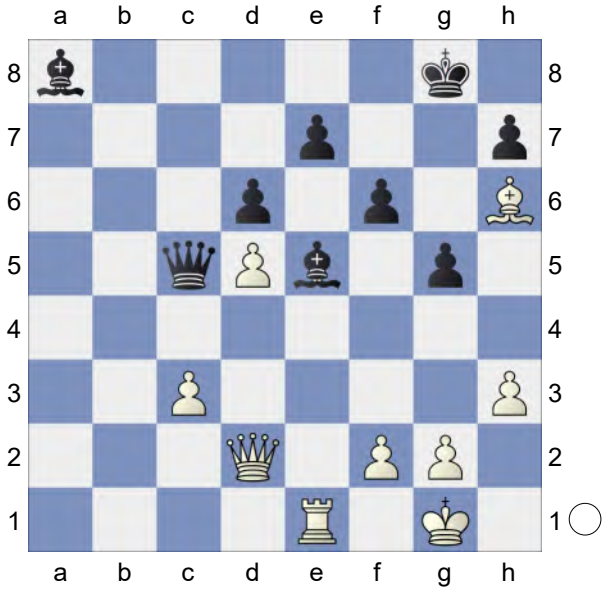
[27...Bxc3 28.Qe2 *(28.Rxc3 Rxc3 29.b6* Deflection *Qc4+-)* 28...Bxd5 29.b6+-]

28.Rxb5 Qa2 is the strong threat.

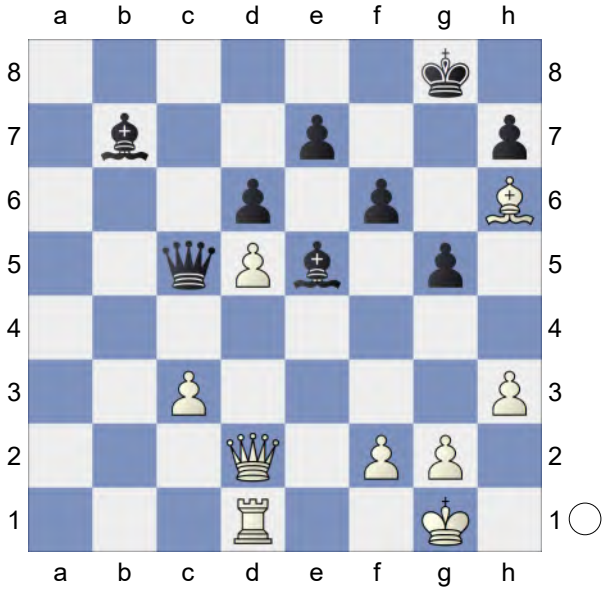
28...Rc5

[28...Bxc3? too greedy. 29.Qe2 Be5 *(29...Bxe1 30.Qe6+ Kh8 31.Qxe7 Bxf2+ 32.Kh2)* 30.Qa2 Bxd5 31.Rxd5+-]

29.Rxc5 Qxc5



30.Rd1! Bb7



31.h4! gxh4

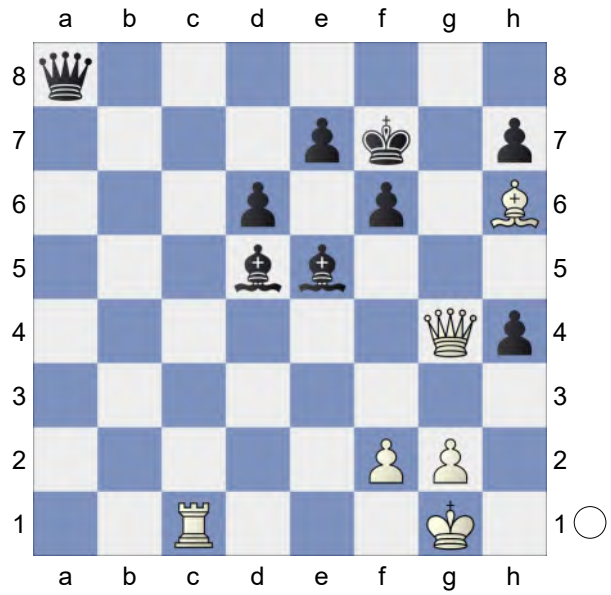
[31...Qc4 32.hxg5]

32.Qd3 Qxc3 4.78/21

[32...Bc8 3.30/19 keeps fighting. 33.Be3 Qa5]

33.Qb5+- Qc8 Prevents Qe8+ **34.Rc1**

Qa8 35.Qd7 Qe6+ would kill now. **35...Kf7 36.Qg4** Strongly threatening Qg7+. **36...Bxd5**



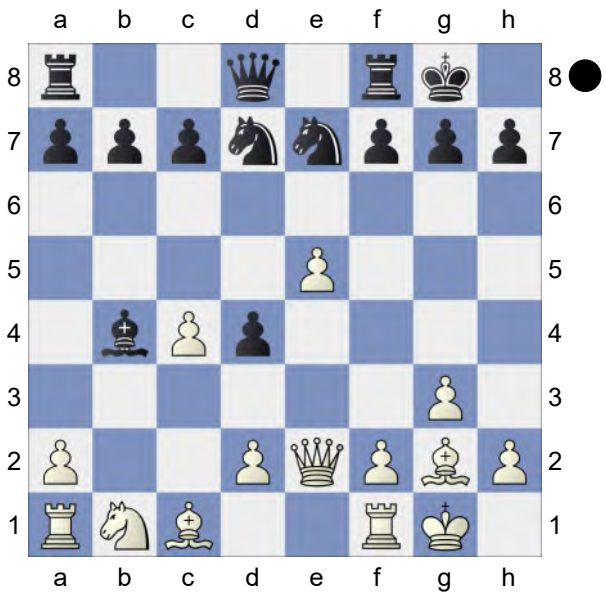
37.Rc8
[Not 37.Qxh4 Qg8 38.Qh5+ Qg6 39.Qxg6+ hxg6=]
37...Qa1+ 6.99/21
[⌓37...Qxc8 4.82/16 38.Qxc8 Kg6]
38.Bc1 e6 39.Qg8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.48
1-0

A09
□ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.14) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

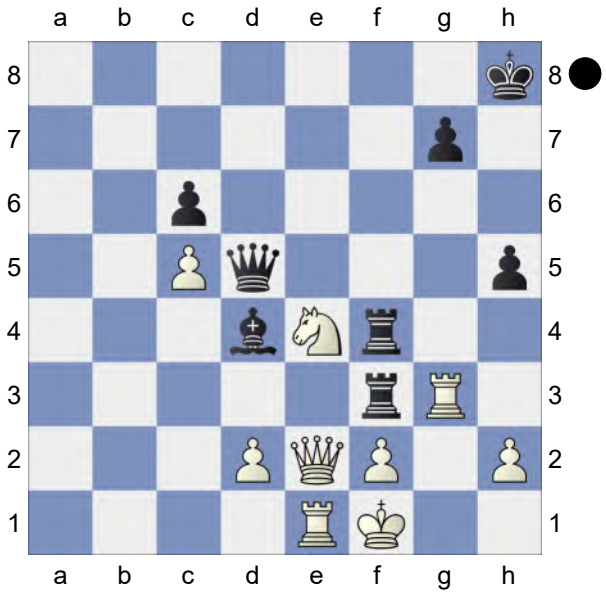
A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 Bg4 4.g3 Bxf3 5.exf3 e5**
[5...e6 6.b5 *(6.a3 c6 7.Bg2 a5 8.b5 cxb5 9.cxb5 Nd7 10.f4 Nc5 11.0-0 a4 12.d3 Ra5 13.f5 exf5 14.Re1+ Be7 15.Qc2 Rxb5 16.Qc4 Qd7 17.Re5 Nf6 18.Bg5 0-0 19.Nd2 Ra5 20.Rae1 Re8* 0-1 Cseh,D (1324)-Zoka,Z HUN-chT U18 Budapest 2022 (3.6)*)* 6...Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.f4 axb5 9.cxb5 c6 10.0-0 Be7 11.bxc6 Nxc6 12.a4 0-0 13.Na3 Nd7 14.d3 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Bd2 b6 17.f5 e5 18.f4 Nc5 19.Qf3 e4 20.dxe4 0-1 Salman,F (2729)-Deslandes,P (2813) 55/172 Cetinje 1992 (14.1)]
6.Bg2 Bxb4N
[6...Nd7 7.a3 a5 8.b5 Bd6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxb7 Rb8 11.Bg2 Ngf6 12.d3 Qe7+ 13.Kf1 Nc5 14.Bc6+ Kf8 15.Ra2 Nfd7 16.gxf4 Qf6 17.Nd2 Qxf4 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.h4 h5 20.Bg5 Ne5 21.Nxc5 1-0 Rapport,R (2675)-Najer,E (2707) FIDE World Cup Tbilisi 2017 (4.4) Bxc5 22.Be4 Qe6 23.Bd5 Qf5 24.Be4 Qe6 25.f3 Rxb5 26.Bd5 Qd6 27.Bxf7 Rb7 28.Bd5 c6 29.Be4 Bxa3 30.Qa4 Bb4 31.f4 Rf7 32.Kg2 Ng4 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Bxc6 Ne3+ 35.Kf3 g6 36.Be4 1-0 Salman,F (2675)-Oskooei,M (2707) 6: San Diego (rapid) 2007 (4.4)]
7.f4 Qa4+ would now be deadly. **7...Nd7 8.fxe5** White is slightly better.
[8.Bxb7 Rb8 9.Bg2 exf4∓]
8...Ne7 9.0-0 0.24/18
[Reject 9.Bxb7 Rb8 10.Bg2 0-0=]
[9.a3± 0.61/21 Bc5 10.e6 fxe6 11.d3]
9...0-0 10.Qe2 -0.09/19
[White should try 10.f4± 0.51/19]

(Diagram)

10...d3!= Deflection **11.Qxd3 Nxe5 12.Qb3 N7c6 13.Bb2** White is weak on the dark squares **13...a5 14.a3**



And now Bxe5 would win. **14...a4**
[14...Bc5 simplifies 15.Bxe5 Nxe5 16.Nc3 c6]
15.Qc2 Bxe5! is the strong threat.
15...Bc5! 16.Bxe5 Nxe5 17.Nc3! c6 18.Nxa4 Bd4 19.Rab1 f5 20.c5 Kh8 aiming for ...Ng4. **21.Nc3! f4 22.Ne4 Rxa3** Threatening ...fxg3. **23.Rxb7 h6**
[23...fxg3!? 24.hxg3 Ng4=]
24.gxf4 -0.48/18
[24.Kh1= 0.02/22]
24...Nf3+!∓ 25.Bxf3 Rxf3 26.Rb3 R3xf4 27.Rg3 Be5 Black has compensation. **28.Rg2 Rf3 29.Qc4 R8f4** -0.12/21
[29...R3f4∓ -0.54/21 30.Re1 Bd4]
30.Qe2= Qd5 31.Re1 Bd4 32.Kf1 -0.61/22
[32.Rg3= -0.10/20 Rxf2 33.Nxf2 Rxf2 34.Qxf2 Bxf2+ Discovered Attack 35.Kxf2]
32...h5 -0.24/18 Black has more active pieces.
[32...Rf8∓ -0.61/22 is more appropriate.]
33.Rg3? -5.01/22
[33.Kg1!= -0.24/18 and White is okay. Rf5 *(33...Bxc5 34.Ng5±)* 34.Rb1]



33...Qxe4!-+ Remove Defender, Deflection **34.Rxf3**
[34.Qxe4 Rxf2+]
34...Qxf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

B47
□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.15) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B47: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4, 6 g3 and 6 Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3**
[3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 a6 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 0-0 9.h3 Nd7 10.Be3 b5 11.g4 Bb7 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.Qf2 1-0 Demchenko,A (2611)-Medvegy,Z (2548) ZMDI Open 2016 Dresden GER (6.2)]
3...Nc6 4.d4N
[4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.d3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 a6 10.h4 b5

11.Bf4 Bb7 12.h5 Nb6 13.Nh2 Nd4 14.Nb1 Bg5 15.c3 Nf5 16.Bxg5 Qxg5 17.Nd2 Nh6 18.Ndf1 Qe7 1-0 Hadzovic,A (2309)-Mrndjic,M (2207) BIH-chT 21st Sarajevo 2023 (1.5)]

4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Ncb5 Qb8 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Bg5 d6 11.f4** -0.07/19

[11.Rae1± 0.44/18]

11...e5 0.48/20

[11...h6= -0.07/19 12.Bh4 e5 13.fxe5 Bg4]

12.Nb3 exf4 13.Bxf4 Ne5 14.Kh1 Bd7 15.N3d4 Qd8 16.Nc3 Rc8 17.h3 a6 Repels Bb5 **18.Rad1 Re8 19.Bxe5 dxe5 20.Nf5 b5** 0.69/17 Inhibits Bc4.

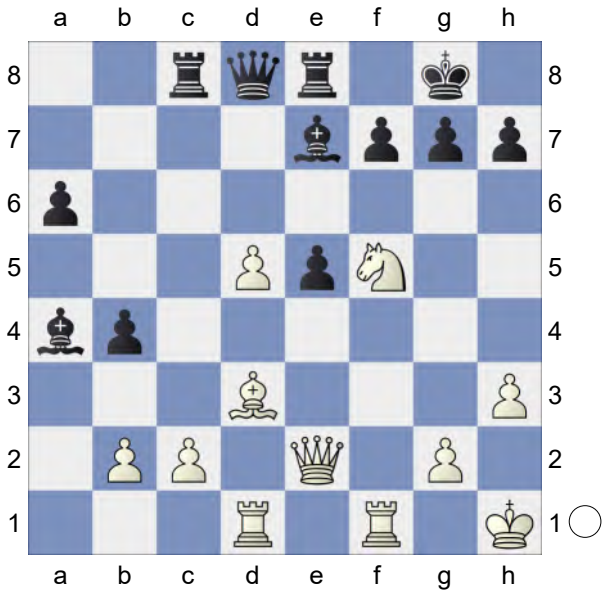
[Better is 20...g6= 0.06/19 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7]

21.a4± White is more active. **21...b4** 1.32/18

[⌓21...g6 0.81/18]

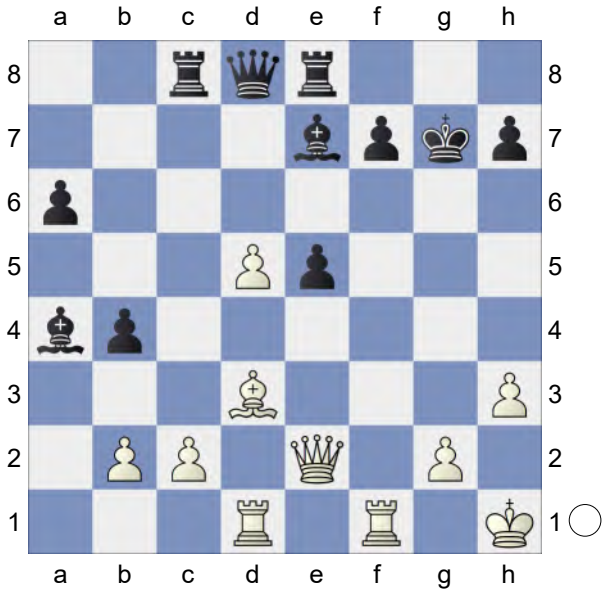
22.Nd5± Nxd5 23.exd5 aiming for Nxg7! **23...Bxa4?** 5.34/17

[23...Bf8± 1.15/16 is tougher.]



Black is weak on the light squares. A mistake that costs the game. **24.Nxg7!+- Kxg7**

[24...Bf6 25.Nxe8]



25.Rxf7+!! Decoy. White mates. **25...Kxf7 26.Qh5+ Kf8 27.Qh6+ Kf7 28.Qxh7+ Kf8 29.Qh6+ Kf7 30.Bg6+** Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.56

1-0

B06

□ **Shyaam Nikhil P** **2445**

■ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**

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[Kitty Kat]

B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6**

[4...c6 5.h3 b5 6.g4 Nd7 7.Bg2 Nb6 8.b3 h5 9.g5 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.c4 e6 13.c5 Ne7 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 a5 16.Bf4 0-0 17.Bd6 Re8 18.Re1 b4 19.h4 0-1 Kharlov,A (2560)-Rashkovsky,N (2505) RUS-Cup02 Moscow 1998 (6)]

[4...a6 5.Qd2 Nd7 6.h4 Ngf6 7.Bh6 Bxh6 8.Qxh6 c5 9.0-0-0 cxd4 10.Rxd4 Qb6 11.Rd2 Qa5 12.Kb1 Ne5 13.f3 Be6 14.Nh3 0-0-0 15.Qe3 Kb8 16.Nf4 Bc4 17.Nd3 Nc6 18.Nc1 d5 19.Bxc4 1-0 Karatiken,B (1478)-Esti,K (1676) TUR-chT 2nd League Denizli 2023 (8.85)]

5.Qd2 c6 6.Bh6N

[6.f3 b5 7.h4 h5 8.Nh3 Nbd7 9.Ng5 0-0 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.Bd3 Qc7 12.Rdg1 e5 13.Ne2 exd4 14.Nxd4 a6 15.g4 07/57 2000]

6...Bxh6 7.Qxh6 e5 8.Nge2 0.40/19

[White should play 8.0-0-0± 0.76/19]

8...Nbd7 9.f3 b5 White is slightly better.

10.dxe5 dxe5 11.h4 0.01/18

[11.a4± 0.52/20]

11...Qe7= 12.Ng3 Nc5! 13.h5 Be6 14.Rd1 a5 15.b3 Ncd7 0.34/20

[15...a4∓ -0.32/20]

16.hxg6± fxg6 17.Qd2 -0.27/23

[⌓17.a4 0.21/19]

17...Kf7 18.Qd6 Rac8 19.Qxe7+ Kxe7 20.a4 Nb6 21.Bd3 bxa4 22.Nxa4 Nxa4 23.bxa4 Nd7 24.Nf1 Rb8! 25.Nd2 Rb4 Against Bc4 **26.Ke2 Nc5** Black is more active. **27.Ra1 Rxa4**

[Much worse is 27...Nxa4?! 28.Ra3 Nb2 29.Rxa5±]

28.Rxa4 Nxa4 29.Ra1 -1.54/23

[29.Bc4!∓ -0.49/21]

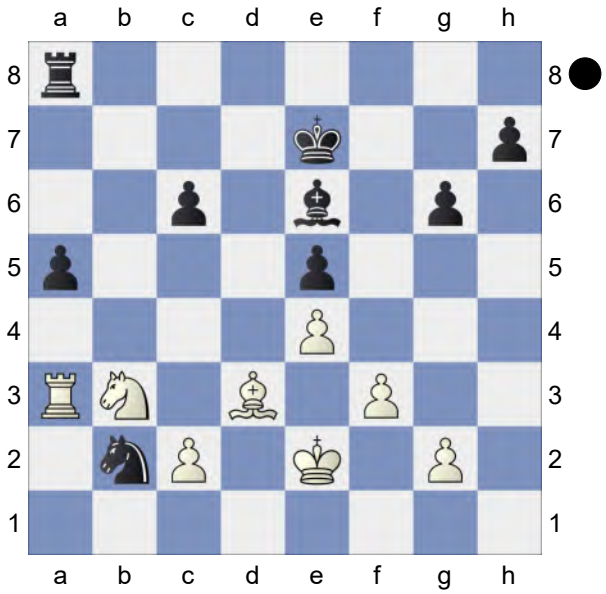
29...Nc3+∓ 30.Ke3 Ra8 31.Ra3 -1.92/20

[31.Bc4∓ -1.43/21]

31...Nd1+-+ 32.Ke2 Nb2 33.Nb3 -2.49/26

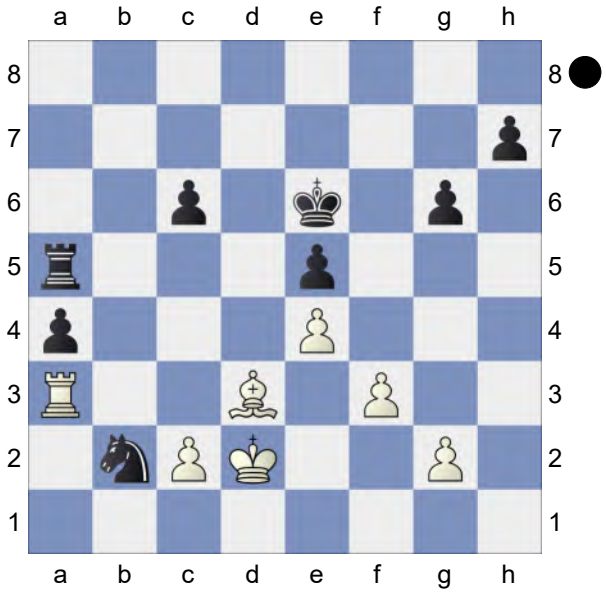
[33.Ke3 -1.98/18 was necessary.]

(Diagram)



33...a4! ...Nxd3 is the strong threat.

34.Nc5 Ra5 35.Nxe6 Kxe6 36.Kd2



Nxd3 37.Kxd3 Endgame. KR-KR

37...Kd6 And now ...Kc5 would win.

38.Kc4 c5 39.g3? -3.54/21 This move loses the game for White.

[39.Kc3∓ -1.38/23]

39...h5 40.f4? -4.57/24

[40.Kc3 -2.48/20]

40...Ke6 41.Kd3 Ra8 42.Kc4 Ra5 43.Kd3 Kd6 Threatens to win with ... exf4. **44.c4?** -4.89/21

[44.Kd2 -2.77/21 keeps fighting.]

44...Ke6 Black is clearly winning. **45.Ke3 Ra7 46.Kf3 Kf6 47.Ke3 Ra6 48.Kf3 g5 49.f5 g4+ 50.Kf2 Kg5 51.Kg2 h4 52.gxh4+ Kxh4 53.Kh2 Ra7 54.Kg2 Kg5 55.Kg3 Ra6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

E09

□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son 2646**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar 2441**
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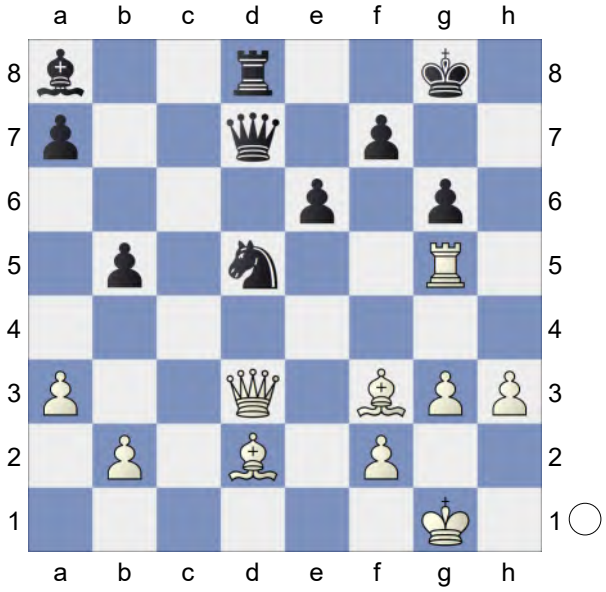
[Kitty Kat]

E09: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 c6 8 Nbd2 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 Bb7 11.Rd1**
[11.Bg5 h6 12.e5 hxg5 13.Nxg5 Ba6 14.Rfe1 Bxc4 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qxc4 Rc8 17.Rad1 Nd5 18.Nf3 Qd6 19.Ne5 Bf6 20.Ng4 Rfd8 21.Qe2 Ne7 22.Ne5 Nf5 23.Bh3 g6 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.h4 Qd5 0-1 Halkias,S (2537)-Deac,B (2643) 2021 (1)]
11...c5
[11...Rc8 12.Nfe5 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Nxd7 Nxf4 15.Nxf8 Nxg2 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Kxg2 Rf8 18.Ne3 c5 19.d5 Qe5 20.f4 Qh5 21.Qf2 Bf6 22.Qf3 Qxf3+ 23.Kxf3 Bxb2 24.Rab1 Bd4 25.dxe6 Bc8 26.Nf5 1-0 Kocu,A (2437)-Laszlo,D (1965) Capablanca mem Elite 35th Varadero 2000 (11)]
12.e5 Nd5 13.Qe4 b5N
[13...Kh8 14.h4 h6 15.Qg4 4. ...d5 and ...e6: The Catal-#052 Closed Catalan with ...]
14.Nd6 White is slightly better.
14...Bxd6 15.Ng5!
[15.exd6 c4∓]
15...g6! 16.exd6 And now Nxe6! would win. **16...N7f6! 17.Qh4 Qxd6 18.dxc5 Qxc5 19.Nf3 Rac8** 0.51/22
[19...Rfc8= 0.00/19]
20.Ne5± White has compensation.
20...Qc7 21.Re1 h5 22.Bh6 Rfe8! 23.Rad1 Nh7 24.Rc1 Qd6 25.Qd4 Qb6
[25...Rxc1 simplifies 26.Rxc1 Nhf6 27.Bf1 b4]
26.Qh4 -0.22/17
[⌓26.Qxb6 0.24/21 axb6 27.Nd7]
26...Rc7 0.23/21
[26...Ndf6! -0.22/17 should be considered.]
27.h3
[27.Bxd5 simplifies Bxd5 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qd4]
27...Ba8 0.51/19
[27...Ne7= 0.12/19]
28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qd4 Qb6 30.Qd3→ Strongly threatening Nxg6! White attacks. **30...Qb7 31.Bf3** 0.38/20
[31.Nxg6 Nb4 32.Bxb7 Nxd3 33.Bxa8 Nxe1∓]
[White should play 31.Be4± 0.79/18 aiming for Bxg6! Nhf6 *(31...Nf8 32.g4=)* 32.Bxg6 Demolition]
31...Nhf6 32.a3 White is much more active.
[Wrong is 32.Nxg6? Nb4-+]
32...Kh7 33.Bg5 0.13/18
[33.Bd2± 0.64/18]
33...Nd7!= 34.Bd2 This pair of bishops is nice.
[34.Bxh5? perishes. Nxe5 *(34...Nf4? 35.Bxg6+ Kg7 36.Bh6+* Decoy *Kxh6 37.Nxf7+ Kg7 38.Qe4-+)* 35.Rxe5 Nf4-+]
34...Nxe5 0.85/18
[34...Re7= 0.19/20]

35.Rxe5± Black must now prevent Bxd5! **35...Qd7** Black is weak on the dark squares **36.Rxh5+ Kg8 37.Rg5 Rd8** 1.38/21

[Black should try 37...Bc6 0.86/20 38.h4 b4]



38.Qe2 0.01/19

[38.Bxd5!± 1.38/21 Rxg6+! is the strong threat. Bxd5 39.Bc3]

38...a6 0.57/18

[38...Nb6!= 0.01/19 39.Bxa8 Qxd2 40.Qxd2 Rxd2 41.Rxb5 Nc4 *(41...Rd1+? 42.Kg2+-)*]

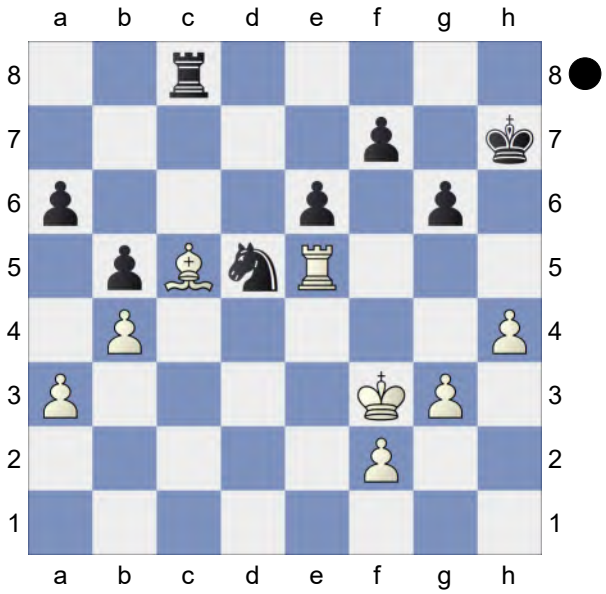
39.h4 0.00/25

[39.Kh2± 0.57/18]

39...Ne7= Hoping for ...Bxf3. The position is equal. **40.Bb4 Bxf3 41.Qxf3 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qxf3+ 43.Kxf3 Nd5 44.Bc5 Rc8 45.b4 Kh7 46.Re5**

(Diagram)

a5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise) **½-½**



A27

□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**

■ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2447**

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[Kitty Kat]

A27: English Opening: Three Knights Variation **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3**

[3.g3 Bb4 *(3...f5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 Qe8 9.b3 Nd8 10.Qc2 c6 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Bb2 e4 13.d5 Nf7 14.Nf4 Qc8 15.h3 Re8 16.Rd2 Bf8 17.Qd1 c5 18.a4* ½-½ Pogan,N (2021)-Urquhart,J (2252) Toulouse Petit Capitole op 2015) 4.Bg2 Bxc3 5.dxc3 Nge7 6.Nf3 d6 7.e4 Bg4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.0-0 Ng6 10.Be3 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Qd2 Be4 13.Ne1 Bxg2 14.Nxg2 Qd7 15.Rad1 Rae8 16.f4 Qg4 17.c5 exf4 ½-½ Hoelldorfer,A (2275)-Sanchez Alvarez,E (2505) (m/4) 17/314 Augusta 1974]

3...f5 4.d4N

[4.d3 Nf6 5.g3 Be7 *(5...Bb4 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 d6*

A 27/07 2000) 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 Nb8 10.Bd2 c5 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Ne1 Kh8 13.Kh1 Be6 14.f4 Qe8 15.Bc3 Rc8 16.e3 Bf6 17.d4 Bc4 18.Rf2 exd4 0-1 Kasparian,G-Goglidze,V URS-ch07 Moscow 1931]

4...e4 5.Nd2 Nf6 6.e3 Bb4 7.Qb3 a5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 White is slightly better.

9...Kh8 10.Nb5 -0.32/21

[10.f3± 0.39/19]

10...d5∓ 11.a3 Bxd2 12.Bxd2 Ne7 13.a4 dxc4 14.Bxc4 c6 0.31/18

[14...b6= -0.20/18]

15.Nc3± Qd6 16.h3 Prevents Ng4

16...Rd8 17.Rfc1 0.31/19

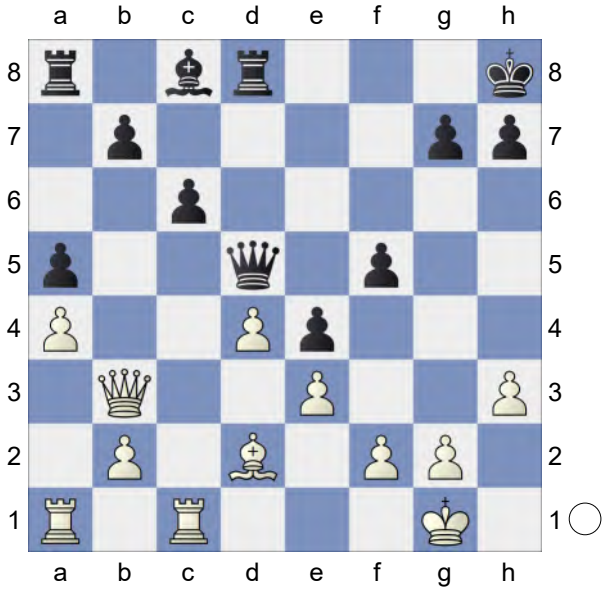
[⌓17.f3 0.67/18]

17...Nfd5 0.91/21

[17...h6± 0.31/19]

18.Bxd5 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Qxd5 1.18/20

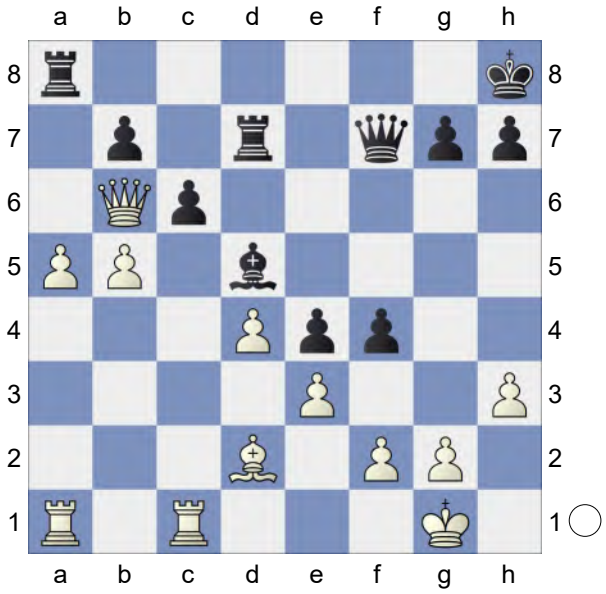
[Black should try 19...Be6!± 0.54/22]



Black is weak on the dark squares

20.Qb6!± Qg8 21.Bxa5 White is more active. **21...Be6 22.b4 Rd7 23.b5** Prevents Ra6 **23...Bd5 24.Bd2 Qf7 25.a5 f4** 2.64/19

[25...cxb5± 1.51/17 was worth a try. 26.Qxb5 Bc6]



26.a6!+-

[26.exf4 e3 27.Bxe3 *(27.fxe3 Qg6 28.g3 Qxg3+ 29.Kf1 Qg2+ 30.Ke1 Bf3)* 27...Qg6±]

26...bxa6 27.bxc6 Rc7 3.96/21

[27...Rd6 2.43/17 28.Rxa6 *(28.exf4 e3±)* 28...Rc8]

28.Rc5

[28.exf4 e3 29.Bxe3 *(29.fxe3? Qg6-+)* 29...Qg6=]

[28.Rxa6 Rac8 29.Qa5 *(29.exf4 e3+-)* 29...fxe3 30.Bxe3 Qe6+-]

28...Rac8 29.Qa5

[29.exf4 Rxc6 30.Rxc6 *(30.Rxa6 e3±)* 30...Rxc6 31.Qb8+ Qg8+-]

29...Bb3 30.Rf5

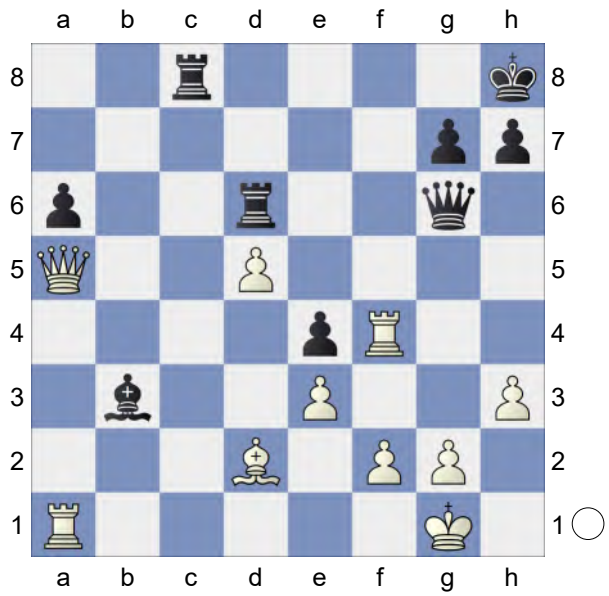
[Don't take 30.Qxa6 Qe6 31.Qb5 *(31.exf4 Rxc6 32.Qb7 Rxc5+-)* 31...f3+-]

[30.exf4 Rxc6+-]

30...Qg6 31.Rxf4 Rxc6 32.d5 Rd6

(Diagram)

33.Qc3!! Double Attack. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /



Black=0.31
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B07
□ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
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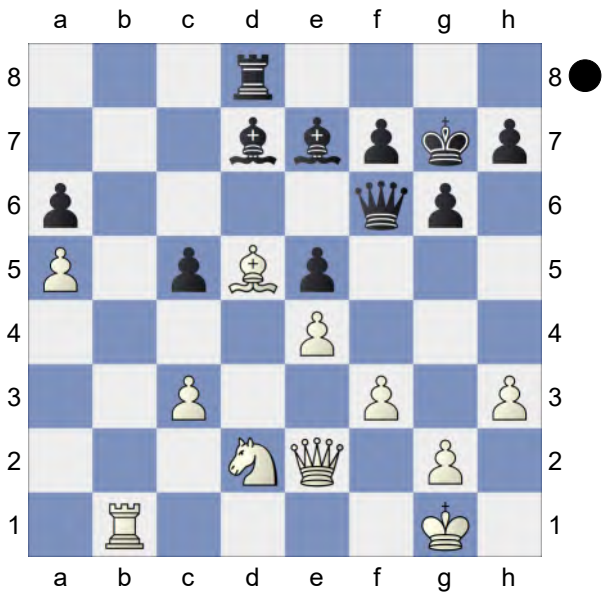
[Kitty Kat]

B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems **1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 b5 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.h3N**
[7.Nf3 Qc7 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Bh6 0-0 10.Ne2 c5 *(10...a5 11.Ng3 e5 12.c3 a4 13.Nh4 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Kh8 15.Nf3 Ng8 16.Qd2 Bb7 17.c4 bxc4 18.Bxc4 d5 19.Bd3 dxe4 20.Nxe4 f5 21.Neg5 e4 22.Ne6 Qd6 23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Be2 exf3 25.Bxf3* 0-1 7. ♘g5 e6 8. ♘f3 ed5 (2594)-Andrews,N (2538) 65/298_110692 Schwäbisch Gmünd 1996 *)* 11.c3 *(11.Bxb5 Nxe4 12.Qe3 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Ndf6* 4.Be3-150 Attack 5. Qd2 6.e5 Play the Power Pirc 2023*)* 11...Rb8 12.Ng3 e5 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qg5 *(14.h4 c4 15.Bc2 Ng4 16.h5 Ndf6 17.Nh4 Nxh5 18.Nxh5+ gxh5 19.Qg5+ Kh8 20.f3 Rg8 21.Qxh5 Ne3* 4.Be3-150 Attack 5. Qd2 6.Bd3 - III Play the Power Pirc 2023 *)* 14...Ng8 15.Nf5+ Kh8 16.Ne3 h6 17.Qg3 Ngf6 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Nd5 Qd6 4.Be3-Delayed 150 Attack 5.Be3 / Qd Play the Power Pirc 2023]
7...e5 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.0-0 0.22/21
[9.dxe5± 0.67/20 is superior. dxe5 10.0-0]
9...a6 0.64/19
[9...exd4= 0.22/21 10.Bxd4 *(10.Nxd4 b4∓)* 10...Bg7]
10.a4 0.21/21
[10.dxe5± 0.64/19 dxe5 11.Rfd1]
10...b4 11.Ne2
[11.Nd1!?]
11...exd4! 12.Bxd4 c5 13.Bxf6 -0.18/23
[13.Be3± 0.40/23]
13...Qxf6= 14.c3 Ne5 0.30/21
[⌓14...Bg7 -0.24/20]
15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Bc4 Rd8 17.Qe3 Be7 18.Nc1 0-0 19.Nb3 Kg7 20.f3 -0.07/15
[20.Rfd1± 0.32/18]
20...Bc8 21.Rfd1 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Qc6 24.Ra1 Qc7
[24...Be6!? 25.Na5 Qc7 26.Bxe6 c4= *(26...Qxa5 27.Bc4=)*]
25.Qe2 Rd8 26.Bd5 Qb6 0.00/20
[26...Bb7∓ -0.49/17 27.Qc4 Bxd5 28.exd5 e4 29.Qxe4 c4]
27.a5 Qf6 28.Nd2 Bd7 29.Rb1

(Diagram)

c4! 30.Rb7
[30.Qxc4 Bxh3 31.Nf1 *(31.gxh3 Qg5+ 32.Kh1 Qxd2∓)* 31...Qg5∓]

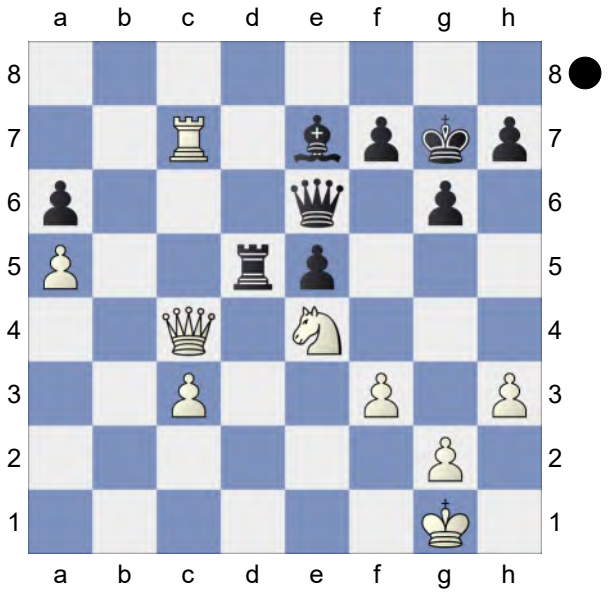


[30.Nf1 Qd6]

30...Bc6! 31.Rc7

[31.Rxe7? Qxe7 32.Bxc6 Qc5+ 33.Kh2 Qxc6 34.Nxc4 h5-+]

31...Bxd5 32.exd5 Rxd5 33.Ne4 Inhibits Qd6. **33...Qe6 34.Qxc4**



Kh2 would now be deadly. **34...Bd8!**

[34...Rxa5? 35.Qxe6 fxe6 36.Rxe7++-]

35.Rc6 Rd1+ 36.Kh2 Qxc4 37.Rxc4∓ Endgame. KRB-KRN **37...f5! 38.Nc5 Bxa5 39.Nxa6 Bb6 40.Nc5 h5** -0.33/20

[Black should play 40...Kf8∓ -0.85/19]

41.h4 Kf7 42.g3! Ke7 43.Nb3 Rb1 44.Nc5 Kd6 45.Na4 -3.26/22 Now White is beyond hope.

[45.Na6∓ -0.61/21]

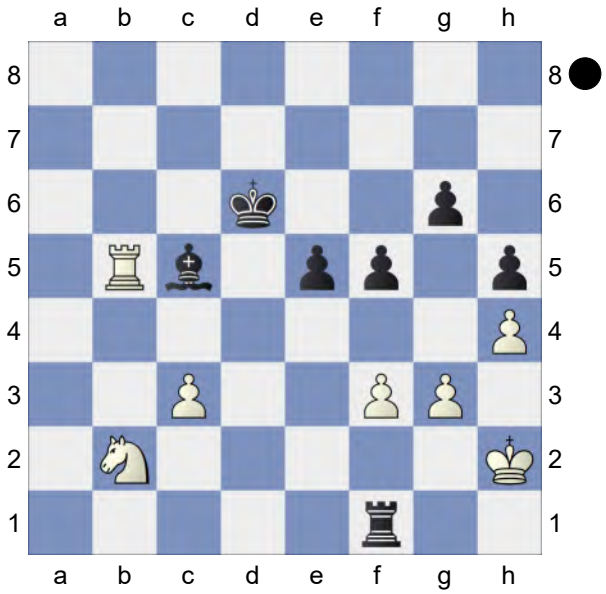
45...Be3-+ aiming for ...Rf1. **46.Rb4?** -3.66/18

[46.Rc8 -2.02/19]

46...Rf1 47.Nb2 Bc5

[47...Rxf3 48.Nc4+ Kd5 49.Nxe3+ Rxe3 50.c4+ Kc5 51.Rb5+ Kxc4 52.Rb6-+]

48.Rb5



Kc6! Black is clearly winning.

[Weaker is 48...Rxf3 49.Nc4+ Kc6 *(49...Kd5 50.Nxe5 Rf2+ 51.Kh1=)* 50.Nxe5+ Kxb5 51.Nxf3=]

49.Rb8 Rxf3 50.Na4 Bf2 51.Kg2 e4

[51...Rxg3+ 52.Kxf2 Rg4 53.Rb4±]

52.c4 Bd4

[Not 52...Bxg3 53.Rg8∓]

53.Rd8 Rf2+ 54.Kg1 Be3 55.Kh1 Rc2 56.c5 Kb5 57.Nb6 Bxc5 58.Nd7 Bd6 59.Rg8 e3 Strongly threatening ...e2. **60.Re8 e2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.09 (flawless)

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B95
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
■ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
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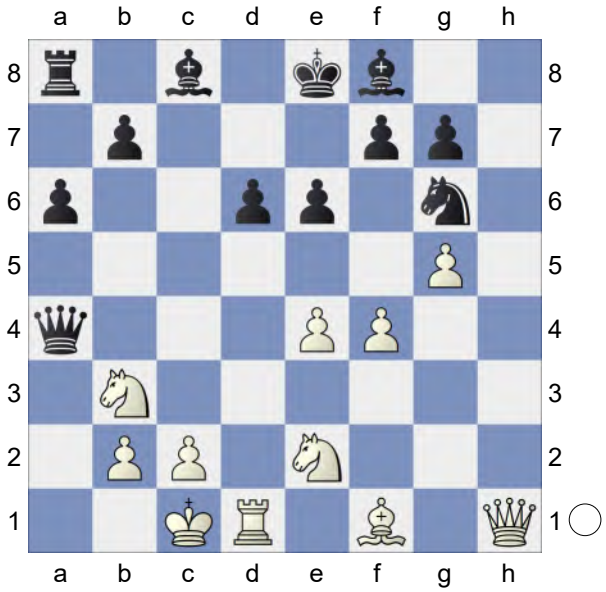
[Kitty Kat]

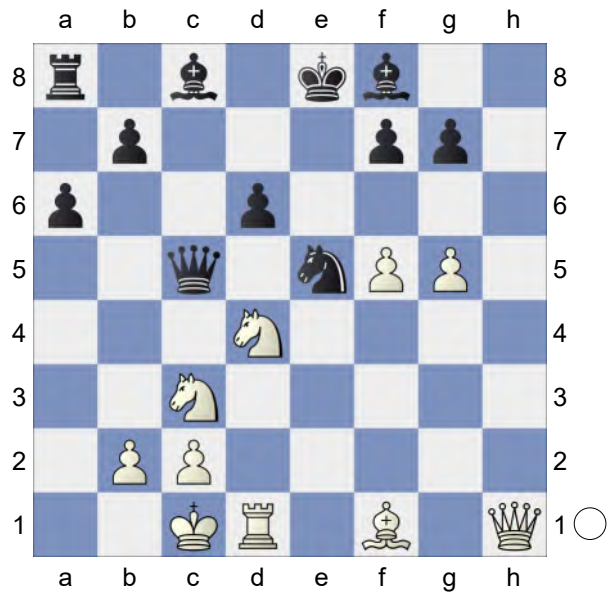
B95: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6, unusual White 7th moves **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qf3 Nbd7 8.0-0-0 Qc7 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.g4 h6N** 0.39/22
[10...Nd7= -0.24/24 11.g5 b5 12.a3 *(12.Qh3 Ne5 13.f4 Ng6 14.f5 Nf4 15.Qe3 e5 16.Nde2 Nxe2+ 17.Bxe2 h6 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.h4 Bb7 20.Rhf1 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 hxg5 22.hxg5 Be7 23.f6 gxf6 24.Qf2 f5 25.Qxf5 Bxg5+ 26.Kb1 Ra7* 1-0 15.♖ae1 ♕b7 16.♗d3 b4 (2260)-Delayed Classical 8...b5 #1 4/789 Jerusalem 1967 (4) *27.Rfd1 Rh6 28.Rxe5+ Be7 29.Qf4 Re6 30.Rxe6 fxe6 31.e5 d5 32.Bh5+ Kd7 33.Bg4 Qb6 34.Qf7 Qc5 35.Qxe6+ Kc7 36.Rxd5 Qg1+ 37.Rd1 Qc5 38.Rd7+ Kb8 39.Qg8+ Bf8 40.Rd8+ Kb7 41.Bf3+ Kb6* 1-0 Urbanec,L (2260)-Zejda,K Brno Gargulak Memorial-A 1996 (4)) 12...Rb8 *(12...Bb7 13.Qe3 g6 14.h4 h5 15.f4 e5 16.Ndxb5 axb5 17.Bxb5 Be7 18.fxe5 0-0 19.Bxd7 Qxd7 20.Rhf1 Qc7 21.Nb5 Qc4 22.exd6 Qxb5 23.dxe7 Rfe8 24.Rf6* 0-1 Chigaev,M (2632)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (5)) 13.h4 b4 14.axb4 Rxb4 15.Qe3 Qb6 16.b3 Qc5 17.f4 Bb7 18.Rh3 g6 19.f5 e5 20.Nde2 Qxe3+ 21.Rxe3 gxf5 22.Bg2 h6 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.Rxd5 f4 25.Rc3 hxg5 0-1 Bellahcene,B (2520)-Van Wely,L (2644) Quenza op 12th 2023 (9)]
11.h4± White is slightly better. **11...Nd7 12.g5 hxg5 13.hxg5 Ne5 14.Qg2 Rxh1 15.Qxh1 Ng6 16.Nce2** -0.03/21
[16.Qh2± 0.36/23 is more appropriate.]
16...Qa5 0.51/23
[16...Qc5= -0.03/21]
17.f4! Qxa2 0.90/20
[17...Nxf4!± 0.43/22 18.Nxf4 Qxg5]
18.Nb3!± Qa4



19.f5! exf5 20.Nc3 Qc6 2.44/20
[20...Qd7!± 0.67/23]
21.Nd4+- Qc5 22.exf5 Ne5 3.06/19
[⌓22...Bxf5 1.72/18 23.Nxf5 *(23.Qxb7 Qc8+-)* 23...Qxf5]

(Diagram)

23.g6 1.66/18 **fxg6 24.fxg6** 0.36/18
[24.Bh3+- 1.62/18]
24...Bg4!± 25.Qxb7 Qa7 26.Qxa7 Rxa7 27.Re1 With the idea Nd5.
27...Re7⇄ Black is fighting back **28.Kd2** Repels Nd3
[28.Bxa6 Nd3+ *(28...Nxg6 29.Rg1±)* 29.Bxd3 Rxe1+ 30.Kd2



Re5∓]

28...Nxg6 29.Ra1 Ne5 30.Rxa6 Rb7 31.Ra8+ Kf7 32.Bg2 Rb4 33.Bd5+ Kg6? 2.76/20

[33...Ke7!± 0.49/18 34.Ra7+ Kf6 35.Ne4+ Kg6]

34.Nc6? 0.54/22

[34.Ncb5!+- 2.76/20]

34...Rf4 1.09/20

[Black should play 34...Nxc6± 0.54/22 35.Bxc6 *(35.Rxf8 Ne7±)* 35...Be7]

35.Ke3!± Rf1 36.Bg2! Rf7 37.b4 aiming for Nxe5+. **37...Kh5 38.b5** 0.68/19 White is more active.

[38.Nxe5± 1.13/19 dxe5 39.Rb8]

38...g6? 3.81/17

[38...Nc4+!± 0.68/19 39.Kd4 Nb6]

39.Nxe5+- dxe5 40.Ne4 Against Bc5+ **40...Bh6+ 41.Kd3 Rd7+ 42.Kc3** Hoping for Nf6+. **42...Rc7+ 43.Kb3 Be6+ 44.Kb2 Be3 45.b6 Re7** 3.34/19

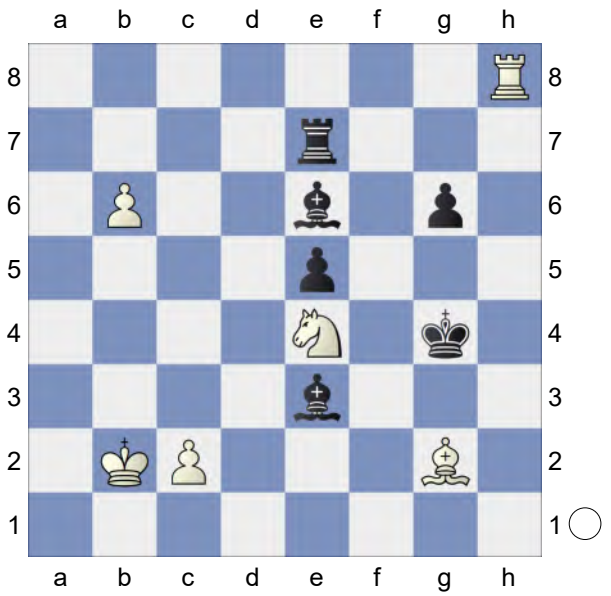
[45...Bxb6± 1.50/18 46.Rh8+ Kg4]

46.Rh8+ 1.82/18

[⌓46.Rb8 3.34/19]

46...Kg4

(Diagram)



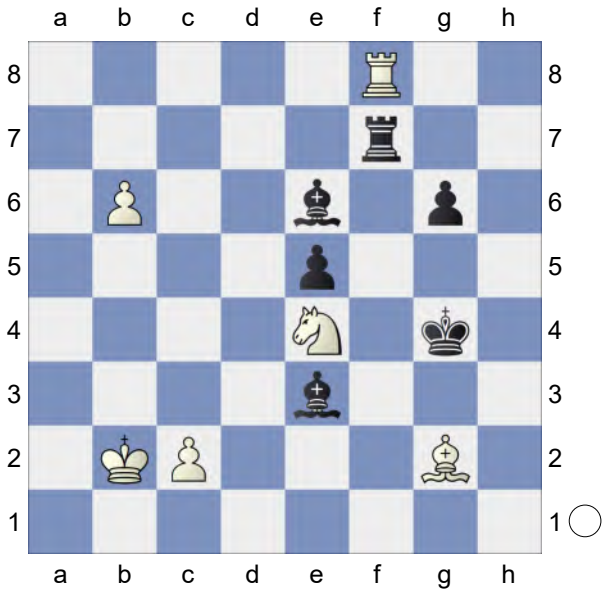
47.Rf8 0.78/17

[47.Rb8!+- 2.15/22 and the rest is easy.]

47...Rf7±

[47...Bxb6 48.Bf3+ Kh4 49.Rh8+]

[47...Bd4+? 48.c3 Kh5 49.cxd4+-]



48.Rxf7 0.08/15

[Better is 48.Rb8!± 1.12/21]

48...Bxf7 Endgame. KBB-KBN. This pair of bishops is nice. The position is equal.

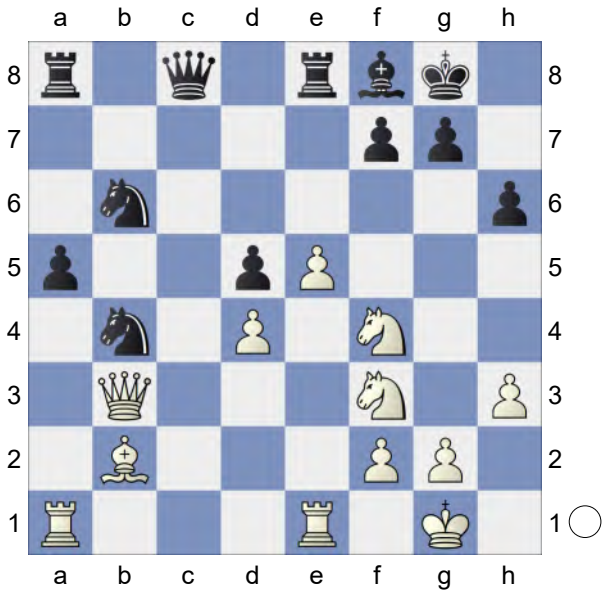
49.Nf6+ Kg3 50.Bd5

[50.b7!? Bd4+ 51.Ka3 Bc5+

52.Ka4+-]
50...Bxd5 51.Nxd5= KB-KN **51...Bc5 52.Kb3**
[52.b7!? Bd6□ 53.c4±]
52...e4 ...Bxb6! would now be deadly.
53.b7 Ba7 54.Ne7
[54.Nb4!? Bb8□ 55.Kc4=]
54...Bb8! 55.Nc6
[55.Nxg6? e3 56.c3 *(56.Kc3? e2-+)* 56...e2-+]
55...Bc7 56.Kc4 And now Kd4 would win.
[56.b8R? Bxb8 57.Kc4 *(57.Nxb8? e3-+)* 57...Bc7-+]
56...e3 Strongly threatening ...e2.
57.Kd3
[57.b8B? Bxb8 58.Nd4 Kf2-+]
57...Kf2 58.Nd4
[58.b8B? too greedy. e2 59.Bxc7 *(59.Ba7+? Kf1-+)* 59...e1Q-+ *(59...e1B? is the wrong capture. 60.Bb6+ Kf3 61.Be3+-)*]
58...Bb8 Threatens to win with ...g5.
59.Ke4 e2
[59...g5!? 60.Kf5□ g4 61.Kxg4 e2 62.Nxe2 Kxe2=]
60.Nxe2! Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.36
½-½

C93
□ **Kunal,M.. 2292**
■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K. 2524**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.21) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C93: Closed Ruy Lopez: Smyslov Variation **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bd7 12.Nf1 a5 13.a4** White is slightly better. **13...bxa4 14.Bxa4 exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.Ng3 Bf8 17.b3N** -0.09/18
[17.Re2± 0.45/22]
[17.d5 Bxa4 18.Qxa4 Qd7 19.Bd2 c5 20.Bc3 Be7 21.Nf5 Qxa4 22.Rxa4 Ra6 23.e5 dxe5 24.Bxb4 cxb4 25.Rxe5 Bd8 26.Rxe8+ Nxe8 27.Ne5 Nd6 28.Ne3 Ne4 29.Nc6 Nc5 30.Ra2 b3 31.Ra3 Bf6 0-1 10.♘e2 c5 11.♕b3_14070-Joecks, C (ol) 10/753 Siegen 1970 32.Nc4 a4 33.Nb4 Ra8 34.d6 g6 35.Nd5 Bd4 36.Ndb6 Ra6 37.d7 Bf6 38.Ra1 Ra7 39.Rd1 Bd8 40.Rd5 Ne6 41.Rb5 Rb7 42.Kf1 Kg7 43.g3 Nf8 44.Rd5 a3 45.bxa3 Bxb6 46.Nxb6 b2 0-1 Montecatine Rios,R-Dorschfeldt,E CiF CP4-95 corr CiF 1998]
17...Bxa4= 18.Rxa4 Nd7 19.Bb2 d5 20.e5 c5 21.Nh5 c4 22.Nf4 -0.70/23 Prevents Nd3
[22.Re3!= 0.12/19]
22...cxb3 23.Qxb3 Nb6 24.Raa1 Qc8



White must now prevent ...Qc2. **25.e6** -0.81/19 **fxe6∓ 26.Rac1** -1.17/19 Inhibits Qc2.

[White should try 26.Rec1 -0.79/20 Qd8 27.Ne5]

26...Nc4 Hoping for ...a4. **27.Ne5 a4** -0.28/19

[27...Bd6∓ -1.11/19 Strongly threatening ...a4. 28.Nxc4 dxc4 *(28...Bxf4 29.Nd6=)* 29.Rxc4 a4 30.Rxc8 axb3 31.Rxe8+ Rxe8]

28.Qg3= Qd8 0.00/20

[28...Qb7!∓ -0.64/19 29.Ng4 *(29.Nxc4 dxc4 30.Rxc4 Nd5∓)* 29...Kh7 *(29...Nxb2 30.Nf6+ Kf7 31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.Rxe6+ Kd8 33.Rxe8#)* 30.Nxe6 a3 *(30...Nxb2? 31.Rc7+-)*]

29.Nxc4 -0.72/17

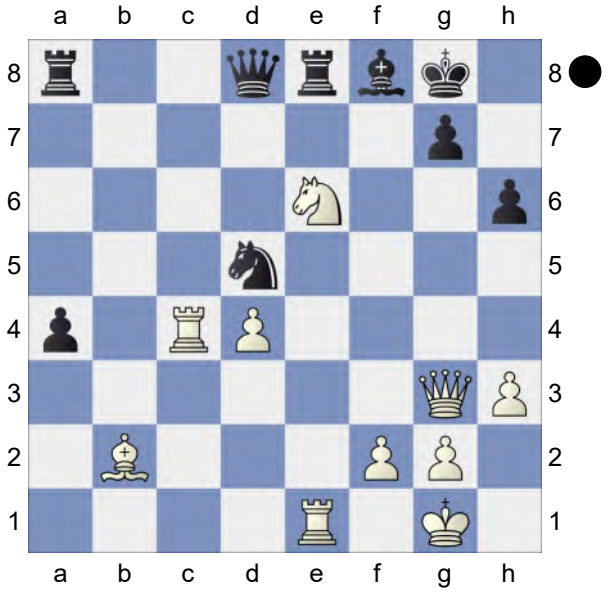
[29.Ng4= 0.00/20 keeps the balance. Kh8 30.Ba3]

29...dxc4∓ 30.Rxc4 -1.30/19

[White should play 30.Rxe6∓ -0.53/21 Rxe6 31.Nxe6]

30...Nd5 31.Nxe6? -3.51/19

[31.Nxd5∓ -1.14/22 Qxd5 *(31...exd5 32.Rxe8 Qxe8 33.Rc3∓)* 32.Rc3]



31...Qd7-+ 32.Qe5 Ra6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.14 (very precise)

0-1

C88

□ **George Samir,David** **2272**

■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**

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[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1**

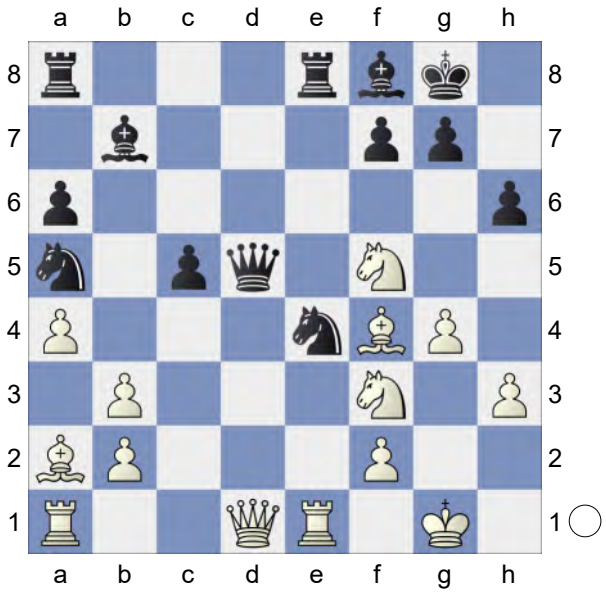
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)*)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1)]

6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N

[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]

8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.Bd2 Qd7 11.h3 h6 12.Nc3 Na5 13.Ba2 White is

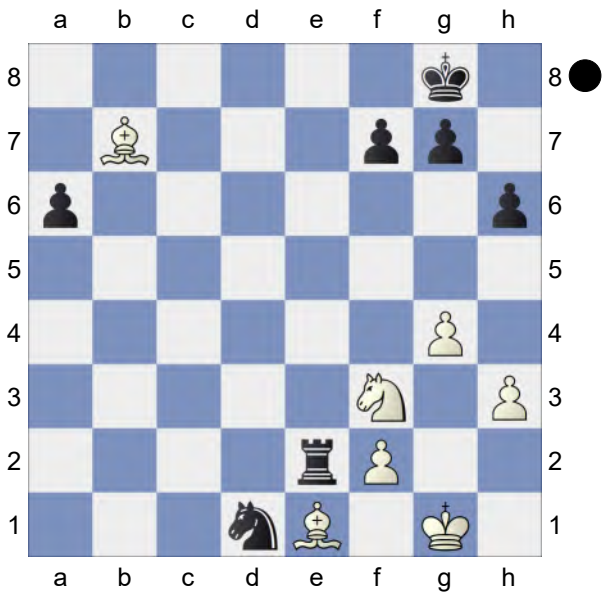
slightly better. **13...b4 14.Ne2 c5 15.Ng3 Rfe8 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.g4** -0.35/18
[17.Nh2!± 0.57/18]
17...d5!∓ 18.exd5 e4 0.23/19
[18...Nxd5∓ -0.37/23 19.Nxe5 *(19.Rxe5 b3∓)* 19...Qc7]
19.dxe4= Nxe4 20.Bf4 b3 21.cxb3 Qxd5

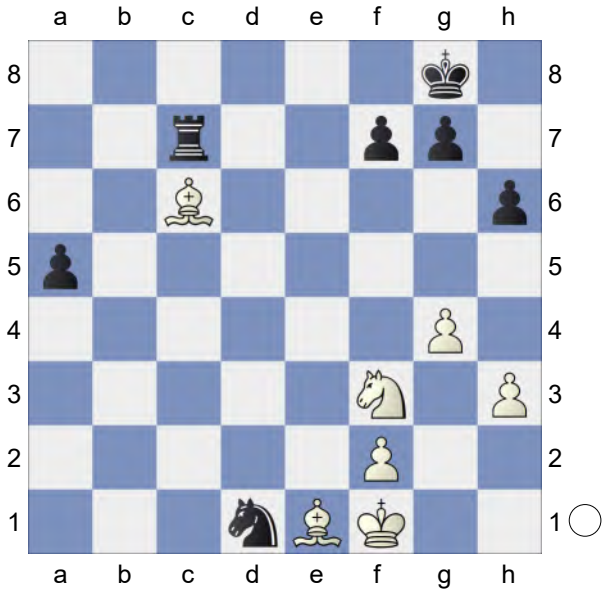


22.b4! -0.29/22 **Qxd1**
[22...Qc6 23.Bd5]
23.Raxd1 cxb4 24.Bd5 Nc5
[24...Bxd5 simplifies 25.Rxd5 Nb3 26.Be3 a5]
25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Nd6!⇄ White is not holding back **26...Bxd6! 27.Bxd6 Nxa4 28.Bxb4** This pair of bishops is nice.
28...Nxb2 29.Bxa5 Nxd1 30.Bxb7 Re2 aiming for ...Rb2. **31.Be1**
[31.Bxa6 Ra2 *(31...Rxf2 32.Nd2=)* 32.Bb6 Rxa6∓]

(Diagram)

31...a5 32.Kf1 Re7 33.Bc6 Rc7 1.04/22
[33...Ra7= 0.17/23]





34.Ne5!±
[34.Bxa5 Rxc6 35.Kg2 Ra6∓]
34...f6 1.81/21
[34...Re7± 1.11/23 was necessary. 35.Nc4 Rc7]
35.Bxa5+- Rc8 36.Bd5+ Kh7 37.Nc6 Nb2 38.Bc3 1.48/19
[38.Ne7+- 1.93/21 Rc1+ 39.Kg2]
38...Nd3± 39.Be4+ Kh8 40.Bd4 1.04/19
[⌓40.h4 1.57/24]
40...Nf4 41.h4 Ra8 1.39/22

[Better is 41...h5 0.92/23]
42.f3 Ra2 43.Ne7 Ra4 44.Be3 Ra1+ 45.Kf2 Ra2+ 46.Kg3 Ne2+ 47.Kh3 And now Ng6+ would win. **47...Ra3 48.Bc5 Rc3 49.Bd6 Nd4** 2.14/20
[⌓49...Rc1 1.69/19 50.Ng6+ Kg8]
50.Kg3 Ne6 51.Bd5 Nf8 3.73/23
[51...Nd4 2.12/19 52.Ng6+ Kh7]
52.Kf4+- Rd3 53.Ke4 Rd1 54.h5 Kf5 would now be deadly. **54...Kh7 55.Kf5 Rd2 56.Ba3 Rd3 57.Bb4 Rd4 58.Bc5 Rd1 59.Bg8+ Kh8 60.Bf7 Ra1 61.Nc6** Repels Ra5 **61...Rc1 62.Bxf8** White threatens Kg6! and mate. **62...Rxc6 63.Be7?** 0.22/28
[63.Bd5+- 2.49/32 Ra6 64.f4]
63...Rc7!= 64.Ke6 Bg6 is the strong threat. **64...Ra7** 1.68/30
[64...Rc3= 0.22/29]
65.f4 0.22/43
[White should try 65.Be8+- 1.68/30]
65...Ra6+ 66.Bd6 Kh7 67.Be8 Rb6 68.Ke7 Ra6 69.Bd7 Threatens to win with Bc5. **69...Ra7 70.Ke8 Ra8+ 71.Ke7 Ra7 72.Ke6 Ra6 73.Kd5 Ra7 74.Bb5 Kh8 75.Ke6 Rb7 76.Bc6 Rb6 77.Be4 Ra6 78.Bd5 Kh7 79.Bc4 Rb6 80.Bd3+ Kh8 81.Kd5 Rb3** The position is equal. **82.Bg6 Rb5+ 83.Kc6 Ra5 84.Kb6 Ra4 85.Bf5 Kg8 86.Be6+ Kh7 87.Bd7 Ra1 88.Bc6 Kh8 89.Bb8 Rg1 90.Bd7 Rc1 91.Bd6 Ra1 92.Bc5 Rf1 93.Bd6 Rc1 94.Bf5 Kg8 95.Be6+ Kh8** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

B51
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin 2501**
■ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy 2299**
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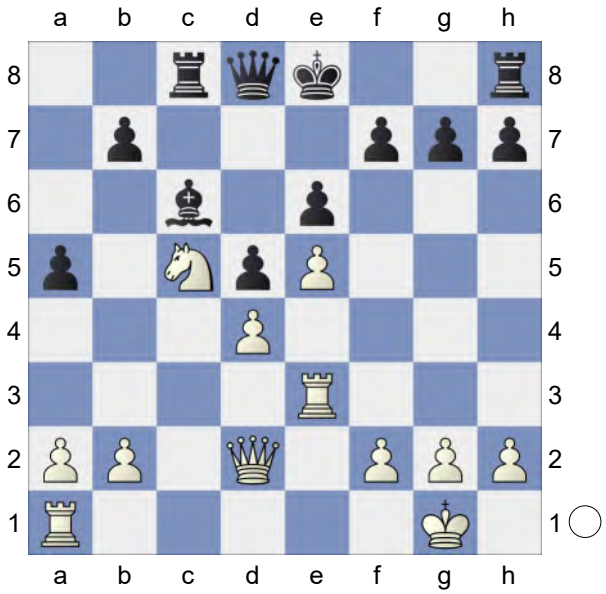
[Kitty Kat]

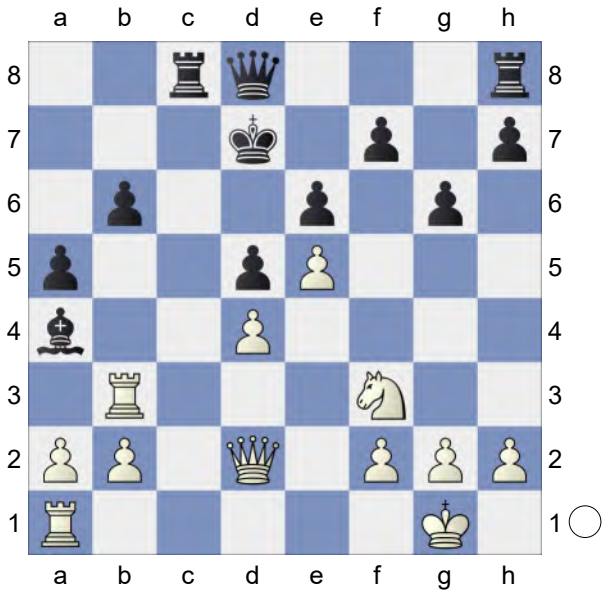
B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 a6 5.Bxd7+ Bxd7 6.c3 Nf6 7.Re1 e6 0.22/19
[⌓7...Bc6! -0.18/22]

8.d4= cxd4 The position is equal.
9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nfd2 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 Bb4 13.Qb3 -0.15/17
[13.Re3± 0.48/20]
13...Qa5 14.Qe3 Rc8 0.32/20
[Better is 14...Ba4= -0.21/21]
15.Nb3± Qb6 0.56/19
[15...Qd8= 0.18/22]
16.Bd2 Bxd2 1.38/20 White stays focused until the end.
[Black should play 16...0-0± 0.46/21]
17.Qxd2± Qd8 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.Re3 a5



20.Rg3! White has more active pieces.
20...b6 21.Nd3 g6 1.80/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[21...Qh4± 1.27/19]
22.Qh6 Qe7 23.Ne1 Qf8 2.06/20
[23...Kd7± 1.59/19 24.h3 Kc7]
24.Qd2+- Kd7 25.Rb3 Prevents Qb4
25...Qd8 26.Nf3 Threatens to win with Ng5. **26...Ba4** 2.83/22
[⌓26...Kc7 1.88/18 27.Rc1 Kb7 28.Qxa5 h6]

(Diagram)



27.Ra3! Bc2 28.Rc1 Bf5 29.Rac3 Qe7? 4.60/19
[29...Rxc3 2.85/18 might work better. 30.Rxc3 *(30.Qxc3 Qc8+-)* 30...h6]
30.Qe2 White is clearly winning.
30...Qb4 Repels Qb5+ **31.Qa6** White wants to mate with Qb7+.
31...Rxc3 32.Qb7+
[32.bxc3 Qa3 33.Qb7+ Ke8±]
32...Ke8 33.Rxc3
[Weaker is 33.bxc3 Qa3 34.Qb8+ Kd7 35.Qb7+ *(35.Qxh8? Qxc1+)* leads to mate. 35...Ke8=]
33...Kf8 34.Ng5 Kg7 35.Qxf7+ Kh6 36.Nxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

D32
□ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
■ **Al Hosani,Omran** **2239**
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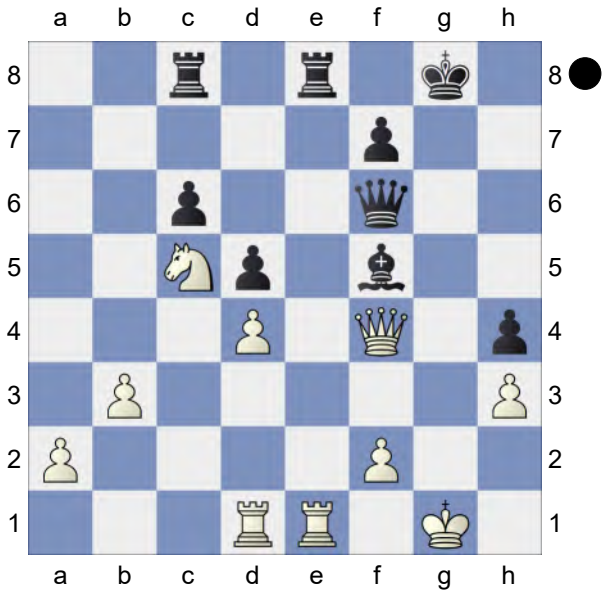
[Kitty Kat]

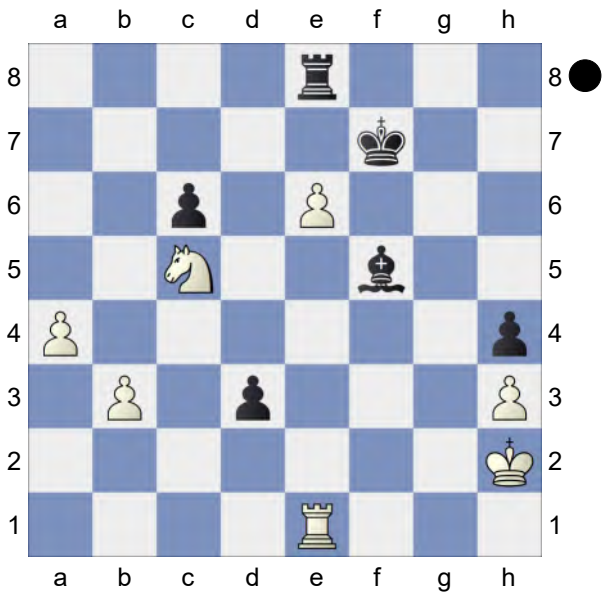
D32: Tarrasch Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3 Belov: 'Belov,Igor: 'ChessCalisthenics: 'D32: Tarrasch

Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3'''
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.0-0
[9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.0-0 Bd6 12.f4 0-0 13.Bd2 Rfb8 14.Qc2 cxd4 15.exd4 c5 16.Be3 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Rb4 18.Rad1 Rxd4 19.Rxd4 Bc5 20.Ne2 Bb5 21.Rc1 Bxd4+ 22.Nxd4 Qxc2 23.Rxc2 Ne4 ½-½ Osmak,I (2440)-Marcziter,D (2233) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (8)]
9...Bd6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Qc2N -0.21/16
[11.Qa4± 0.33/19 Bb7 *(11...Qc7 12.e4 0-0 13.e5 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb7 15.Qc2 Be7 16.Rad1 Nc5 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.Bxg5 Bg4 19.Rd4 Bh5 20.Nxd5 Ne6 21.Rb4 Qa7 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Nxc6 Qd7 24.Be3 Rac8 25.Rc4 Qd5 26.Rc1* 1-0 Nikcevic,N (2395)-Djurovic,P (2112) MNT-ch 75th Podgorica 2023 (9) *)* 12.b3]
[11.e4 0-0 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Nd4 Qd6 14.e5 Qxe5 15.Nxc6 Qxg5 16.Nxe7+ Kh8 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.Qd3 Rfd8 19.Qxa6 d4 20.Ne2 Rc2 21.Rad1 Qe5 22.Ng3 h5 23.Rfe1 Qd5 24.Re2 d3 25.Re3 Rxf2 0-1 Comp Fritz5-Li,E 41/546 Lugano 1986 26.Ne4 Nxe4 27.Rexd3 Rf1+ 28.Rxf1 Qc5+ 0-1 Evans,L-Larsen,B Dallas 1957]
11...Be7 0.39/20
[11...0-0!= -0.21/16]
12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Be6 0.65/21
[13...c5= 0.22/19 is more appropriate.]
14.Na4± Rc8 15.Bxf6
[15.Ng5 keeps more tension. Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Qxe4 Qa5 18.Rad1]
15...Bxf6 16.Nd4 Bxd4 0.97/15
[16...Be5± 0.56/21 was preferrable.]
17.exd4± Qf6 18.Qc3 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 Bf5 20.Nc5 a5 21.Rad1
[21.Qxa5?! Qxd4 22.Rad1 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 h5∓]
21...h5 1.57/18
[Better is 21...Bg4 0.89/20 22.Rc1 Bf5]
22.Qxa5 h4 23.h3 g5 2.20/20
[23...Qg6± 1.46/19 24.Kh1 Be4 25.Nxe4 dxe4]
24.Qd2+- g4 25.Qf4 gxh3 26.gxh3



Black must now prevent Re5. **26...Kh7?** 3.61/22
[26...Kg7 1.70/21 27.Re5 Bg6]
27.Kh2 Active counter play! **27...Rg8 28.Rg1** Prevents Rg2+ **28...Rg6 29.Qe5** 0.35/20
[29.Rxg6+- 2.47/21 fxg6 30.Nd7]
29...Qxe5+± 30.dxe5 Re8 31.Rxg6 Kxg6 Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.f4** The position is equal. **32...f6 33.Rg1+ Kf7 34.Re1 fxe5 35.fxe5 d4 36.a4 d3** Threatens to win with ...d2. **37.e6+**

(Diagram)



Deflection **37...Bxe6** And now ...d2 would win.
[37...Kf6 seems wilder. 38.a5 d2 39.Rd1 Rd8]
38.Nxd3 With the idea Nc5. **38...Rd8 39.Re3 Kf6**
[39...Bxb3? perishes. 40.Ne5+ Kf6 41.Ng4+ *(41.Nxc6 Rd2+ 42.Kg1 Bd5=)* 41...Kf5 42.Rxb3+-]
40.b4 Bc4 41.Nc5 Rd2+ 42.Kg1 Rb2 43.Re4 Rxb4 44.Rxh4 Hoping for Ne4+. **44...Rb1+ 45.Kf2 Bd5 46.a5** aiming for a6. **46...Rb5 47.Nd7+ Ke6 48.Nb6** Nxd5 would now be deadly. **48...Rxa5 49.Rh6+ Kf7 50.Nxd5** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

A80
□ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
■ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
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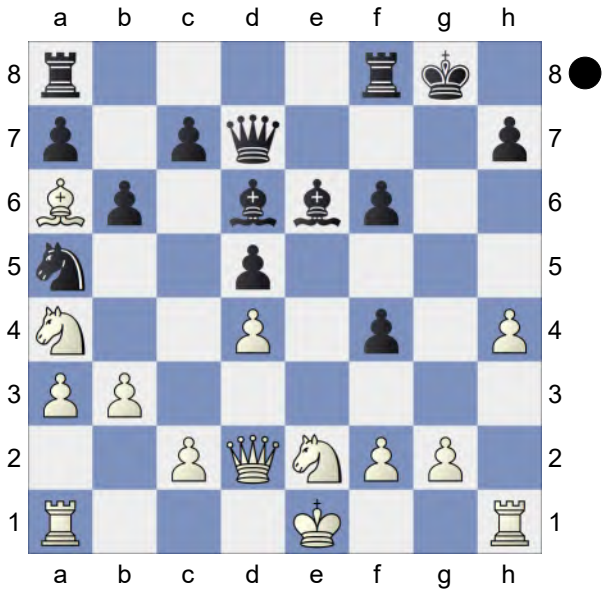
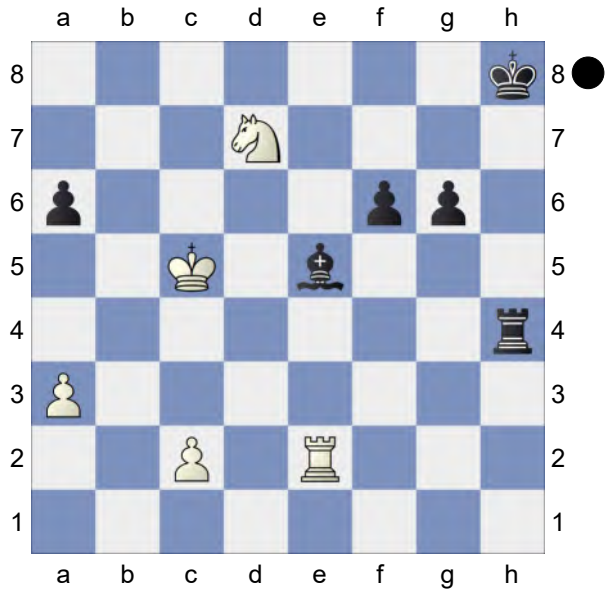
[Kitty Kat]

A80: Dutch Defence: Unusual White second moves **1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e3 Be6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Qd7 8.a3** Dodges Nb4 **8...g5 9.Na4 b6** Against Nc5. White has an edge. **10.b3 Na5 11.Ba6 Bd6 12.Qd3N** -0.15/16
[12.Nb2± 0.35/18]
12...0-0= 13.h4 -0.37/17
[13.0-0= -0.01/18]
13...f4 0.00/20
[13...Rae8∓ -0.37/17]
14.exf4 gxf4 0.37/21
[14...Rae8∓ -0.32/18]
15.Qd2±

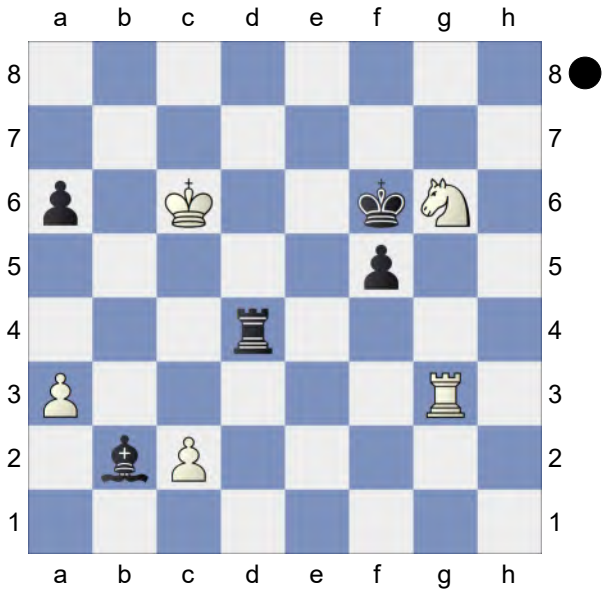


f3 0.66/18 **16.gxf3 Kh8 17.Nac3 Rae8 18.Kd1 Bh3** 0.87/17
[Black should play 18...c6± 0.32/19]
19.Kc1
[19.Nxd5 Bg2 20.Rg1 Bxf3=]
19...Bg2 20.Rg1
[But not 20.Bb5 c6 21.Rg1 Bxf3=]

20...Bxf3 21.Kb2 Bh2 1.26/19
[⌓21...Rf7 0.79/19]
22.Rge1± Qg4 Prevents Ng3 **23.Qh6** 0.62/19
[Better is 23.Ng3!± 1.48/19]
23...Qg6 24.Qxg6 0.01/23
[24.Qd2!± 0.44/18 deserves consideration.]
24...hxg6= 25.Ng3 c6⇄ Dodges Nb5. Black has counterplay **26.b4 Nc4+ 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.b5 cxb5 29.Nxb5 a6 30.Nc7 c3+ 31.Kxc3 Rxe1 32.Rxe1 Rc8! 33.Re7 Bg1! 34.Kd3 Bxf2** A strong pair of Bishops. **35.Ne2 Bxe2+** Remove Defender **36.Rxe2 Bxd4** Endgame. KRB-KRN
[Don't play 36...Bxh4?! 37.Nd5 Kg7 38.c4± *(38.Nxb6 Rc6±)*]
37.Nd5 -0.88/21
[37.Kxd4= -0.22/19 Rxc7 38.Re6]
37...Be5∓ ...Rd8 would now be deadly. **38.Nxb6 Rd8+ 39.Kc4 Rd4+ 40.Kc5 Rxh4 41.Nd7**



Bc3! ...g5 is the strong threat. **42.Kd5 f5 43.Re3** -1.61/21
[43.Nc5∓ -1.24/19 was called for.]
43...Rd4+-+ 44.Kc6 Bb2 -0.94/19
[44...Bd2-+ -1.79/23 45.Re7 Bf4]
45.Ne5 -1.96/20
[45.Nf8∓ -0.94/19]
45...Kg7 And now ...Re4 would win. **46.Rg3?** -3.53/22
[46.Rb3 -1.93/19 Bc1 47.Rb6]
46...Kf6 47.Nxg6 -4.30/18
[47.Nd7+ -2.80/18 was forced. Kg7 48.Rb3 Rc4+ 49.Nc5 Rxc2 50.Kd5]



47...Rg4! 48.Rb3 -5.31/19
[48.Rxg4 -2.22/16 fxg4 49.Nf4]
48...Rxg6 Black is clearly winning. **49.Rxb2** KR-KR **49...Ke5+ 50.Kc5 f4 51.Kc4 Ke4** White must now prevent ... Rc6+. **52.Rb8 Rc6+ 53.Kb3 f3 54.Rf8 Rc5 55.c4 Rf5 56.Re8+ Kd3** aiming for ...f2. **57.Rd8+ Ke2** Strongly threatening ...f2. **58.Re8+ Kd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

C84
□ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.26) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

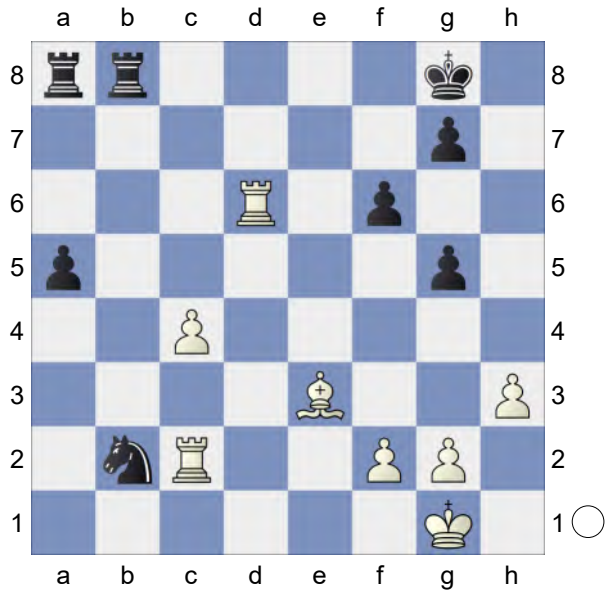
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.Bd2N** Inhibits Na5.
[8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 *(9...Nb8 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 21.bxc3 cxd4 22.cxd4 exd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4* ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1) *)* 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 *(11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 f5* Modern Line 8. a3 Part 1-B3 *)* 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Ng4 *(13...Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 Nd4 17.Ne3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bg5 19.Nd5 Rfb8 20.Qg3 Qd8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Rc2 Rc8 23.Rc6 Rxa3 24.Qg4 Rxd3 25.g3 Ra8 26.h4 Rxd5 27.exd5 Bd2 28.Rd1* ½-½ Novik (2668)-Delmarko,D (2706) (ol) 34/66 Luzern 1982 (8)*)* 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Bg5 Ng4 16.Bd2 Nf6 ½-½ Fieberg,S (2151)-Kastanieda,G (2160) Copenhagen 2002 (9)]
8...a5 9.a4 b4 10.h3 White has an edge. **10...0-0 11.Re1 Be6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 h6 14.Nc4 Rfe8 15.c3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Qc8 17.Ncd2 d5 18.Qc2 Bd6 19.Rab1 Ne7 20.d4 dxe4 21.Bxe6**
[21.Nxe4 Nxe4 22.Bxe6 *(22.Qxe4? Bf5-+* Skewer *)* 22...Qxe6]
[21.dxe5 is more complex. exf3 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Nxf3 Bxe5 24.Bd4]
21...Qxe6 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.dxe5 Nd5 24.exd6 Qxd6 25.Bd4
[25.Bd2 simplifies Nxd2 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Qxd2 Qc6 28.Rb5]
25...Ng5 26.Nxg5 hxg5
[26...Rxe1+ simplifies 27.Rxe1 hxg5 28.Qd3 Qc6]
27.Qf5 f6 28.c4 Nf4 29.Be3 Qd3
[29...Qe6 simplifies 30.Qxe6+ Rxe6 31.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 32.Rxe1 gxf4 33.Rb1 c6]
30.Qc5 Ne6 31.Qc6 Qd6 32.Qxd6
[32.Qb5 keeps more tension. c6 33.Qf5 Nd4 34.Qg6]
32...cxd6 33.Rb6 Nc5 34.Rxd6 next Ra1 is good for White. **34...Nxa4 35.Rc1** Black must now prevent c5.
[Reject 35.c5 Nxc5 36.Ra1 Ne6]
35...Nb2? 3.28/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[35...Red8= 0.17/23 36.c5 Rxd6 37.cxd6 Rd8]
36.Rc2 Reb8

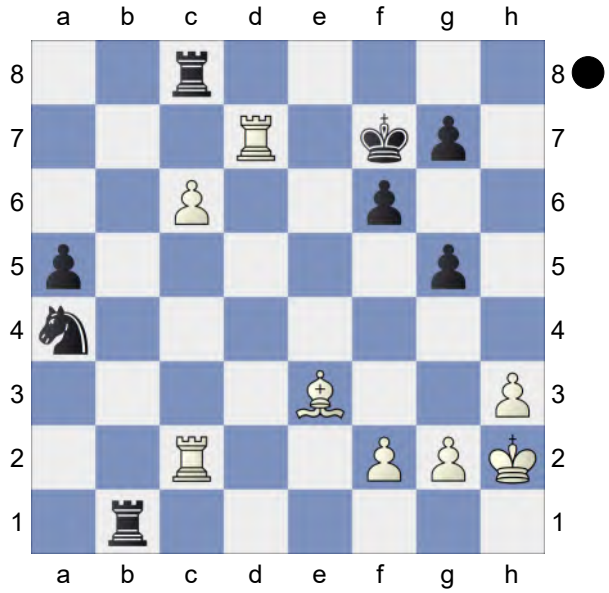
(Diagram)

37.Rdd2! Na4 38.c5 Rb1+ 39.Kh2 Rc8 40.c6 Kf7 41.Rd7+

(Diagram)

Deflection **41...Ke6 42.Rxg7 Rb4 43.c7 Kd6 44.Rf7 Ke6 45.Rg7 Kd6 46.Rd2+ Kc6 47.Rf7 Kb7 48.Rd5** White is clearly winning. **48...Nc3**



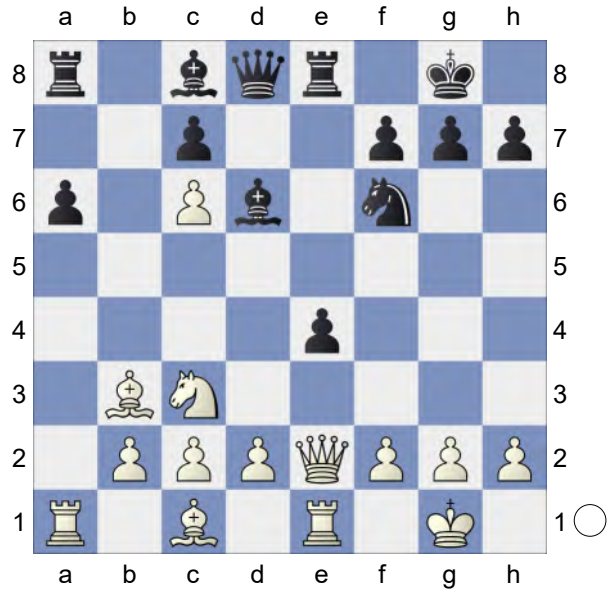


49.Rxa5 Ne4 50.f3 Rb3 51.Bd4
[51.fxe4 Rxe3 52.Rxf6 Rxe4 53.Rxg5 Rxc7 54.Rb5+ Kc8 55.Rf8+ Kd7+-]
51...Rd3 7.81/18
[⌓51...Nd2 4.62/14 52.Ra7+ *(52.Rxf6 Rxc7 53.Ra7+ Kb8+-; 52.Bxf6 Rxc7+-)* 52...Kc6 53.Rxf6+ *(53.Bxf6 Rb5+-)* 53...Kd5]
52.Rb5++- Ka8 53.Rb8+ Decoy, Promotion **53...Rxb8 54.cxb8Q+ Kxb8 55.Ba7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
1-0

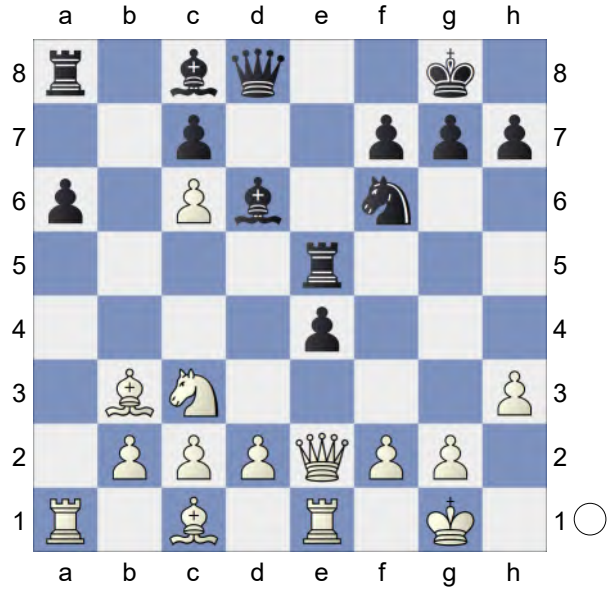
C88
□ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
■ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto** **2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.27) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1**
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)*)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.a4 Black must now prevent axb5.
8...d5 9.axb5 dxe4 10.bxc6 exf3

White is better. **11.Qxf3**
[11.Rxe5 Bd6 12.Rea5 fxg2∓]
11...e4 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Nc3 Bd6



14.h3 Re5



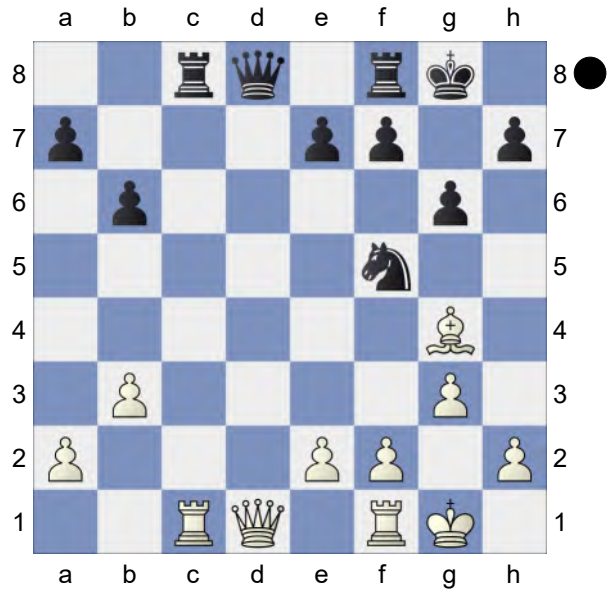
15.Ra4! Bxh3 16.Nxe4
[16.gxh3 Rg5+ 17.Kf1 Qc8+-]
16...Bg4 17.Qf1 0.03/27
[17.Qe3± 0.72/21]
17...Nxe4= 18.Raxe4
[Don't do 18.Rexe4?! Rxe4 19.Rxe4 Bh5±]
18...Rxe4 19.Rxe4 Qh4 20.g3! Active counter play! The position is equal. **20...Qh5 21.Bxf7+** Decoy **21...Kxf7 22.Qc4+ Kf8 23.Rxg4 Re8** Prevents d3 **24.Re4**
[Don't blunder 24.Kg2? Re1 25.Rh4 Qf5-+ *(25...Qd1 26.Qd5=)*]
24...Rxe4 25.Qxe4 Endgame. aiming for Kg2. KQB-KQB **25...Qd1+ 26.Kg2** Qf3+ is the strong threat. **26...Qxc1 27.Qf5+ Ke7 28.Qe4+! Kf6 29.Qd4+ Kf7 30.Qd5+ Ke7 31.Qe4+ Kf8 32.Qf5+ Ke7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

D73
□ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
■ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.28) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D77: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0: Replies other than 6...c6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4**
[4.0-0 e5 5.d3 Nc6 6.e4 Nge7 7.Nc3 dxe4 8.dxe4 Be6 9.Qe2 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 0-0 12.Bg5 f6 13.Bf4 Rc8 14.Rad1 c5 15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.c3 Qf7 17.b3 dxc3 18.Qc2 g5 0-1 Ronneland,D (2684)-Osnos,V (2768) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (9)]
4...Nf6 5.c4N
[5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.c4 e5 10.Nf3 d4 11.e3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e4 14.Bg2 d3 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Rc1 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe4 Bg7 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.Kg2* 1-0 Alingh Prins, J-Devriese,J NED-ch17 corr Netherlands 1987*)* 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Rd1 e5

12.Qb2 f6 13.c4 d4 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.a4 Be6 18.Nbd2 Nc6 19.Ne1 Nb4 ½-½ Grinza,A (2180)-Porchel,B (1978) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (2) 20.Ra3 Bf5 21.Nb3 Rac8 22.Rc1 Rf7 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Nd3 Bxd3 25.exd3 b6 26.Rb3 Re8 27.Re1 Rfe7 28.Qd2 f5 29.f3 Qd6 30.Re2 h6 31.Rb1 Qf6 32.Rxb4 axb4 33.Qxb4 Ra7 34.Ra2 Qg5 ½-½ Ghevondyan,A (2180)-Hertlein,I (1978) Ceske Budejovice op 2023 (2)]

5...dxc4 6.0-0 0-0 7.Na3 c5 8.Nxc4 Be6 9.b3 Nc6 The position is equal. **10.Bb2 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 b6 13.Ne5 Bd5 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.Bxc6 Rc8 16.Bf3 Ne8 17.Bxg7 Nxg7 18.Rc1 Nf5 19.Bg4**



And now Rxc8 would win. **19...e6 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Qa1 Rd8 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 h5 24.Bxf5 exf5=** Endgame. KQ-KQ **25.e3 Qc7 26.h4 Qc8 27.Qd2 Qc7 28.Qd1 Qc8 29.Qd2 Qc7 30.Qd1 Qc8** Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

D35

□ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
■ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.29) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nge2** White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.Bh4 g5** Repels Nf4 **10.Bg3 Nh5! 11.Qc2** -0.18/23
[11.Rb1± 0.32/22]
11...Nxg3=
[11...Qe7 12.0-0 Bg7 13.h3 Nxg3 14.Nxg3 0-0 15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Bf5 c5 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Nh5 Nf6 19.Nxg7 Kxg7 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Rd4 Qb6 22.Bd3 Rfe8 23.Rd1 Rc8 24.Qd2 a6 25.a3 Qc7 26.Be2 1-0 Caruana,F (2795)-So,W (2752) Saint Louis Blitz 2023 (1)]
12.Nxg3 h5 13.0-0
[13.0-0-0 h4 14.Nge2 Qe7 15.Kb1 Nb6 16.Rc1 0-0-0 17.Na4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Kb8 19.Rc3 Qf6 20.f4 Bd6 21.Rf1 Rhe8 22.Qd1 Bc8 23.Bc2 Bg4 24.h3 Bxe2 25.Qxe2 gxf4 26.Qf2 Re7 27.exf4 Rde8 0-1 Cvitan,E (2259)-Injac,T (2425) Olympiad Women-45 Budapest 2024 (3.19)]
13...Nf6N
[13...h4 14.Nge2 Bd6 15.f4 Nf6 16.Qd2 g4 17.f5 Bd7 18.Nf4 Qe7 19.Rae1 0-0-0 20.Qc2 Kb8 21.a3 Bc8 22.b4 Qc7 23.Qd2 Rhe8

24.Qf2 g3 25.hxg3 hxg3 26.Qxg3 Nh5 27.Qh4 Nxf4 28.exf4 1 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]

14.f3 -0.54/22

[14.Rab1= 0.00/22]

14...Bd6 0.39/19

[14...Qe7∓ -0.54/22]

15.Nf5± Qc7 16.Nxd6+ Qxd6 17.Ne2 0.10/23

[White should try 17.Rab1± 0.69/20]

17...h4 0.48/21

[17...0-0-0= 0.10/23 is superior.]

18.Qd2 -0.16/21

[18.Qa4!± 0.48/21]

18...0-0-0= 19.b4 Kb8 20.b5 cxb5! 21.Bxb5 g4 22.fxg4 Bxg4 23.Rab1 -1.11/21

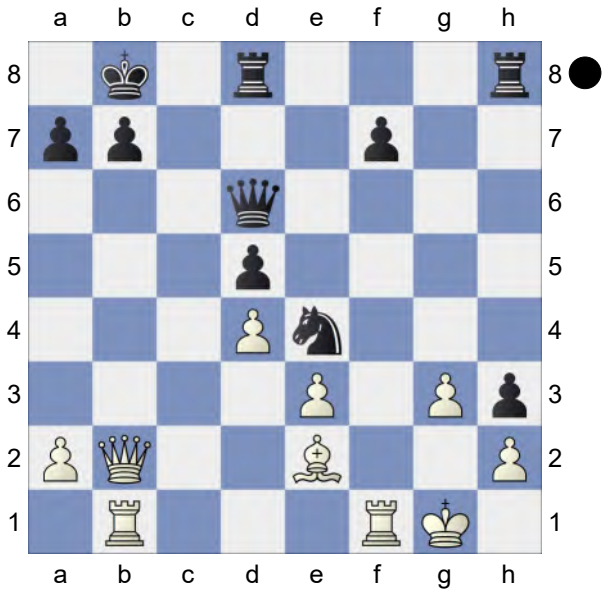
[23.Bd3∓ -0.51/21]

23...h3∓ 24.g3 Ne4 Prevents Nc3

25.Qb2 Bxe2 -0.60/20

[Better is 25...Ng5∓ -1.08/23 aiming for ...Qe6. 26.Nf4 Qe7]

26.Bxe2∓



b6 0.00/24

[26...Rd7!∓ -0.76/22 And now ...Nxg3! would win. 27.Rf4 Qe7]

27.Bf3 -0.40/25

[27.Rxf7? Nxg3 28.Bd3 Rdg8-+]

[27.Ba6= 0.00/24]

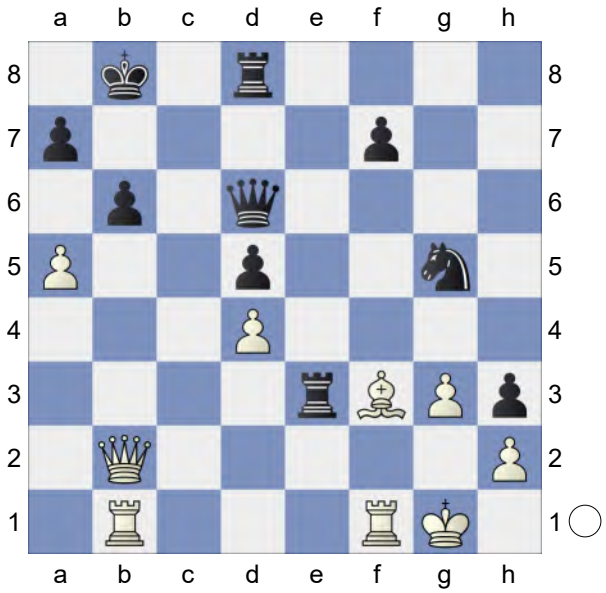
27...Ng5 0.31/24

[27...Qg6∓ -0.40/25]

28.a4 -0.17/22

[28.Bg4± 0.31/24 is more appropriate.]

28...Rhe8 29.a5→ White mounts an attack. **29...Rxe3**



30.axb6! a6

[30...Rxf3 31.bxa7+ Kxa7 32.Qb7#]

[30...Nxf3+? 31.Rxf3 Qxb6 32.Qxb6+ *(32.Rxe3 Qxb2 33.Rxb2+ Kc7+-)* 32...axb6 33.Rxe3+-]

[30...a5 31.Bg4]

31.Bh5 Ne4 Strongly threatening ... Nxg3! **32.Rxf7 Rg8 33.g4** -4.15/22

[33.Qc2!= 0.00/19 and White is okay. Rc3 34.Qe2]

33...Ng5? 0.09/26

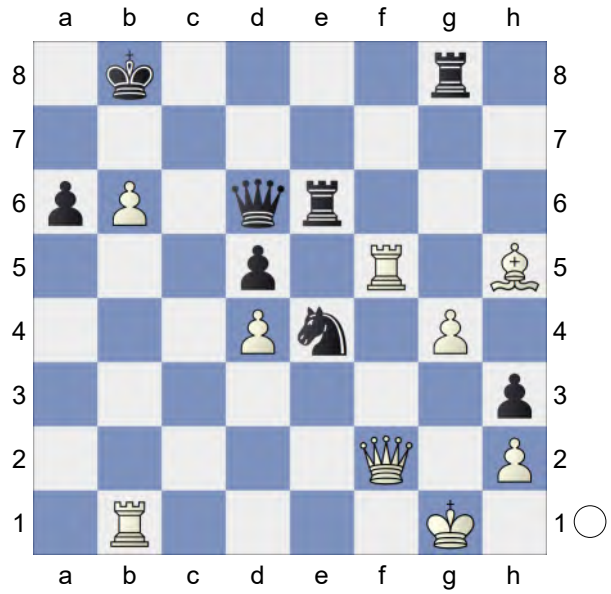
[33...Nc3-+ -4.15/22 34.Rf2 Nxb1 35.Qxb1 Qe6]

34.Qf2 Chess con chili. **34...Re6** 0.71/22

[34...Rge8= 0.08/21 35.Rf6 Re1+ 36.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 37.Qxe1 Qxf6 38.Qe5+ Qxe5 39.dxe5 Kb7]

35.Rf5± White is more active. **35...Ne4?** 2.92/22

[35...Re7± 0.70/20]



This costs Black the game. **36.Qa2** 1.62/20
[⌓36.Qe2! 2.92/22 Rf6 *(36...Ng3? 37.Qxa6 Qe7 38.hxg3+-)* 37.Qxa6]
36...Kb7 27.34/19
[36...Nc3? 37.Qxa6 Qe7 38.Rbf1+-]
[36...Qe7 1.62/20 37.Qxa6 *(37.Qxd5? Nc3-+)* 37...Nd2]
37.Rf7++- Deflection
[37.Qxd5+ Qxd5 38.Rxd5 Nf6∓]
[37.Rxd5? Qf4 38.Qe2 *(38.Rd7+? Kb8-+)* 38...Nd2-+]
37...Kb8 38.Qxa6 Re7 39.Rxe7 27.34/28
[⌓39.Ra1 #5/25 Qc6 40.Rxe7 Ng5 41.Qa7+ Kc8 42.Rc7+ Kd8 43.Qb8#]
39...Qxe7 40.b7 Intending Qa8+ and mate. **40...Nd6 41.Qa8+** Skewer **41...Kc7 42.b8Q+**
[Inferior is 42.Qxg8 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Qd3+ 44.Ke1 Qxb1+ 45.Ke2 Qe4+ 46.Kd1 Qh1+ *(46...Nxb7 47.Qf7+* Deflection *Kd8 48.Qxb7=; 46...Kxb7 47.Qg7+ Ka6 48.Qe5∓; 46...Qxd4+ 47.Kc2∓)* 47.Kc2 Qxh2+ *(47...Nxb7 48.Qf7+ Kb6 49.Qf6+ Kb5 50.Qf4±)* 48.Kb3 Nxb7 *(48...Kxb7 49.Qxd5+ Kc7 50.g5=; 48...Qg3+ 49.Ka4=)* 49.Qxd5 Qe2∓]
42...Rxb8 43.Qxb8+ Kd7 44.Qa7+ 20.91/24 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.68
[⌓44.Rb7+ #25/27 Nxb7 45.Qxb7+ Kd6 46.Qb6+ Kd7 47.Qb5+ Kd8 48.Qxd5+ Kc8 49.Qc5+ Kd8 50.Qxe7+ Kxe7 51.g5]
1-0

B30
□ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.30) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7

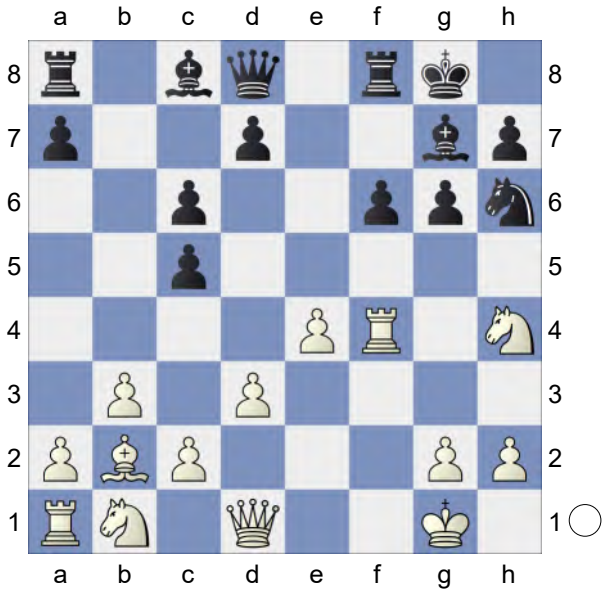
Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 e5 7.Nh4 g6 Dodges Qh5 **8.f4** White is slightly better.

8...exf4 9.Rxf4 -0.24/25

[⌓9.d3 0.27/18]

9...Nh6 10.Bb2 Bg7 11.d3 0-0



aiming for ...g5. **12.Rf1! d5 13.Nd2** -0.92/18

[13.Nf3= -0.28/19]

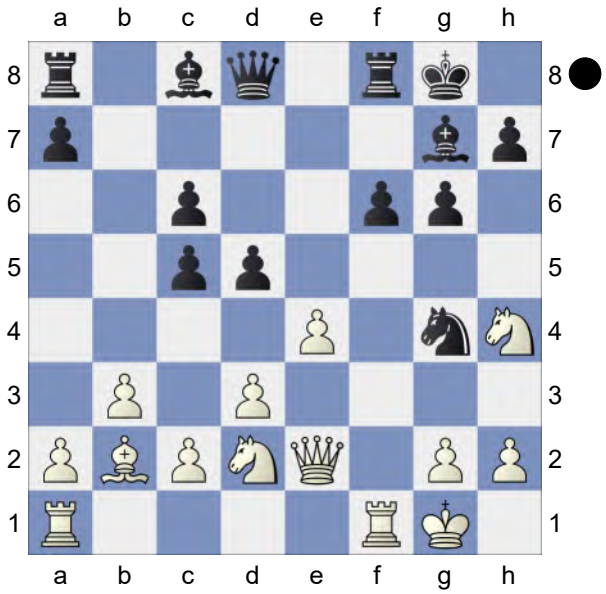
13...Ng4∓ 14.Qe2 -1.15/20

[⌓14.Qe1 -0.79/22]

(Diagram)

Prevents Ne3. **14...d4** -0.01/23

[14...Bh6!∓ -1.15/20 ...Ne3 is the strong threat. 15.Nhf3 Re8]



15.Nc4 -0.64/21 Prevents Ne3.

[15.Ba3= -0.01/23]

15...f5∓ 16.Nf3 -1.33/25

[16.g3!∓ -0.69/21 Re8 17.Qf3 fxe4 18.dxe4]

16...Re8? 0.21/22

[16...fxe4∓ -1.33/25 17.dxe4 Ba6]

17.h3= Nf6 18.e5↑ White has the initiative. **18...Ba6 19.c3** -0.23/24

[19.Bc1± 0.43/21]

19...dxc3 20.Bxc3 Nd5 0.55/24

[20...Bxc4= 0.01/21 21.bxc4 Nd7]

21.Bd2 Nb4 22.Bxb4 cxb4 23.Rfe1 Qd5 24.Rad1 Rad8 25.Qf2 c5 26.d4 cxd4! 27.Rxd4 Qc5 28.Rxd8 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxd8 30.Na5 -0.89/21

[30.Nd6= 0.00/23]

30...Rc8 -0.49/21

[30...Bf8∓ -0.89/21 Threatens to win with ...Rd5. 31.g4 Rc8 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.Rg1+ Kf7]

31.Nd4 -1.14/22

[31.Rd1∓ -0.49/21]

31...Bf8∓ Hoping for ...Bc5. **32.Kg3** -1.92/20

[32.Ndc6∓ -0.87/20]

32...Rc5-+

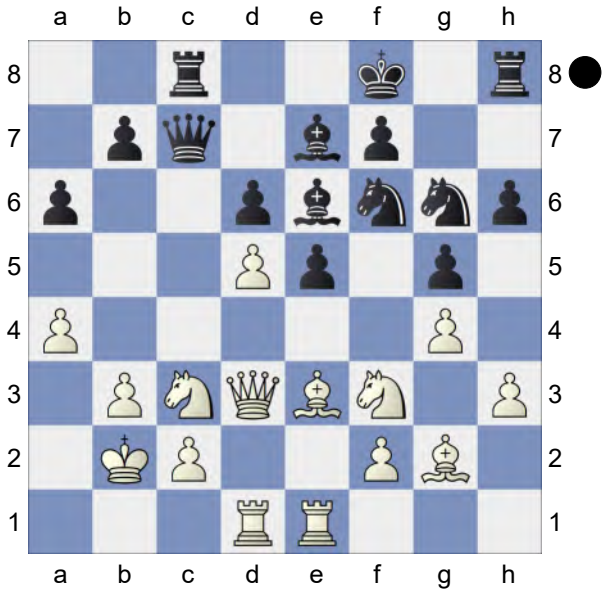
[Don't do 32...Rc3+ 33.Kh2∓]

33.Nac6 Bb7 -1.19/17
[33...Rc3+-+ -2.17/22 34.Kh2 Bb7]
34.Nb8 -2.31/20
[34.Nxa7∓ -1.19/17 Ra5 35.Nac6 Rxa2 36.Rc1]
34...Rc3+ 35.Kh2? -3.82/18
[35.Nf3 -1.78/16]
35...Bh6 36.Rf1 Be3 37.Rd1 Bf4+ A strong pair of Bishops. **38.Kg1 Bxe5 39.Nxf5** -5.44/19
[39.Nb5 -3.43/20 is a better defense. Rc8 *(39...Bxb8 40.Nxc3 bxc3 41.Rd8+ Kf7 42.Rxb8±)* 40.Nd7]
39...gxf5 40.Rd8+ Kf7 41.Rd7+ Ke6 42.Rxb7 Bg3 43.Kf1 Re3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

C41

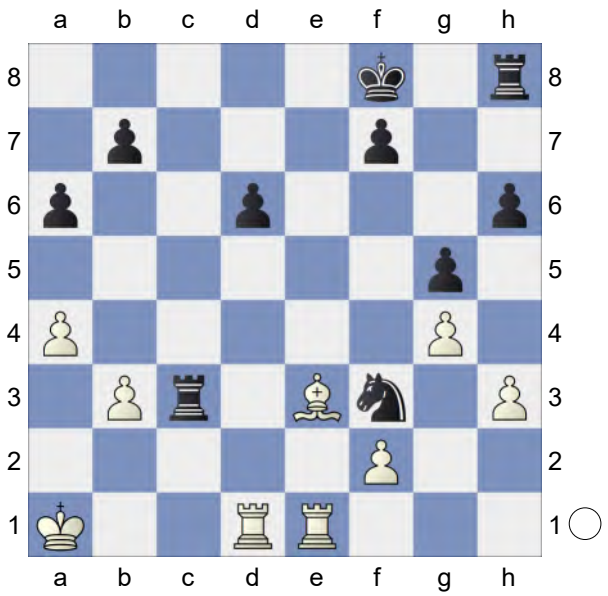
□ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**
■ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.31) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence Cabrilo,G: 'Inf 109/47' **1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.h3N**
[5.Be2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.b3 c6 9.a4 Qc7 10.Ba3 Bf8 11.Qc1 Bxa3 12.Qxa3 Qd8 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rd6 Kf8 15.a5 Ne8 16.Rd2 Qxa3 17.Rxa3 Ke7 18.Ra1 f6 19.Rad1 Nc7 ½-½ Nepomniachtchi,I (2706)-Khismatullin,D (2667) 109/47 Russia 2010 20.b4 Nf8 21.Bc4 Nfe6 22.h3 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Nxd8 24.Na4 Nde6 25.Nd2 Rb8 26.Nb3 b5 27.axb6 axb6 28.Bf1 Bd7 29.Nb2 Nb5 30.Ra1 Nbd4 31.Nxd4 Nxd4 32.Bd3 Nb5 33.Nc4 Nd6 34.Ra7 Nxc4 ½-½ Panov Botvinnik Attack (2706)-Kocsis,I (2667) 8.a4 Rb8 9.h3]
5...Be7 6.g4 h6 7.Be3 c6 8.a4 White is slightly better. **8...Qa5 9.Qd2 Nf8** 0.72/17
[9...0-0± 0.34/19 was preferrable.]
10.Bg2 0.08/18
[10.0-0-0± 0.72/17]
10...g5 11.0-0-0 Ng6 12.Kb1 Be6 13.b3 Qc7 14.Qd3 -0.40/20
[14.d5= 0.16/18 Bd7 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Bf1]
14...a6∓ 15.Kb2 Rc8 16.Rhe1 -1.12/18
[16.Ra1∓ -0.51/18]
16...Kf8 -0.60/18
[16...b5∓ -1.12/18]
17.d5 cxd5 18.exd5



e4! Deflection **19.Nxe4 Bxd5 20.Nxf6 Bxf6+ 21.Kb1 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Ne5 23.Qf5 Nxf3 24.Qxf6 Qxc2+ 25.Ka1 Qc3+**
[25...Nxe1? 26.Qxh8+ Ke7 27.Qd4+- *(27.Qxh6 Qxd1+ 28.Ka2 Qe2+ 29.Ka1 Nd3 30.Qxg5+ f6 31.Qg7+ Ke6)*]
26.Qxc3 Rxc3

(Diagram)



27.Rxd6! Nxe1 28.Rd8+ Ke7 29.Rxh8= Endgame. KRB-KRN **29...Rc6 30.Bd2 Nd3 31.Be3 b5 32.axb5 axb5 33.Kb1 Nb4 34.Bd4 Nd3 35.Be3 b4 36.Bd2 Nxf2 37.Bxb4+ Kd7 38.Rh7 Ke8 39.Rh8+ Kd7 40.Rh7 Rf6 41.Bc3 Rf3 42.Kc2 Nxh3 43.Rxh6 Nf2 44.Rh5 Ne4 45.Bd4 Rf4 46.Kd3 Rxg4** White must now prevent ...Kc6. **47.b4 Kc6 48.Rh7** -1.29/20

[48.b5+= -0.04/20 remains equal. Kxb5 49.Rh6]

48...f5 49.Rf7? -3.62/19 White does not recover from this.

[49.Ba7∓ -1.02/21]

49...Rg3+-+ 50.Ke2 Rb3 51.Be3 g4

[Less strong is 51...Rxb4 52.Bxg5 Nxg5 53.Rf6+ Kc7 54.Rxf5∓]

52.Bf4 -2.96/17

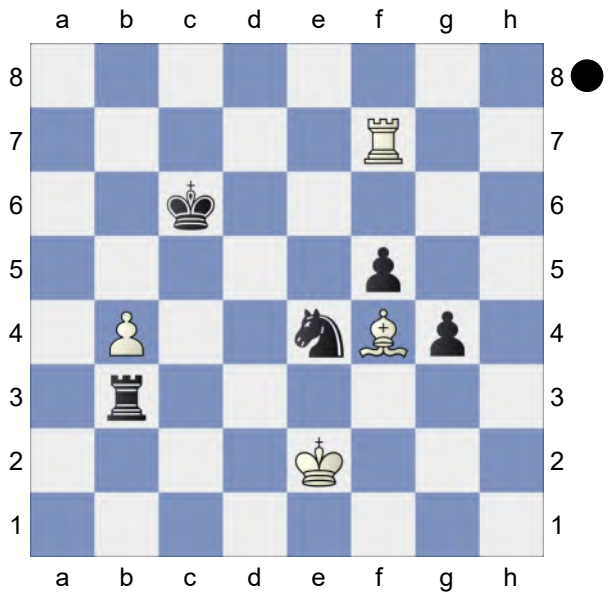
[⌓52.b5+ -1.86/16 Rxb5 *(52...Kxb5 53.Rxf5+ Kc4 54.Rf8=)* 53.Bf4]

(Diagram)

52...Rf3!

[52...Rxb4 53.Rxf5 Nc3+ 54.Kf1=]

53.b5+ Kb6!



[Stronger than 53...Kxb5 54.Rxf5+ Kc4 55.Rf8=]

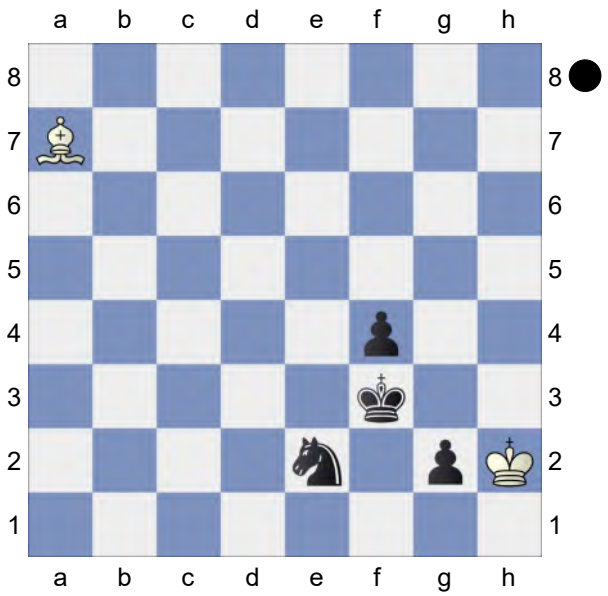
54.Be5 Kxb5 55.Rf8 Kc4 Hoping for ... Nc3+. **56.Rd8 Ng3+ 57.Kd1 Nf1** And now ...Rd3+ would win. **58.Rd4+ Kc5 59.Rd8 Ne3+ 60.Ke2 Nc4 61.Bc7 Kc6 62.Bb8 Nb6 63.Be5 Nd7 64.Bh2 Rb3** aiming for ...Rb2+. **65.Bf4 Rb4 66.Bg3 f4 67.Bf2 Rb2+ 68.Kf1 Rb8 69.Rxb8 Nxb8** KB-KN **70.Bh4 Kd5 71.Kf2 Nc6** ...Nd4 is the strong threat. **72.Bg5 Ke4 73.Bh4 Ne5** Strongly threatening ...Nc4. **74.Bd8 Nd3+ 75.Ke2 g3 76.Kf1 Kf3** (→ ...g2+) **77.Bb6 g2+ 78.Kg1 Nc1** -23.70/28

[⌓78...Kg3 -#16/16 79.Bf2+ Kh3 80.Bd4 f3 81.Ba7 f2+ Deflection, Promotion 82.Bxf2 Nxf2 83.Kxf2 Kh2 84.Kf3 g1Q *(84...g1B 85.Kg4=)* 85.Ke4 Qc5 86.Kf4 Kg2 87.Ke4 Kg3 88.Kd3 Kf3 89.Kd2 Qc4 90.Kd1 Ke3 91.Ke1 Qe2#]

79.Kh2 Ne2 80.Ba7

(Diagram)

g1Q+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.



27 (precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

B40

□ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**
■ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
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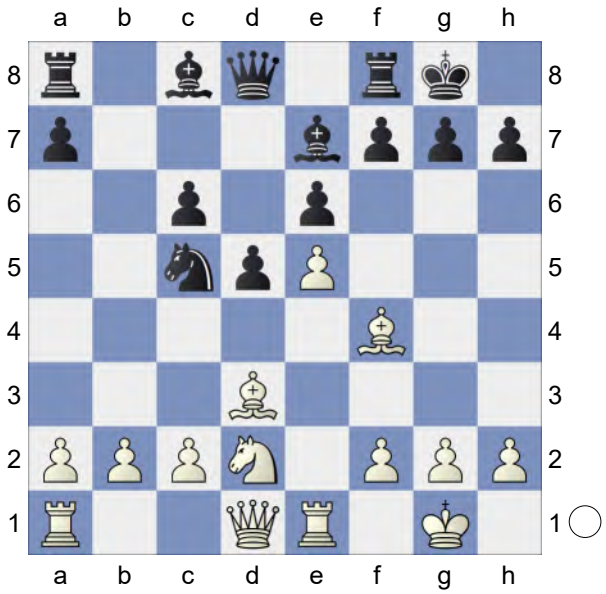
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 Lübeck 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5.Bd3 Nc6N
[5...d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 20.Nxc6 4 Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21 Game]
6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bf4 d5 8.Nd2 Be7 9.0-0 White is slightly better. **9...0-0 10.e5 Nd7 11.Re1**
[11.Qh5 with more complications. g6 12.Qh6 f5 13.Nf3]
11...Nc5 0.99/23
[11...a5± 0.57/18]

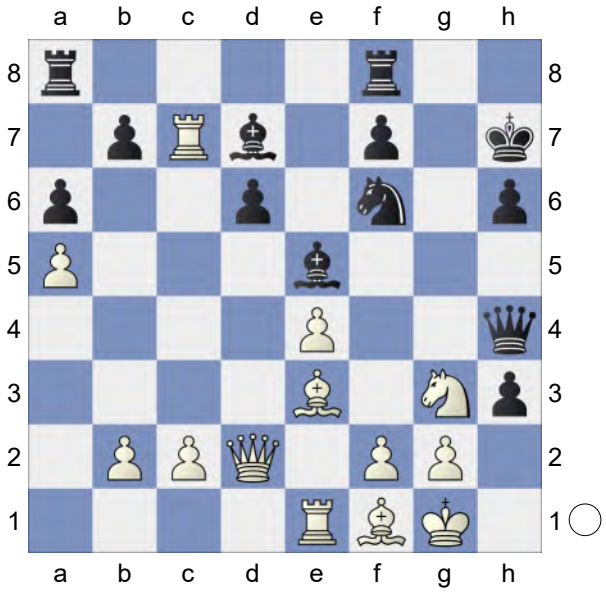


12.Nb3 0.38/19 White is more active.
[12.Bxh7+!± 0.99/23 Kxh7 13.Qh5+ Kg8 14.Re3]
12...Nxd3± 13.cxd3 Qb6 0.82/22
[13...c5± 0.41/19]
14.Rc1 c5 15.Qc2 -0.17/18
[15.Re3± 0.66/20]
15...Ba6 The position is equal. **16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Qxc5 Bxd3 18.Qxb6 axb6 19.Red1 Bf5 20.a3 Rfc8 21.Rxc8+ Rxc8 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1=** Endgame. KB-KB **23...Kf8 24.Be3 b5 25.Kf1 Ke7 26.Ke2 Kd7 27.Bd4 Bb1 28.Kd2 Kc6 29.Kc3 Bf5 30.Kb4 Bd3 31.Kc3 Bb1** Weighted Error Value:

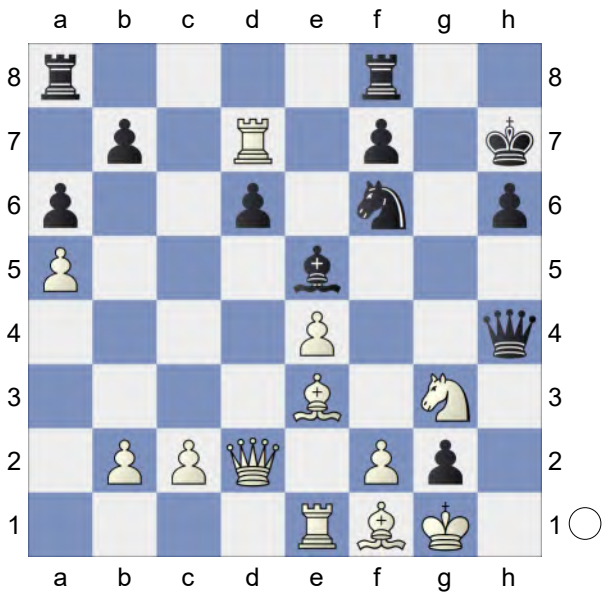
White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C55
□ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
■ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.33) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.a4N**
[5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Be3 *(6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7* 1-0 Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana, F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2)*)* 6...Bb6 7.0-0 *(7.Qd2 d6 8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Qe7* ½-½ Pattrick,G-Douven,R Sofia ch-BUL 1977 (5)*)* 7...0-0 8.h3 d6 9.Nd5 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Be6 12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.Nd2 d5 14.f4 d4 15.Bf2 exf4 16.Ra4 b5 17.Rb4 a5 18.Rxb5 Qd7 19.c4 dxc3 0-1 Duran Lopez,A (1546)-Ocampo Arredondo,L (1203) Manizales op 28th 2023 (5)]
5...d6 6.a5 a6 7.Nc3 g6 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 Kh7 11.Re1 Nh5 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Qg5 15.Be3 Qh4 16.Bf1 Be6 17.Ra4 Be5 18.Qd2 g5 19.Ne2 Bd7** 1.50/20
[19...Nf4!± 0.52/20]
20.Rc4±
[20.g3?! Nxg3 21.fxg3 Bxg3±]
20...Nf6 2.09/18
[20...Bxh3± 1.42/18 might work better. 21.gxh3 c5]
21.Ng3? 0.35/21
[21.Rxc7+- 2.09/18 Nd4 is the strong threat. Rac8 22.Rxb7]
21...g4!± 22.Rxc7 -0.01/20
[22.Nf5!± 0.49/21 Bxf5 23.exf5]
22...gxh3=



23.Rxd7! hxg2!



24.Bxg2 Nxd7 25.Nf5 Qh5 26.f4

[26.Bxh6 Rg8 27.Bf4 Bxf4 28.Qxf4 Ne5∓]

26...Rg8 27.fxe5 Nxe5 28.Kf1

[28.Nxh6? Nf3+ 29.Kf2 Nxd2-+]

28...Nf3 29.Bxf3

[29.Qxd6? Nxe1-+]

29...Qxf3+ Black is weak on the dark squares **30.Bf2!** Chess con chili.

[30.Qf2? Qh3+ 31.Ke2 Rg2-+]

30...Qh3+ 31.Ke2 aiming for Qd5!

31...Qh5+! 32.Kd3 d5! 33.Qe2 dxe4+ 0.63/19

[33...Rg4= 0.25/24 34.Qf3 Qg5]

34.Qxe4± Rg4! 35.Rh1!↑ Skewer. White has good play. Active counter play!

[35.Qxb7 Qxf5+ 36.Ke2 Rf4-+ *(36...Qxc2+? 37.Kf1-+)*]

35...Rd8+ 36.Nd4+ -0.06/21

[36.Bd4± 0.64/27 Rxe4 37.Rxh5]

36...Qg6!= 37.Qxg6+ Kxg6 0.91/30

[37...fxg6= -0.03/28 38.b4 Rg2]

38.c3 h5 39.Ke3 Rc8 40.Ne2 Hoping for Nf4+. **40...Rc5 41.b4 Re5+ 42.Kd3 Rf5 43.Rh2 Rd5+ 44.Nd4 Rd7 45.Ke2 f6 46.Kf3 Rd5** 1.60/21

[⌓46...f5 0.87/20 47.Bg3 Rd8]

47.Be3± Re5 2.25/20

[⌓47...Kf7 1.66/22 48.Ne2 *(48.Rxh5 Rgxd4 49.Rh7+ Kg8∓)* 48...Rf5+ 49.Bf4 Rg8]

48.Ne2+- And now Nf4+ would win.

48...Rf5+ 49.Nf4+ 1.29/19

[49.Bf4!+- 2.26/24]

49...Kf7± 50.Rh3

[50.Rxh5 Rgxf4+ 51.Bxf4 Rxh5-+]

50...Ke7 51.Rh1

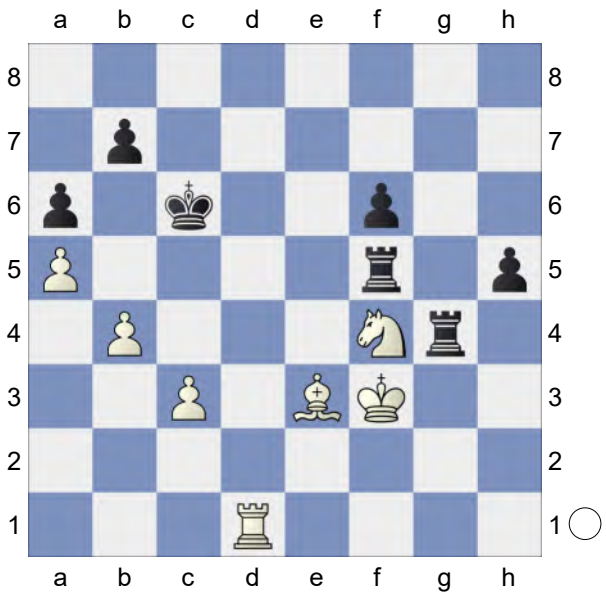
[51.Rxh5 Rgxf4+ 52.Bxf4 Rxh5-+]

51...Kd7 52.Rd1+

[52.Rxh5 Rgxf4+ 53.Bxf4 Rxh5∓]

52...Kc6

(Diagram)

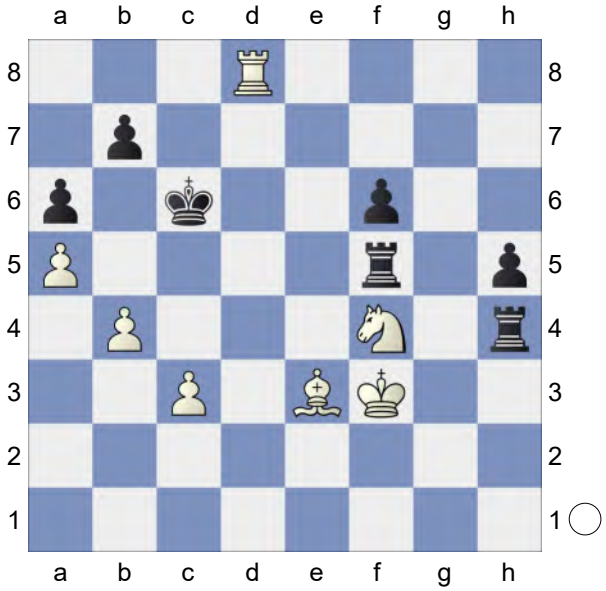


53.Rd8 0.40/16

[53.c4!± 1.51/18]

53...Rh4? 3.02/17

[Black should try 53...Kb5± 0.40/16]



This costs Black the game. **54.Rc8+** 1.39/18

[54.c4!+- 3.02/17]

54...Kd7 2.76/19

[54...Kb5± 1.39/18 55.Rc7 Ka4 56.Rxb7 Rh3+ 57.Ke2 Rh1]

55.Rh8+- Rg4 3.88/21

[55...Rh1 2.49/17 was worth a try.

56.c4 h4 57.Rh7+ Kc8]
56.c4
[56.Rxh5? Rgxf4+ 57.Bxf4 Rxh5-+]
56...Kc6 57.Rh7
[57.Rxh5? too greedy. Rgxf4+ 58.Bxf4 Rxh5-+]
57...Re5 58.Bb6
[58.Rxh5? Rxf4+ 59.Kxf4 Rxh5-+]
58...Reg5 59.Rf7
[59.Rxh5? loses. Rxf4+ 60.Kxf4 Rxh5-+]
59...h4 60.Rxf6+ Kd7 61.Rf7+ Kc8 62.Rh7 Rg3+ 63.Ke4 R3g4 64.Bd4 Against Rg7 **64...Rg6 65.Be5 Rg8 66.Kf5** Rc7+ would now be deadly. **66...R4g5+ 67.Kf6 Rg4 68.Nd5** Nb6+ would kill now. **68...R8g6+ 69.Kf7** Strongly threatening Ke7. **69...Kd8 70.Nf6 Rxf6+ 71.Kxf6 Rxc4 72.Ke6** 19.69/23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
[⌓72.b5 #18/27 Rg4 73.b6 *(73.Rxb7 axb5 74.Kf5 Rg2 75.a6 Ra2 76.a7 Kc8 77.Rc7+ Kd8)* 73...Rg8 74.Rxb7 Rf8+ 75.Ke6 Re8+ 76.Kd6 Kc8 77.Rh7]
1-0

D00
□ **Goutham Krishna H** **2466**
■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2365**
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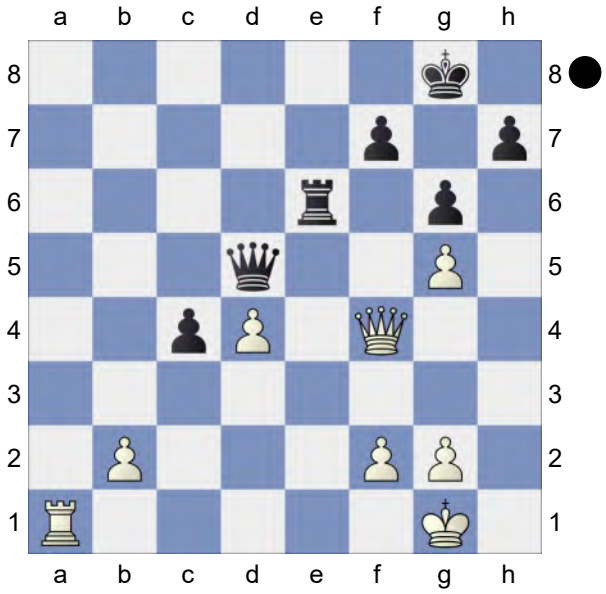
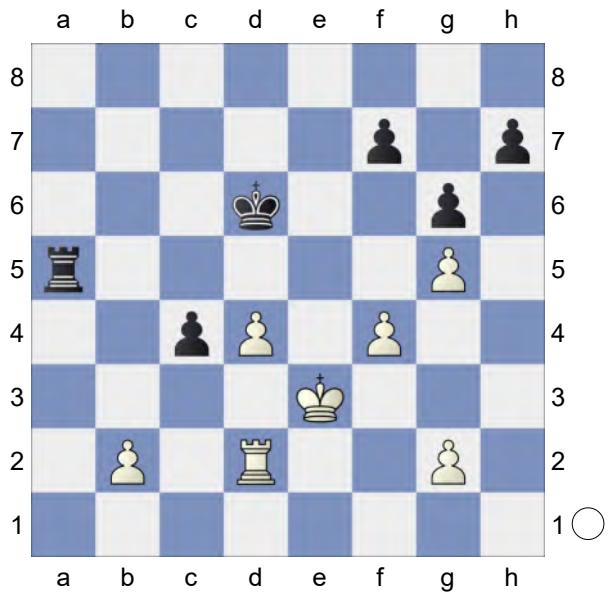
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 Bf5 6.Ngf3 Qb6 7.Nh4 Bd7 8.Qb3** The position is equal. **8...c4 9.Qc2 Nh5! 10.Bg3 g6 11.e4 e6 12.Be2 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bg7 14.Nhf3 0-0 15.g4** -0.31/21
[15.0-0= 0.19/21]
15...Qd8 16.g5 e5! 17.dxe5
[17.exd5!? exd4 18.dxc6±]
17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Nf3 Bg7 20.exd5 Bf5 21.Qd2 b5 22.a4 a6 23.0-0 Qd6 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.Nd4 Qxd5 27.Bf3 Be4 28.Bxe4 Qxe4 29.Nxb5 Qb7! 30.Nd4 Rd8 31.Re1 Qd5 32.Qf4
[32.Re7 looks sharper. Bxd4 33.cxd4 Kg7 34.Qf4]
32...Bxd4 33.cxd4= Endgame. KQR-KQR **33...Qf5**
[33...Qxd4? too greedy. 34.Re8+ Rxe8 35.Qxd4+-]
34.Qe3 Qd5 35.Rd1 Rd6 36.Qf4 Re6 37.Ra1



Strongly threatening Qb8+. **37...Kg7 38.f3 Rd6 39.Rd1 Qe6 40.Kf2** Black must now prevent d5! **40...Rd5 41.Rd2 Qe7 42.Qe3 Kf8 43.Qxe7+ Kxe7** KR-KR **44.f4** With the idea Kf3. **44...Kd6** 0.72/24
[44...f6= 0.10/24]
45.Ke3± Ra5 2.71/24
[45...Rb5 1.87/22 was necessary.]

(Diagram)



46.Ke4? 0.11/20
[46.d5!+- 2.71/24]
46...Ra2!= 47.Rc2 And now g4! would win. **47...c3!** Deflection **48.Rxc3 Rxb2 49.g3 Re2+ 50.Re3 Rd2 51.Ra3 Re2+! 52.Kf3 Re7** 1.47/25
[Black should play 52...Rb2± 0.33/25]
53.Ra5 0.63/20
[Better is 53.Ra8± 1.47/25]
53...Rb7!± 54.Ke4? 3.55/23 This costs Black the game.
[54.Ra8± 0.63/22]
54...Re7++- 55.Re5 Rxe7 would now be deadly. **55...Ra7**
[Wrong is 55...Rxe5+? 56.fxe5+ Kd7 57.d5+-]
56.Rd5+ Ke6? 5.68/24
[56...Kc6 2.31/22 57.Rd8 Re7+ 58.Kf3 Re1 59.d5+ Kc7]
57.Rb5 f5+ 58.gxf6 Kxf6 59.Rb6+ Kf7 60.d5 Re7+? 6.59/22
[60...h5 3.16/23 61.Rb3 Kf6]
61.Kd4 h5 62.Rb3 Re1 63.Re3 Rd1+ 64.Kc5 Rc1+ 65.Kb6 Rd1 66.Kc6 Rc1+ 67.Kd7 Rf1 68.d6 h4 69.gxh4 Rxf4 70.Rh3 Rf5 71.Kc7 Rc5+ 72.Kd8 Rh5 73.d7 Ke6 74.Re3+ Kd6 75.Rd3+ Kc6 76.Ke7 Rh7+ 77.Ke6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
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C01
□ **Zhu,Hengyi** **2361**
■ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2466**
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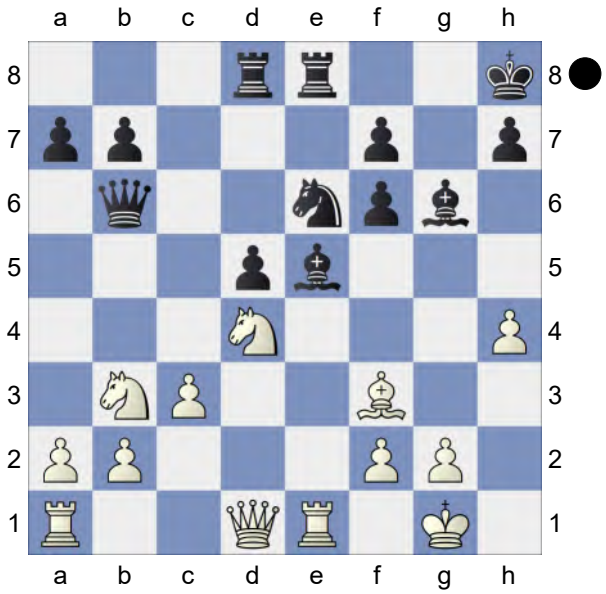
[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation
Gurevich,D: 'Inf 58/300' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 Bg4 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.c3 c5**
[9...c6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bh4 Qc7 12.Rae1 Rae8 13.Bg3 Rxe1 14.Nxe1 Re8 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.f3 Be6 17.Nb3 Nf8 18.f4 Qc7 19.h3 Bc8 20.Qf2 Ne4 21.Bxe4 Rxe4 22.Nc5 Re8 23.f5 f6 24.Nc2 0-1 Davidson,K (2154)-Kiseljova,M (2031) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4)]
10.dxc5N
[10.Qc2 h6 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Bh4 Re8 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bxd7 Ncxd7 15.Nd4 a6 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.Rad1 Qb6 18.Nb3 Re4 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.Ne3 Re5 21.Rd3 Rae8 22.Nd4 Bc5 23.g3 h5 24.b4 Bxd4 ½-½ Gurevich,D (2575)-Ivanchuk,V (2705) Interzonal-16 Biel 1993 (4) 25.Rxd4 Qe6 26.Qd3 g6 27.a4 Rc8 28.Rd1 Rc6 29.a5 Kh7 30.Kg2 Qc8 31.c4 dxc4 32.Nxc4 Ree6 33.Nb6 Qc7 34.Qf3 Rc3 35.Rd7 Qxd7 36.Nxd7 Rxf3 37.Kxf3 Rc6 38.Nc5 Rc7 39.Rd4 Kg7 ½-½ Hartmann,G (2575)-Kavakul,M (2705) Baltimore sim 1892 (4)]

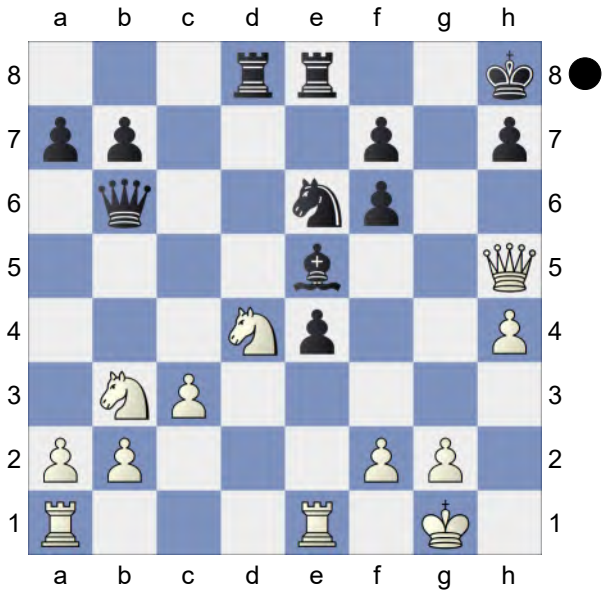
10...Nxc5 11.Nb3 -0.19/18
[⌓11.Qc2 0.28/17]
11...Ne6 12.Bh4 Qb6 0.63/17
[12...Bc7= 0.16/20
is more appropriate.]
13.Bxf6± gxf6 14.h3 0.07/15
[White should try 14.Be2± 0.62/18]
14...Bh5= 15.Bf5 Rfe8 16.Bg4 Bg6
Threatens to win with ...f5.
[16...Bxg4?! 17.hxg4 a5 18.Qd2±
(18.Qxd5 a4±)]
17.Nfd4 Be5 18.Bf3 Rad8 19.h4 Kh8 20.Re1



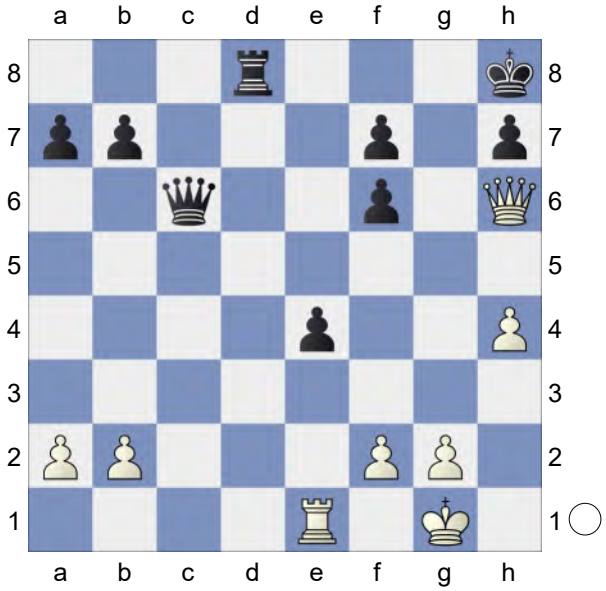
Be4! 21.Bxe4
[21.Nxe6 looks sharper. fxe6
22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Qh5]
21...dxe4 22.Qh5 -0.96/20
[22.Qc2∓ -0.40/22]

(Diagram)

22...Nxd4 -0.04/26
[22...Ng7!∓ -0.96/20 23.Qxf7 f5]
23.cxd4 Bxd4 24.Nxd4 Qxd4 25.Rad1
Inhibits e3. **25...Qc4 26.Qh6**
[26.Rxd8!? Rxd8 27.Qh6±]
26...Qc6



[26...Qxa2? loses. 27.Qxf6+
(27.Rxd8 Qe6+-) 27...Kg8
28.Rxd8+-]
27.Rxd8 Rxd8



28.Rxe4! Deflection **28...f5!** Discovered Attack
[Don't blunder 28...Rd1+? 29.Kh2
Rd8 30.Rf4+-]
29.Qxc6 bxc6 KR-KR. The position is equal. **30.Re5 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Rd2 32.Rxf5 Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.17

(very precise)
½-½

D31
□ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**
■ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
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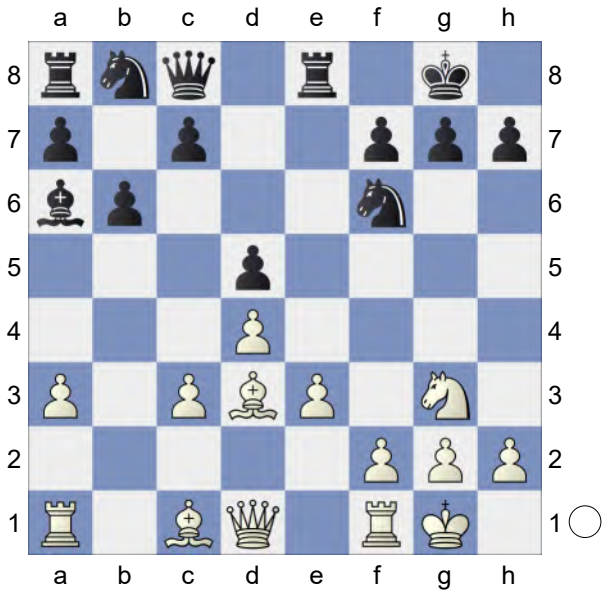
[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4**
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1)) 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...Bb4N
[3...Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Nf6 6.e3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 b6 9.Ne2 Ba6 10.0-0 Qc8 11.Ng3 Re8 0.95/21
[11...Bxd3± 0.43/20 12.Qxd3 Re8]

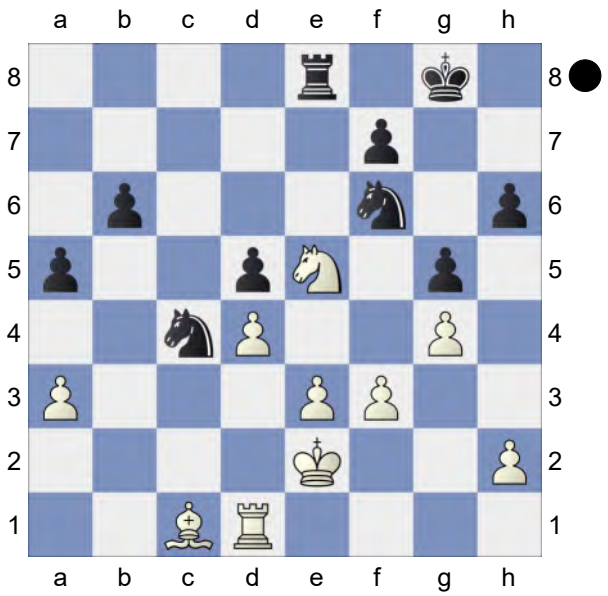
(Diagram)



12.Bb2 0.05/21
[12.f3!± 0.95/21]
12...Nc6= 13.Qe2 -0.33/20
[13.Re1= 0.18/21]
13...Bxd3∓ 14.Qxd3 Na5 15.Rae1 c5 0.16/20
[Black should play 15...Ne4∓ -0.52/22]
16.Bc1 -0.31/23
[16.f3= 0.16/20]
16...Ne4 17.Nh5 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qc4 19.Qd1 aiming for Qg4. **19...Re6** 0.00/22
[19...Qc6∓ -0.40/21]
20.Nf4 -0.45/22
[20.Qg4= 0.00/22 is more appropriate. Rg6 21.Qe2]
20...Rc6 21.Bb2 Nf6 22.f3 Qc2 23.Rf2 Qxd1 24.Rxd1 Nc4 25.Bc1 Rac8 26.g4 g5 is the strong threat. **26...g5 27.Nd3 h6 28.Re2 Nd6 29.Bb2 a5 30.Kf2 Rc2 31.Ke1 Rxe2+ 32.Kxe2** The position is equal. **32...Nc4 33.Bc1 Re8 34.Ne5**

(Diagram)

Deflection **34...Nxe5 35.dxe5 Rxe5=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **36.Bb2 Re6 37.Bxf6** Remove Defender **37...Rxf6**



38.Rxd5 KR-KR **38...Rc6 39.Kd2 Kg7 40.Rb5 Rf6 41.Ke2 Kf8 42.h3 Ke7 43.f4** Deflection **43...gxf4 44.exf4 Rxf4 45.Rxb6 Ra4 46.Rxh6 Rxa3 47.Ra6 Rxh3 48.Rxa5 Rg3 49.g5 Kf8 50.Kf2 Rb3 51.Kg2 Kg7 52.Rf5 Kg6 53.Rf6+ Kg7 54.Rf5 Ra3 55.Kh2 Rd3 56.Kg2 Re3 57.Kh2 Re7 58.Kg3 Kg6 59.Kg4 Re4+ 60.Rf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

B90
□ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
■ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** **2445**
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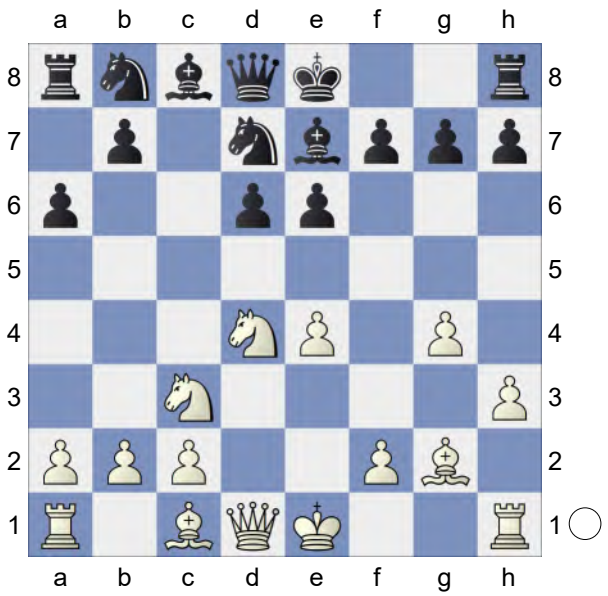
[Kitty Kat]

B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Nfd7 8.Bg2 Be7**

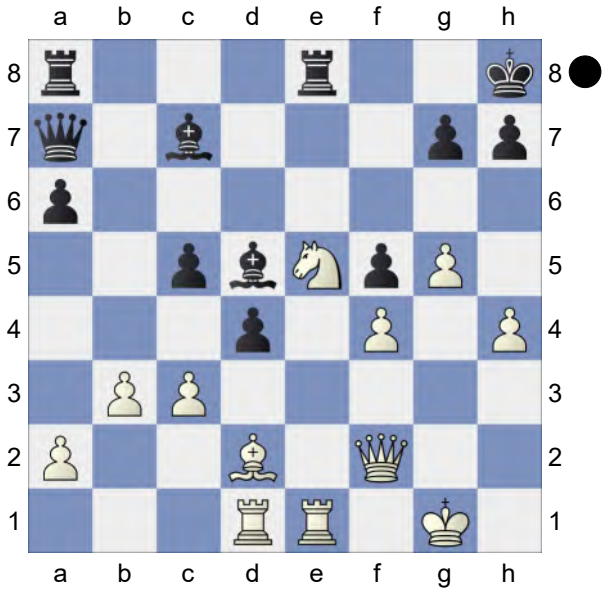
(Diagram)

9.g5! Nc6 White has an edge.

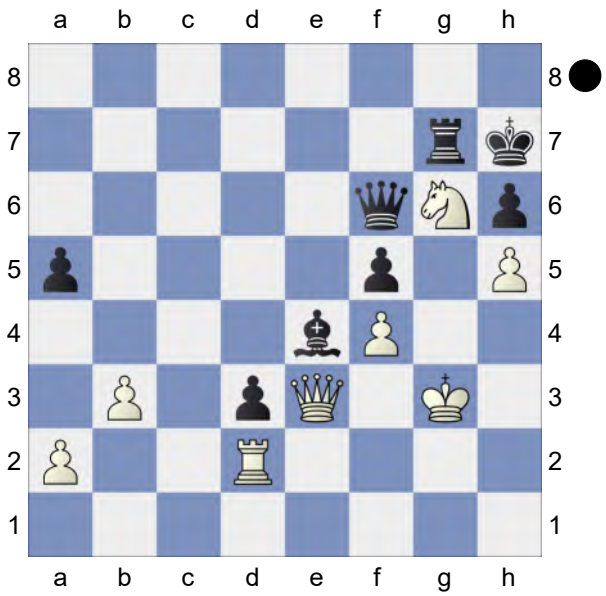


[9...Bxg5?! 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Qh5+ *(11.Qxd6? Qe7-+)* 11...g6 12.Qxg5±]
[9...b5 10.e5]
10.h4 0-0 11.b3 Nde5N 0.77/18
[11...Nc5± 0.39/18 12.f4 f6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 2) Najdorf: 6.h3 e6-7...Be7 8.g5 Nfd7 #6 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023]
[11...Qb6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Bb2 e5 15.Qd2 f6 16.Bf1 *(16.0-0-0 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.g6 hxg6 19.f4 Bg4 20.Bh3* 2) Najdorf: 6.h3 e6-7...Be7 8.g5 Nfd7 #9 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023*)* 16...f5 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.f3 fxe4 19.fxe4 Nb6 20.Nxb6 Qxb6 21.0-0-0 Bg4 22.Rde1 Rf2 23.Qe3 Qxe3+ 24.Rxe3 Bh5 25.Bc3 h6 26.Kb2 1-0 Gazi,M (2759)-Wohl,R (2714) PUR-ch San Juan 2023]
12.f4 0.22/20
[12.Nxc6± 0.77/18 Nxc6 13.Be3]
12...Nxd4= 13.Qxd4 Nc6 14.Qd2 Bb2 would now be deadly. **14...d5! 15.exd5** -0.38/19
[15.a3= 0.09/18]
15...exd5∓ 16.0-0

[16.Nxd5 Bc5 17.Kf1 Re8-+]
16...d4 17.Ne4! f5 0.16/22
[⩲17...Bf5 -0.26/20]
18.Nf2 Bb4 19.Qd3 Bc3 20.Ba3 Re8 aiming for ...Re3. **21.Rad1 Qc7**
[21...Re3?! 22.Qxe3 dxe3 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.Nd3±]
22.Bd5+ -0.82/19
[22.Bd6!∓ -0.40/21 Qxd6 23.Qxc3]
22...Kh8∓ Threatens to win with ...Re3.
23.Qf3 Be6 24.Nd3 Qf7 0.27/19
[24...Qa5∓ -0.74/19 25.Bxc6 bxc6]
25.Bxc6= bxc6 26.Ne5! Qa7 27.Qf2 -0.12/23
[27.Qxc6? perishes. Rac8 28.Qf3 d3+ 29.Kh2 Bxe5 *(29...dxc2? 30.Rd6∓)* 30.fxe5 dxc2-+ *(30...Rxc2+? 31.Kg3-+)*]
[27.Rf2 0.30/21 is more appropriate.]
27...c5 28.Bc1! Ba5 29.Bd2 -0.51/21
[White should try 29.Qg2= -0.01/20]
29...Bc7∓ 30.Rfe1 -0.97/20
[30.c3!∓ -0.54/19]
30...Bd5!∓ 31.c3



Be4! 32.cxd4 cxd4 33.Bc1 Bb6 -0.61/17 This pair of bishops is nice.
[33...Qb7∓ -1.17/21 34.Nc4 d3]
34.Nc4∓ Bc5 35.Ba3 Bxa3 36.Nxa3 Red8 -0.21/20
[36...Rad8∓ -0.61/20]
37.Rd2 -0.58/21
[37.Nc2= -0.21/20 should be considered.]
37...Qf7 -0.04/22
[37...Qc7∓ -0.58/21]
38.Nc4 -0.72/20
[38.Rxd4= -0.04/22 Rxd4 39.Qxd4]
38...Qh5∓ 39.Kh2 Rac8
[39...Kg8!? 40.Red1 d3∓]
40.Rg1 Kg8 White is weak on the light squares
[Much worse is 40...d3 41.g6]
41.Rgd1 -1.14/20
[41.g6!∓ -0.52/21]
41...d3 42.Ne5 -1.77/19
[42.Qg3∓ -1.15/18]
42...Rc2 -0.83/15
[42...Re8-+ -1.77/19 has better winning chances. ...Rc2 is the strong threat. 43.Nc4 *(43.Nxd3? Bxd3 44.Qg3 Re2+ 45.Kg1 Be4-+)* 43...Re6]
43.Rxc2 Qxd1 44.Rd2 Qc1 White must now prevent ...h5. Black has more active pieces. **45.Kg3 Qc7** 0.00/24
[45...h6∓ -0.45/18]
46.Qe3 a5 47.Kf2 h6 48.gxh6 gxh6 49.Qg3+ -0.69/20
[Better is 49.h5= -0.13/18]
49...Kh8∓ 50.h5 Rg8↑ (→ ...Qc5+). Black is on the roll. **51.Ng6+ Kh7** And now ...Qc1 would win. Some like it hot **52.Qe3 Qc3 53.Qe1** -2.01/22
[53.Rd1∓ -1.39/18]
53...Rg7 54.Kg3 -2.02/21
[54.Rd1 -1.66/20 was necessary. Qc5+ 55.Qe3 Qc2+ 56.Rd2]
54...Qf6 55.Qe3? -6.12/18
[55.Kh3∓ -1.57/19]



55...Qa1!-+ Black is clearly winning. **56.Rh2 Qd1 57.Rd2 Qxh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

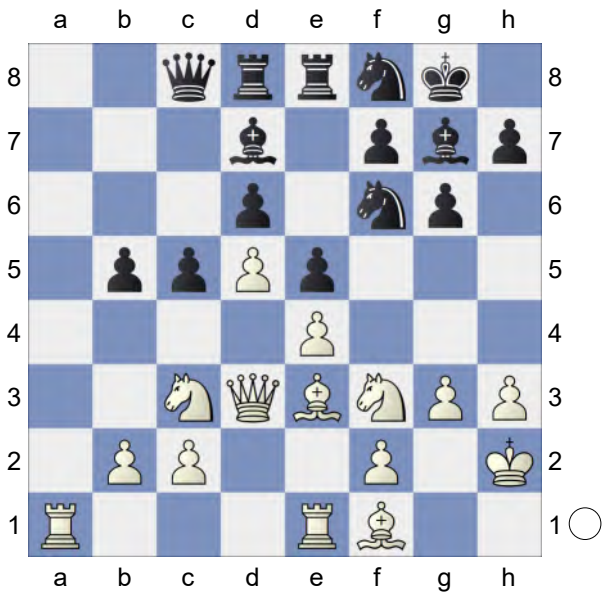
B08

□ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**
■ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.38) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d6
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 0-1 Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (3.76)]
3.e4 g6N
[3...c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Qe2 e6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxf6 *(9.h4 h5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bh3 hxg4 12.Bxg4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.h5 Bh7 15.Rg1 Nc6 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.Bh3 Qf4+ 18.Kb1 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Ne1 0-0-0 21.Rh1 Rdg8 22.Rd3 Rg4 23.h6 Kb8* 1-0 Hebden,M (2530)-Adams,M (2685) Hastings 9697 1996 (1)*)* 9...Bxf6 10.h4 h5 11.g5 Be7 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Bh3 d5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qa5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.f4 0-0 18.f5 1-0 Epishin,V (2570)-Balinov,I (2560) Donau op 06th Aschach 1997 (7) exf5 19.Rxd5 Qb4 20.Bg2 Rfe8 21.Kb1 Bf8 22.Qf2 a6 23.Rhd1 Rac8 24.Ne2 f4 25.R1d2 Rxe5 26.Nc3 Bc5 27.a3 Bxf2 28.axb4 Re1+ 29.Ka2 Bxh4 30.Ra5 Rc7 31.Rc5 Rxc5 32.bxc5 Re5 33.b4 1-0 Tal,M-Unzicker,W Stockholms Schackforbund-03 1960/61 (3)]
4.Nf3 c6 5.a4 Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Re1 Qc7 9.Bf1 e5 10.g3 -0.01/23
[10.a5± 0.57/22]
10...Re8 11.Bg2 White is slightly better.
11...Nf8 0.39/23
[11...a5= 0.00/22]
12.h3± Bd7 13.Be3 b6 14.Qd2 Rad8 0.67/19
[14...Ne6= 0.21/19 was preferrable.]
15.d5! c5 1.19/21
[15...Qc8± 0.54/21]
16.Bf1 Qc8 17.Kh2 a6 1.97/24
[17...Qc7± 1.27/18 18.Ba6 Nh5]
18.Qd3 b5 19.axb5 axb5

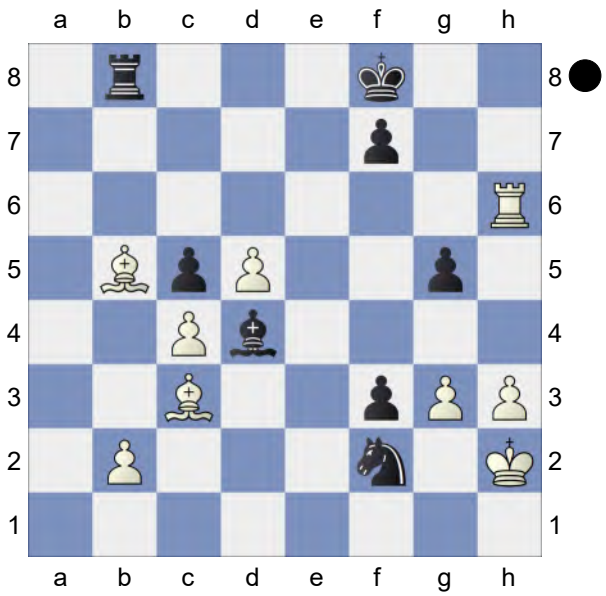
(Diagram)

20.Nxb5 0.52/19
[20.Nd2!+- 1.78/22]
20...Bxb5 21.Qxb5 Threatens to win with Nd2. **21...Nxe4** Black is weak on the light squares **22.Ra7 Nf6! 23.Bc4** -0.22/18

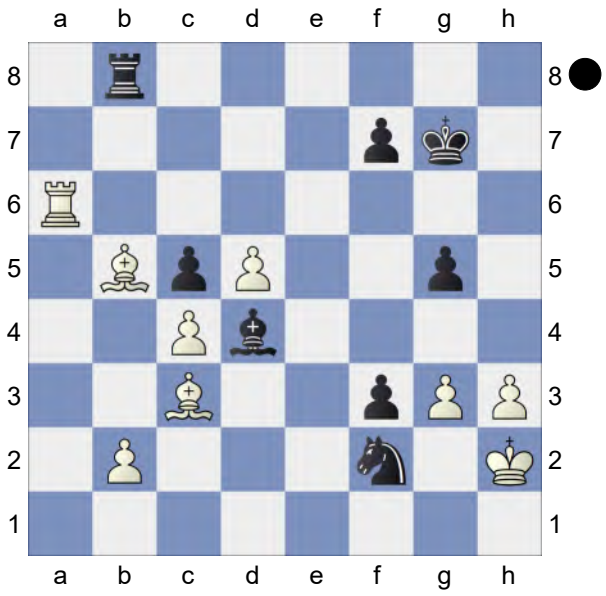


[23.Ng5 Rd7 24.Rxd7 Qxd7=]
[White should try 23.Qb3 0.28/20]
23...N8d7 0.66/20
[23...e4!= -0.22/18 24.Nh4 Rd7]
24.Nd2 e4 25.Qa6 Ne5 26.Qxc8 Rxc8 27.Bg5 0.02/17
[27.Bf4± 0.54/20]
27...Nf3+= 28.Nxf3 exf3 29.Rae7 Rxe7 30.Rxe7 h6 31.Bd2 Kf8 32.Re3 Nd7 0.74/20
[32...g5= 0.25/24]
33.Bb5 0.03/23
[33.Rxf3± 0.74/20 Rb3 would now be deadly. Ne5 34.Rc3]
33...Ne5! 34.Ra3 g5 35.Ra6 Rb8 36.c4 Black must now prevent Ba5!
36...Nd3!↑ White is under pressure.
37.Rxd6? -2.10/23
[37.Ba5!= 0.00/20 and White stays safe. Be5 *(37...Bxb2 38.Bc7±)* 38.Bc7]
37...Nxf2-+ aiming for ...Ne4! **38.Bc3 Bd4** -1.42/20
[38...Bxc3-+ -3.28/23 39.bxc3 h5]
39.Rxh6? -3.19/22
[39.g4∓ -1.42/20]

(Diagram)



39...Kg7! 40.Ra6 -#13/18
[40.Bxd4+-+ -3.03/18 cxd4 41.Kg1]



40...Ng4+! 41.Kh1 Bxc3 -6.73/21
[⌓41...Rh8 -19.20/23 42.Bxd4+ cxd4 43.Kg1 Rxh3 44.c5 Rh2 *(44...Rxg3+ 45.Kf1 Rg2 46.Ra3 d3* Promotion *47.Rxd3 Nh2+ 48.Ke1 f2+ 49.Kd2 f1Q+ 50.Kc3 Qc1+* Deflection, Double Attack *51.Kb4 Rxb2+ 52.Rb3 Qd2+ 53.Ka4 Qc2 54.Ka5 Qxb3 55.Kb6 Qxb5+ 56.Kc7 Qxc5+ 57.Kd7 Rb7+ 58.Ke8 Qf8#)*

45.Ra3 f2+ *(45...Rxb2? 46.Rxf3 Rxb5 47.d6-+; 45...Rg2+ 46.Kf1-+)* 46.Kf1 d3 Promotion *(46...Ne3+? 47.Rxe3 dxe3 48.Ke2-+)* 47.Rxd3 Rh1+ 48.Ke2 f1Q+ *(48...f1B+? 49.Kd2-+)* 49.Kd2 Qc1+ 50.Ke2 Qe1+ *(50...Qxb2+* gets mated. *51.Rd2 Qb1 52.Rd4 Rh2+ 53.Kf3 Qf5+ 54.Rf4 Rf2#)* 51.Kf3 Nh2+ 52.Kg2 Qf1#]

42.bxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **42...Rh8 43.Kg1 Rxh3** (→ ...Rh2!) **44.Ra1 Rxg3+ 45.Kf1 Nh2+ 46.Kf2 Rg2+ 47.Ke3 f2** -6.81/19

[⌓47...Re2+ -#3/18 48.Kd3 Ng4 49.Rh1 Nf2#]

48.d6 f1Q Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.56

0-1

C84

□ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
■ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.39) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a4**

[8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)]

8...Bd7 9.Bd2N

[9.c3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Bc2 c5 12.Re1

A) 12...Nc6 13.Nf1 b4 Lesson 22: Spanish 5... Be7 --Spanish 5... Be7 6. d3,8 *(13...h6 14.Ng3 Be6* 9. c3 #4-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Jan Gustafsson's Modern Line 8. a4 *)*;

B) 12...Re8 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ne3 b4 15.h3 Rb8 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Bb3 h6 18.Be3 bxc3 19.bxc3 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Qc2 e4 22.dxe4 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxb3 0-1 Morozov,Y (2713)-C 06/32 (2815) Gran Canaria op Las Palmas 1997 (4.3)]

9...0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Nc3 White is slightly better. **11...Na5 12.Ba2 b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 c6 15.Ba2 Rb8 16.c3 b3 17.Bb1 c5 18.d4 Nc4 19.Bc1 exd4 20.cxd4 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Qb6 22.e5 dxe5 23.Qd3** Double Attack **23...g6!**

[Worse is 23...Qxd4 24.Qh7#]

24.Qxc4 Qxd4 25.Qxa6 Kg7 -0.01/25

[25...Rfd8∓ -0.87/18]

26.Qe2= Black must now prevent Rd1.

[26.Qd3 simplifies Qxd3 27.Bxd3 Rfd8 28.a5]

26...Bxa4 27.Rd1 Bb5! 28.Qe1 Qc5 29.Be3 Qc6 0.04/22

[29...Qc4∓ -0.39/20 30.Rc1 Qe6]

(Diagram)

30.Be4!↑ White has the initiative.

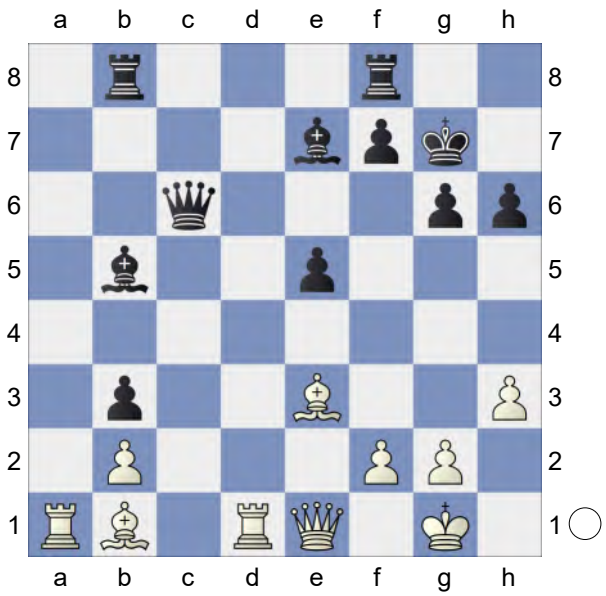
30...Qf6 31.Qd2

[31.Bd5 simplifies Rfd8 32.Ba7 Rbc8 33.Bxb3 Rxd1 34.Rxd1 Bc4 35.Bxc4 Rxc4 36.Be3]

31...Qh4 32.Bd5 aiming for Ra7!

32...Bb4 33.Qc1 Ra7! is the strong threat. **33...Be2** 0.16/17

[33...Rbc8 -0.21/21 deserves



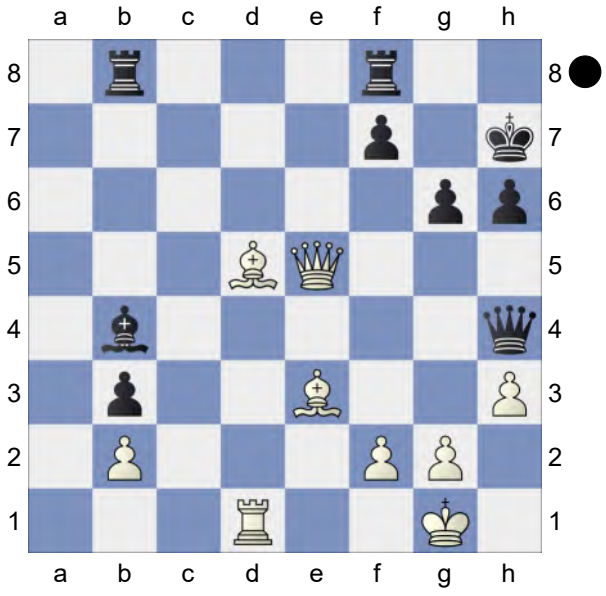
consideration. 34.Qb1 Bc5 35.Bxc5 Rxc5 36.Bxb3 Qb4]

34.Qc7! Bxd1? 4.53/19

[34...Qe7= 0.09/19 35.Rdc1 Rbd8 36.Bxb3 Rd7]

35.Qxe5++- Kh7 And now ...Rbe8 would win. **36.Rxd1?** -0.88/22

[36.Bd4!+- 4.25/23 Qxd4 37.Qxd4]



36...Qh5 -0.01/19

[36...Rbe8!∓ -0.88/22 37.Qc7 Rc8]

37.Qxh5= The position is equal. **37...gxh5 38.Bxb3** This pair of bishops is nice. **38...Be7 39.Bc2+ Kg7 40.Rd5 Bg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.32

½-½

B90

□ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**

■ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**

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[Kitty Kat]

B81: Sicilian Scheveningen: Keres Attack **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 d5 8.Nde2 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 dxe4** White is slightly better. **10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Be3 Bd7N**

[11...Nc6 12.0-0-0+ Ke8 13.Nc3 Bd7 14.Nxe4 Nb4 15.a3 Nd5 16.Bd2 Rc8 17.Bd3 Bc6 18.Rhe1 Be7 19.f4 Chapter-N,N]

12.0-0-0 White has compensation. **12...Ke8 13.Bg2 Bc6 14.Nd4 Bc5 15.Rhe1 Bxd4 16.Bxd4**

[Don't take 16.Rxd4?! Nd7 17.Bxe4 Bxe4+-]

16...f6 17.Bxe4 Kf7 18.Bxc6 0.37/19

[18.Bb6± 0.75/20]

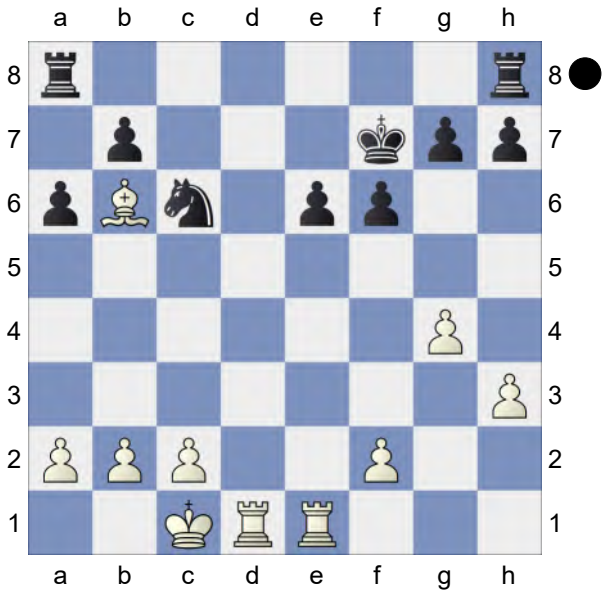
18...Nxc6± 19.Bb6

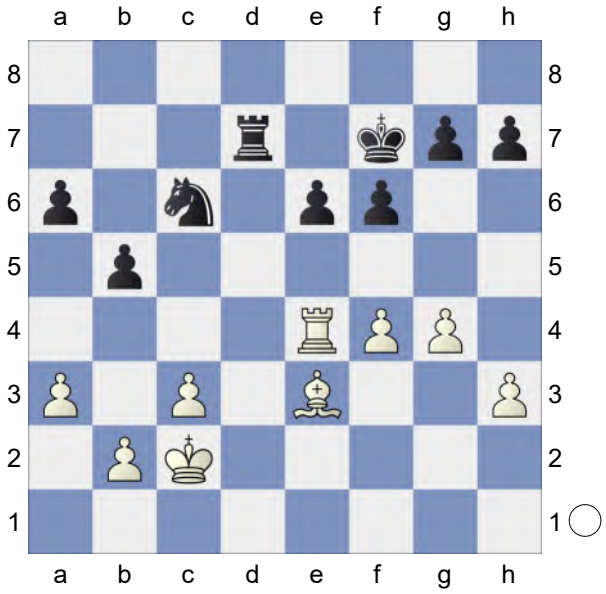
(Diagram)

Rd7+ would now be deadly. **19...Rhe8 20.f4 Rac8 21.a3 Nb8 22.Re4 Re7 23.Ba7 Nd7 24.Rb4 Rc7 25.Be3 Nb8 26.c3 Nc6 27.Re4 Rcd7 28.Rxd7 Rxd7=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Kc2 b5**

(Diagram)

And now ...f5 would win. **30.Bd2 e5 31.a4 Ke6 32.fxe5 fxe5 33.b3 Kd5**



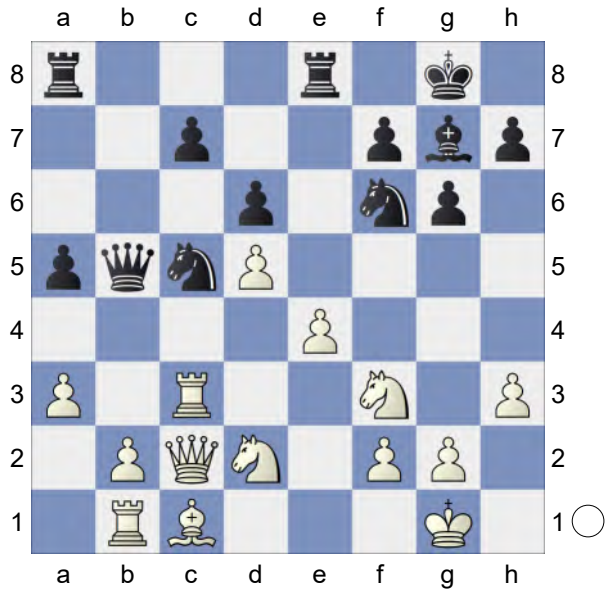


34.Kd3 Na5 35.c4+ bxc4+ 36.bxc4+ Ke6+ 37.Kc2 Nc6 38.Bc3 Rf7 39.Re3 Rf2+ 40.Kb3 Rf4 41.Rd3 Nd4+ 42.Kb4 Kd6 43.Bxd4 Rxd4 KR-KR **44.Rf3 e4 45.Rf8 Ke5 46.Kc5 Rd3 47.Re8+ Kf4 48.Kb6** Black must now prevent c5. **48...Rd6+ 49.Kc5 Rd2 50.Kb6 Rd4 51.Kc5 Ke3 52.Rb8 Rd2 53.Rb7 g5 54.Rxh7 Kd3**
[54...Rd4!? 55.Rb7□ Rd3=]
55.Rd7+ Kc3 56.Rg7
[Much weaker is 56.Rxd2 Kxd2 57.Kb6 e3∓]
56...Rd4 57.Rxg5 Rxc4+ 58.Kb6 Rxa4 59.Re5 Kd3 60.g5 Strongly threatening g6. **60...Ra2 61.Rd5+ Kc4 62.Rd8 Rg2 63.h4?** -2.72/24
[63.Re8= 0.00/24 and White has nothing to worry.]
63...Kc3? 0.00/34
[63...e3-+ -2.72/24 64.Rc8+ Kd3 65.Rd8+ Kc3]
64.Rg8 e3 65.h5! e2 66.Re8 Kd2 67.g6? -6.12/21
[67.Rd8+= 0.00/24 Ke1 68.h6]
67...e1Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
0-1

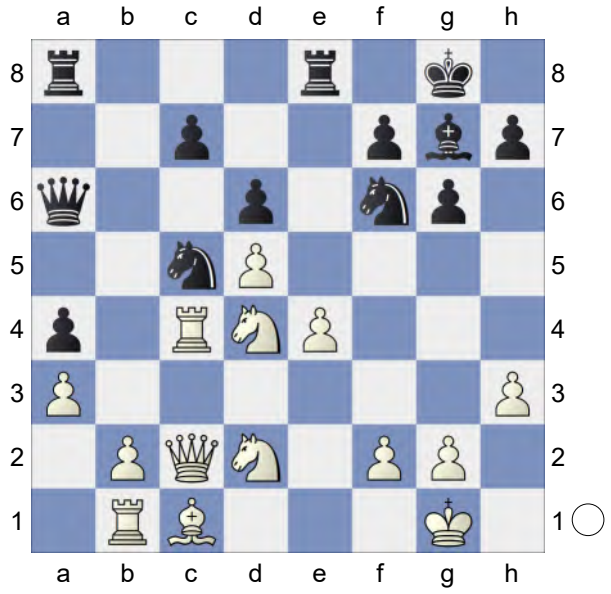
C79
□ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
■ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.41) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C60: Ruy Lopez: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...g6 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.c3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.Bxd7 Qxd7** White is slightly better. **13.Qb3** Prevents Nd3 **13...a5 14.a3 Nc6 15.d5**
[15.Qxb7? Rfb8-+]
15...Nb8 16.Qxb7 Na6 17.Qb3 Nc5 18.Qc2N White has the initiative.
[18.Qc4 Qa4 19.e5 Qxc4 20.Nxc4 dxe5 21.Nfxe5 Nxd5 22.Rd1 Nb6 23.Be3 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 Ne6 25.a4 Rfb8 26.Rab1 Bf8 27.Rd5 Bb4 28.Ne5 Bc3 29.Nc6 Rb3 30.Rc1 Bxb2 31.Rb1 Rc3 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 ½-½ Raines,D (2410)-Gill,S (2585) EU-chT (Men) 17th Novi Sad 2009 (6)]
18...Rfe8 19.Rb1 Threatening b4.

19...Qb5 20.Re3 White wants to play b4. **20...Bh6 21.Rc3 Bg7** 1.05/19
[21...Bxd2!± 0.50/22 22.Nxd2 *(22.Bxd2 Rxe4 23.Bg5 Nfd7±)* 22...Ncxe4 23.Nxe4 *(23.Rxc7 Nxf2 24.Qc4 Nxh3+ 25.Kh2 Qxd5∓)* 23...Rxe4]



22.Rc4!± a4 23.Nd4 Qa6



24.Nc6 0.25/21
[24.b4!± 1.12/24 Ncxe4 25.Nxe4 *(25.Rxc7 Nxf2 26.Nc4 Nxh3+ 27.gxh3 Re1+ 28.Kg2 Rae8=)* 25...Rxe4 26.Be3]
24...Nfd7= 25.b4 axb3 26.Nxb3 Nb6 27.Rxc5
[27.Nxc5? Qxc4 28.Qxc4 Nxc4-+]
27...dxc5 28.Nxc5 Qc4 29.Qxc4 Nxc4 30.Bf4 Na5 Black is weak on the light squares **31.Nb4** A dynamic duo of knights. **31...Bd4** 1.32/19 Black is on the road to losing.
[Black should play 31...Ra7± 0.42/19]
32.Nba6± Ra7 1.87/22
[32...Rec8± 1.23/19]
33.Nxc7
[33.Bxc7? perishes. Bxc5 34.Rb5 Rxa6-+]
33...Rc8 34.N5a6 Nc4 2.89/22
[⌓34...g5 1.70/19]
35.d6+- Rd8 36.Rb8 Rxb8 37.Nxb8 Rb7 38.Nc6 d7 is the strong threat. **38...Rb1+ 39.Kh2 Nxd6 40.Nxd4 Nxe4 41.f3 Nc3 42.Bd2 Nd1 43.Nd5 Ra1** 3.91/22
[⌓43...Nb2 2.50/19 44.Bc3 Na4 45.Ne7+ Kh8]
44.Bb4 Ra2 45.Nb5 Ra1 46.Bd2 aiming for Bh6. **46...f5 47.Kg3 Kf7 48.Bb4 g5 49.f4 h6 50.Nd4 gxf4+ 51.Kxf4 Ra2 52.Kg3**
[Don't play 52.Kxf5 Rxg2 53.Nf3 Rf2+-]
52...Kg6 53.Ne7+ Kf6 54.Ndxf5 h5 55.Nh4 Ne3 56.Nc6 Nf1+ 57.Kf3 Nd2+ 58.Kf4 Nc4 59.Kf3 Nxa3? 5.82/18
[59...Kf7 2.62/18 is more resistant. 60.Kf4 Kf6]
60.Bc3+ Kf7 61.Nb4 Repels Rc2. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

B12
□ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl 2308**
■ **Akhmetov,Ayan 2417**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.42) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 a6 5.Bd3N**
[5.g4 Bd7 6.Bg2 *(6.h5 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Bh3 Qa5 9.Kf1 e6 10.f4 Qb6 11.Nf3 Nh6 12.g5 Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Rh2 h6 15.Be3 hxg5 16.Nxg5 f6 17.Nf3 0-0-0 18.Kg1 Be8 19.h6 Rxh6 20.Rxh6 gxh6* 1-0 Bedouin,X (2321)-Harutyunyan,S (1912) Sautron op qual 17th 2017 (2.3)*)* 6...e6 7.f4 h5 8.g5 Ne7 9.Nf3 c5 10.c3 Nf5 11.Kf2 Nc6 12.Bh3 Qb6 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.g6 fxg6 15.Rg1 Nd8 16.Qb3 Qc6 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Ne5 Qc7 19.Nxg6 c4 0-1 Schneider,I-Sakaev,K Bundesliga 0607 Germany 2007 (11)]
[5.h5 c5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 cxd4 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bf4 e6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.a3 Bc5 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.0-0-0 Nge7 14.Nfxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc7 18.Qd2 Qc4 19.Rh4 Nf5 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2651)-Caruana,F (2792) Chess.com Rapid Wk1 Swiss Chess.com INT 2022 (7)]
5...Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 c5 8.dxc5 White is slightly better. **8...Bxc5 9.h5 Nc6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Re1 Nh6** 0.22/18
[Black should play 11...Nge7∓ -0.55/21]
12.Be3? -1.45/21
[12.Bxh6!= 0.22/18 gxh6 13.c3]
12...Nxe5∓ 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Nd2 -1.95/23
[14.Nc3∓ -1.45/21 Bd6 *(14...Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Qxh5 16.Nxd5∓)* 15.g3 *(15.Bxh6? Qh2+ 16.Kf1 Qh1+ 17.Ke2 Qxh5+ 18.Kf1 Qh1+ 19.Ke2 Qxh6-+)*]
14...Bd6 15.g3
[15.Bxh6 Qh2+ *(15...Qxb2? 16.Rab1+-* Skewer *)* 16.Kf1 Qh1+ *(16...gxh6 17.g3∓)* 17.Ke2 Qxh5+ 18.Nf3 Qxh6]
15...Qxh5 16.Bxh6 Qxh6
[16...gxh6 17.c4∓]
17.Qxd5 Rd8 18.Nf3 Rd7 -0.65/20
[18...Bxg3-+ -1.75/21 19.Qxb7 Bf4 20.Qc6+ Ke7 21.Qxa6 Qg6+ 22.Kf1 Qxc2]
19.Rad1 0-0
[19...Ke7 seems wilder. 20.Kg2 Rhd8 21.Qb3 Qf6]
20.Qa5 -1.09/22
[20.Qe4∓ -0.38/20]
20...Qf6 21.Ne5 -1.71/23
[21.Qa4∓ -1.08/20 Rdd8 22.Qe4]
21...Rdd8-+ Threatens to win with ...b6!
22.Nc4 Qe7 -1.08/22
[22...Be7-+ -1.69/20 And now ...Rxd1 would win. 23.b3 Qg5 24.Qxg5 Bxg5]
23.Qh5 -1.94/19
[23.Nxd6∓ -1.08/22 Rxd6 24.Qc3]
23...Qc7 -0.81/25
[23...Bc5-+ -1.94/19 has better winning chances. aiming for ...Qc7. 24.Kg2 g6]
24.Nxd6∓ Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Qxd6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **26.Rd1** Repels Qd2 **26...Qc7 27.Rd2 Rd8** 0.00/28
[27...g6∓ -0.57/20 28.Qh6 Rd8]
28.Qe5↑ Deflection, Back Rank. White has good play. **28...Qe7**
[28...Qxe5 29.Rxd8#]
29.Rd4 -0.38/21
[29.Rxd8+= 0.00/25 was preferrable. Qxd8 30.c4]

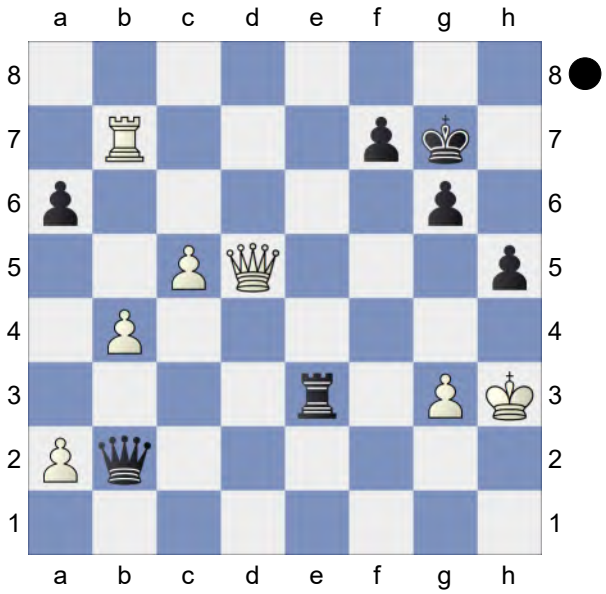
29...h6 30.c4 Rc8 31.Qe4 -0.72/24
[31.a4∓ -0.35/22]
31...g6 32.b3 h5 33.Qd3 -0.80/20
[33.Qe5∓ -0.43/21 is more appropriate.]
33...Rc7 -0.15/22
[33...b5∓ -0.80/20]
34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Qd4 e5 36.Qd5 Kg7
[36...b5!?]
37.b4? -3.00/24 **Qf6?** 0.00/25
[37...Qxb4 38.Qxe5+ f6 39.Qxc7+]
[37...Rxc4!-+ -3.00/24 38.Qxc4 Qxd8]
38.c5 Re7 39.Rb8 e4 40.Rxb7 Re6 41.Rb6 e3 42.fxe3 Qd4 is the strong threat. **42...Qa1+ 43.Kf2** Active counter play! **43...Qb2+**
[43...Re5!? 44.Qd4□ Qxa2+ 45.Ke1 *(45.Kf3 f6=)* 45...Qb1+ 46.Kd2 Qa2+ 47.Kc1 Qa3+ 48.Kc2 f6 49.Rb7+ Kh6 50.Qf4+ Rg5=]
44.Kf3 Qb1 45.Kg2 Prevents Qf1+.
[45.Ke2 feels hotter. Re8 46.Rb7 Qb2+ 47.Qd2]
45...Qb2+ 46.Kh3? -4.50/21
[46.Kf3= 0.05/17 and White has nothing to worry. Qf6+ 47.Ke2 Rxb6 48.cxb6]
46...Rxe3-+ 47.Rb7

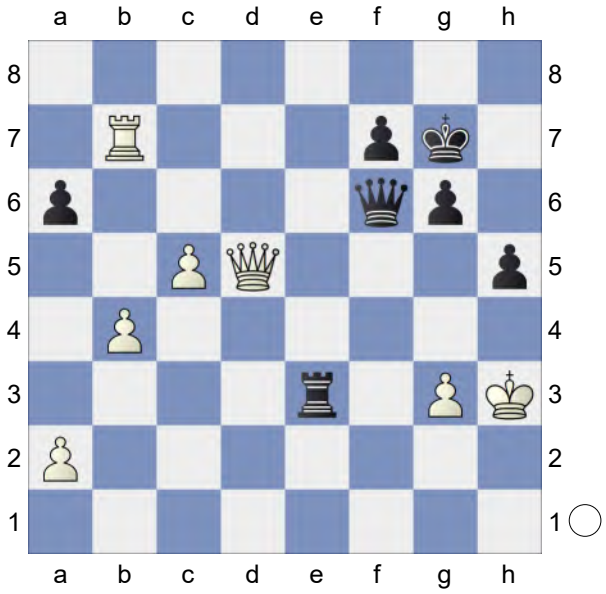
(Diagram)

Qf6 0.01/15
[47...Kh6!-+ -2.95/27 (→ ...Re2) 48.Rxf7 *(48.Qxf7? perishes. Qd4-+)* 48...Re2]

(Diagram)

48.Rxf7+!= D e f l e c t i o n **48...Qxf7 49.Qd4+ Kh7 50.Qxe3** Hoping for a3. **50...Qxa2** KQ-KQ **51.c6** 0.00/26





[White should try 51.Qe7+± 0.67/19 Kh6 52.Qf8+ Kh7 53.Qf1]
51...Qc4 1.05/28
[51...Qd5= 0.00/26 52.Qc1 Qe6+ 53.Kh2 Qe2+ 54.Kg1 h4 55.gxh4 Qg4+ 56.Kf1 Qf3+ 57.Ke1 Qe4+ 58.Kd2 Qf4+ *(58...Qxb4+ 59.Qc3+-)* 59.Kc2 Qxb4]
52.Qc5 0.00/33
[White has to play 52.Qe7+± 1.05/28 Kh6 53.Qc5 Qf1+ 54.Kh2 Qe2+ 55.Kg1 Qe1+ 56.Kg2 Qe2+ 57.Qf2 Qe4+ 58.Qf3 Qc2+ 59.Kh3]

52...Qf1+ The position is equal. **53.Kh4 Qf6+ 54.Kh3 Qf1+ 55.Kh2** Strongly threatening Qc2. **55...Qe2+ 56.Kg1 Qe1+ 57.Kg2 Qe2+ 58.Qf2 Qe4+ 59.Qf3 Qc4 60.Qf6** Kf2 would now be deadly. **60...Qe2+ 61.Kh3 Qg4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.31
½-½

		B90
□	**Begmuratov,Khumoyun**	**2416**
■	**Daakshin,Arun**	**2286**

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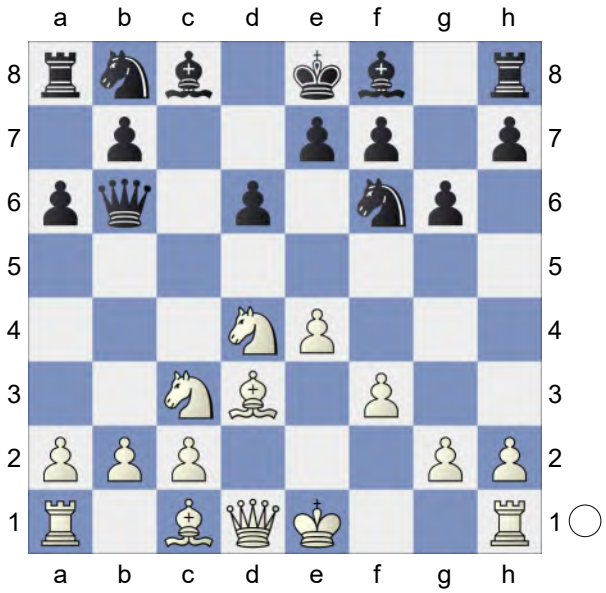
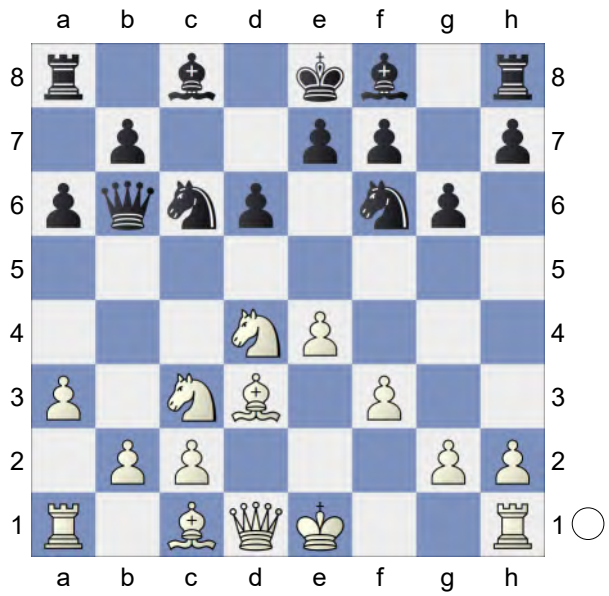
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 g6 7.f3 Qb6N**
[7...Bg7 8.Be3
A) 8...Nc6 9.Qd2 Nxd4 *(9...h5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 Bd7 12.h3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Ne2 e5 16.Be3 b5 17.g4 hxg4 18.hxg4 Bf6 19.Kg2 Bg5 20.Rh1 Kg7 21.c3 Qe7 22.Bc2 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Rh8 24.Qd2* 0-1 Huston, G (2341)-Naroditsky,D (2619) Charlotte Super op 2023 (2)) 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4 b5 12.h4 Qa5 13.a3 h6 14.0-0-0 Rb8 15.g5 Nh5 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.gxh6 Nh5 18.Qg5 f6 19.Qxg6+ Bf7 20.Qg1 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Kd2 Nf4 23.Qe3 1-0 Anand,V (2781)-Morozevich,A (2758) (ol) 92/138 Calvia 2004;
B) 8...0-0 9.Qd2 *(9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nd5 e5 11.Nb3 Nxd5 12.exd5 b5 13.a4 b4 14.a5 Nf6 15.Qd2 Nxd5 16.Bg5 Nf6 17.Qxb4 Qc7 18.Rfd1 Rb8 19.Qh4 Nh5 20.Qc4 Qa7+ 21.Kh1 Nf4 22.Bf1 d5 23.Qc6 Ne6* 0-1 Senf,H (1972)-Schwellnus,G (2061) corr 14898 freechess.de 2016*)* 9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.h4 Rc8 13.Kb1 b5 14.h5 b4 15.Ne2 Qa5 16.b3 Rc5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.g4 Rfc8 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Qh2 Bb5 21.Rd2 Bxd3 22.Nxd3 R5c6 23.Bb2 1-0 Moussard,J (2600)-Korobov,A (2650) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (4.2);
C) 8...e5 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Qd2 d5 11.Bc5 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Nc6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Bd6 Nd5 16.Nd1 0-0-0 17.Nc4 Nf4 18.Bxe5 Bxc4 19.Bxf4 Bd4 20.Be3 Rhe8 0-1 8.♗c4 0-0 9.0-0 ♘c6-Posizione 47/385 Moscow 1989]

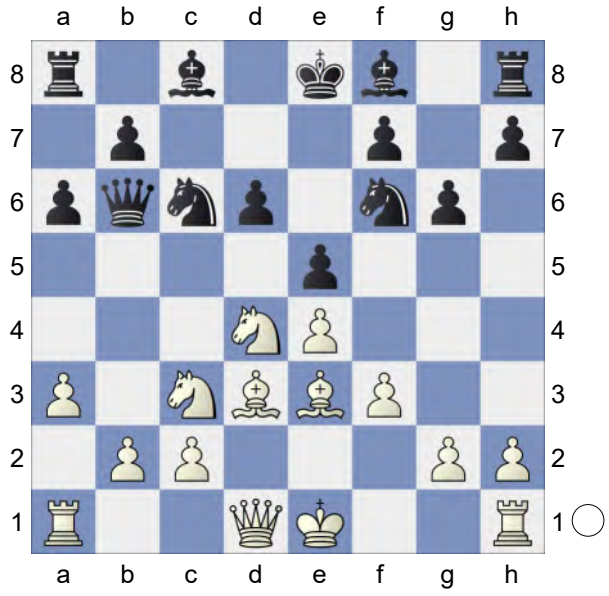


8.a3! Nc6
[8...Qxd4? 9.Bb5+ axb5 10.Qxd4+-]
[8...Nbd7 9.Be2]

(Diagram)



9.Be3 White is slightly better. **9...e5**



10.Nf5 Discovered Attack **10...Qd8 11.Ng3 Bg7 12.Qd2 Be6** Repels Bc4 **13.0-0 0-0 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.Qf2** -0.24/20

[15.h3± 0.45/19]

15...b5 16.Rd2 Rab8 17.h3 b4 18.axb4 Nxb4 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Nd7 21.Be2 Ne5! 22.Rfd1 -0.14/20

[22.Kh1 0.27/19 is superior.]

22...Rfd8 0.46/20

[22...Nbc6!= -0.14/20]

23.Bg5 0.07/18

[23.Nf1± 0.46/20]

23...Re8!= 24.Bf4 Red8 0.46/20

[24...Nbc6= 0.00/18 is more appropriate.]

25.Nf1± Nbc6 26.Nd5 -0.14/19

[26.Na4± 0.49/20]

26...Bxd5= 27.exd5 Ne7 28.c3 Nc4 0.68/17

[Black should try 28...a5= -0.28/18]

29.Bxc4± Qxc4 30.Ne3 Qc7 31.Rf1 Nc8 1.23/20

[31...Re8± 0.48/20]

32.Qe2 0.27/18

[Better is 32.Ng4± 1.23/20]

32...Rb5 0.93/17

[32...a5= 0.27/18]

33.Nc4 0.19/19

[White should play 33.h4!± 0.93/17]

33...Nb6= 34.Nxd6 Rxd5 35.Rxd5 Nxd5 36.Bg3 Active counter play!

36...Qb6+

[36...Qc5+ simplifies 37.Kh1 Qe3 38.Qxe3 Nxe3 39.Re1 Bf8]

37.Kh1 Qe3

[37...Nf6 simplifies 38.Rd1 Nh5 39.Bf2 Qc6]

38.Qc4 -2.29/20

[38.Qxa6? Qxg3 39.Nxf7 Nc7-+]

[38.Qxe3= 0.19/22 Nxe3 39.Ra1 *(39.Rxf7? Nf5∓)*]

38...Qxg3-+ 39.Nxf7 Be5! 40.Nh6+? -6.52/22

[40.Nxe5 -2.11/19 Qxe5 41.Rd1]

40...Kh8 41.Nf7+ Kg7 42.Nxe5 Qxe5 43.Qxa6 Nf6 And now ...Nh5 would win.

44.Qa7+ Rd7 45.Qf2 Re7 46.Qf3 -3.04/22

[⌓46.Kg1 -2.05/18]

46...Re8 47.Qf2? -3.73/23

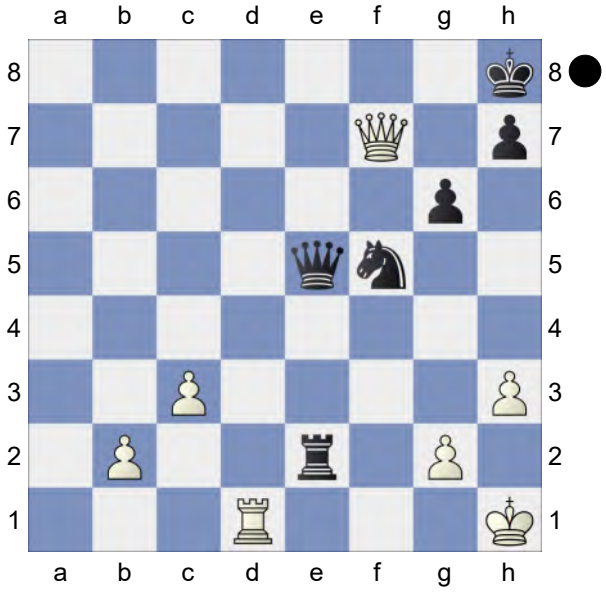
[47.Kg1 -2.11/18]

47...Ne4 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.Kg1 -2.50/23

[⌓49.Rd1 -1.92/20]

49...Qc5+ 50.Kh2 Qe5+ 51.Kg1 Ng3

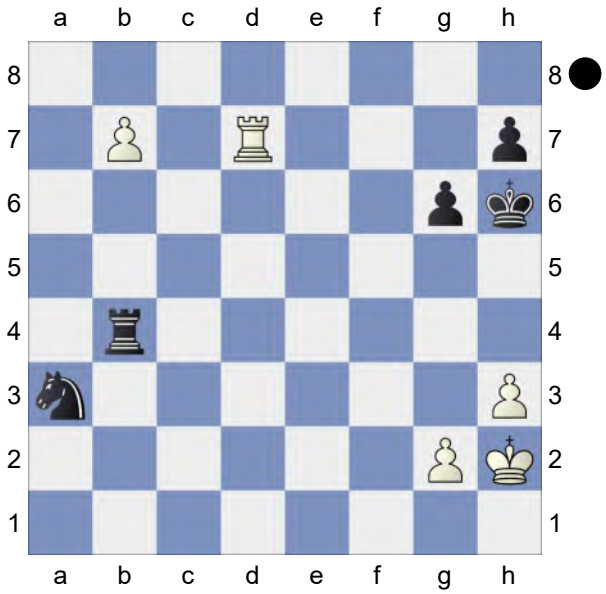
52.Rd1 Qe3+ 53.Kh2 Nf5 54.Rf1? -3.43/18
[54.b4 -1.68/19]
54...Qe5+ 55.Kg1 Qc5+ 56.Kh2 Re2 57.Rd1 Threatening mate with Rd8+.
57...Qe5+
[57...Rxb2 58.Rd8+]
58.Kh1



Qe7 Inhibits Qf8+.
[58...Rxb2 59.Qf8#]
59.Qxe7 Nxe7 Endgame. KRN-KR
[Don't take 59...Rxe7 60.b4-+]
60.b4 Nf5 61.Rd7 -2.85/22
[61.Rb1 -1.73/17 was called for.]
61...Ne3 62.b5 Rb2
[62...Rxg2 63.b6 Rb2 64.b7±]
63.Rd3 Nc4 64.Rd4 Na3 65.c4 Rb4 66.Kh2 Rxc4 -1.96/19
[Inferior is 66...Nxc4 67.b6=]
[⌓66...Kg7 -3.32/24 Hoping for ...h5! 67.Rd7+ Kh6]
67.Rd8+ Kg7 68.b6 aiming for b7.
68...Rb4 69.Rd7+ Kh6 70.b7

(Diagram)

Rb6! ...Nc4 would now be deadly.
71.g4? -3.42/20



[71.Rc7 -1.87/19]
71...Nc4 White must now prevent ...Na5.
72.h4 Na5? -0.01/17
[72...Ne5-+ -3.51/19 73.g5+ Kh5 74.Rxh7+ Kg4]
73.g5+= The position is equal. **73...Kh5 74.Rxh7+ Kg4 75.h5! gxh5 76.g6!**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.32
½-½

B93
□ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
■ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
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[Kitty Kat]

B93: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 f4 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e5 7.Nf3 exf4**
[7...Qc7 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.g4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Ne5 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Nf4 16.Qf3 Nxd3+ 17.cxd3 Be6 18.0-0-0 0-0 19.Kb1 Bxd5 20.exd5 Bd6 21.d4 Qxg5 22.Rhg1
1-0 Liu,Y (2614)-Mejia,W (2618)

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8.Bxf4 Be7N

[8...Nc6 9.Bc4 *(9.Qd2 Bg4 10.0-0-0 Ne5 11.Be2 Qc7 12.Bg5 Ned7 13.Nd4 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 h6 15.Bh4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Qc4 17.Qf3 Ne5 18.Qh3 Be7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nd5 Nd7 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.Rhe1 0-0 23.c3 Rfe8* 1-0 Von Buelow,G (2345)-Melikhov,E (2269) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)*)* 9...Bg4 10.Qd2 Rc8 11.0-0-0 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Rhe1 Nxb3+ 14.axb3 Be7 15.Bxd6 b4 16.Na4 Bxd6 17.e5 Bxe5 18.Qxb4 Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Kxe7 20.Rxe5+ Be6 21.Nd4 Nd7 22.Ra5 Nb8 23.Nf5+ 1-0 Chapter,C-Cordovil,J corr ST-2009-0-00050 Lechenicher SchachServer (1) Bxf5 24.Rxf5 Rhd8 25.Re1+ Kf8 26.Nc5 Rd6 27.b4 Nd7 28.Rd1 Rxd1+ 29.Kxd1 Nxc5 30.Rxc5 Rd8+ 31.Ke2 Rd6 32.b5 axb5 33.Rxb5 Re6+ 34.Kf3 Rf6+ 35.Ke2 Re6+ 36.Kf1 Rc6 37.c3 Ke7 38.Re5+ 1-0 Bernhard,N-Buecken,G Open_1999-R1G02 www.desc-online.de (1)]

9.Qd2 White is more active. **9...0-0** 1.47/19

[⌓9...Nc6 1.11/20]

10.0-0-0± Be6 White is clearly better.

11.Nd4 b5 12.Nf5 0.95/21

[White should play 12.Be2+- 1.72/20]

12...b4 13.Nxe7+

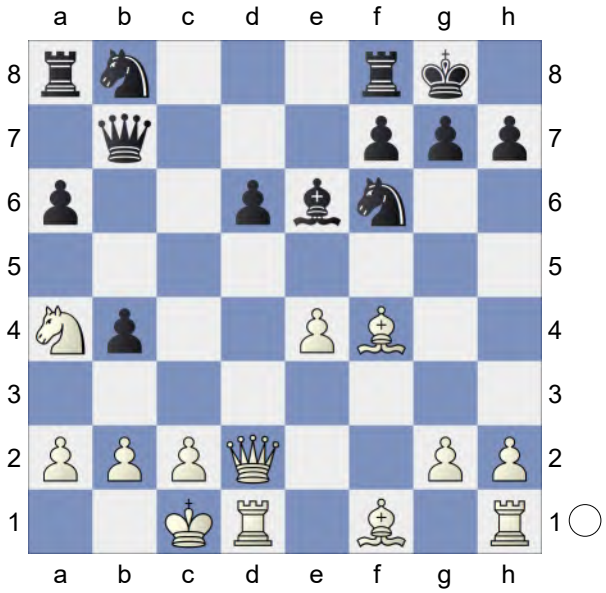
[13.Bxd6? Bxf5 *(13...bxc3 14.Nxe7+∓)* 14.Bxe7 Qxe7-+]

13...Qxe7 14.Na4

[14.Qxd6 Qxd6 15.Bxd6 bxc3 16.Bxf8 cxb2+ *(16...Kxf8 17.b3∓)* 17.Kxb2 Kxf8 18.Rd8+ Ke7∓]

14...Qb7? 2.94/17

[14...Nxe4± 0.82/21 was called for. 15.Qe3 d5 *(15...Bxa2? 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6+-)*]



This costs Black the game. **15.Bxd6+-**

[15.Qxd6 Nbd7= *(15...Nxe4 16.Qb6±)*]

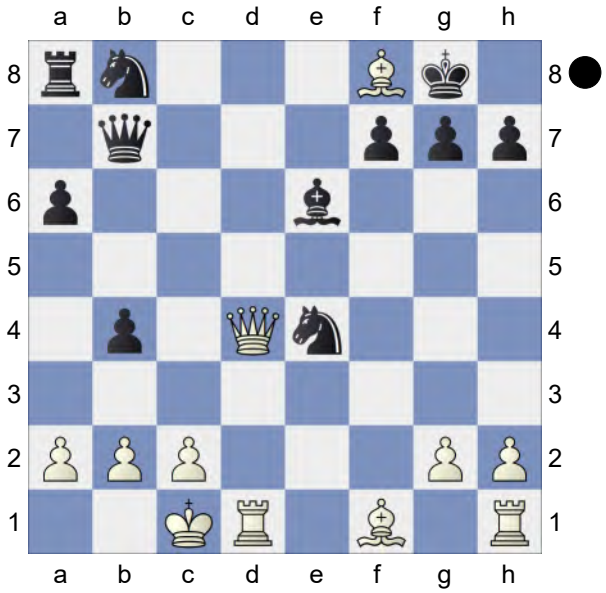
15...Nxe4 16.Nc5

[16.Qxb4 Qxb4 *(16...Nxd6 17.Qxd6 Nd7 18.Rd2±)* 17.Bxb4 Re8+-]

16...Nxc5 17.Bxf8 A strong pair of Bishops.

[17.Bxc5 Re8±]

17...Ne4 18.Qd4



f5 19.Qxb4
[19.Bxb4? perishes. Nc6-+ *(19...Bxa2 20.Bc4+ Bxc4* Remove Defender *21.Qxc4+; 19...Bxa2 20.Bc4+ Bxc4* Remove Defender *21.Qxc4+)*]
19...Qc7 20.Bd6 Qa7 5.90/18
[20...Qc8 3.33/18 21.g4 Nc6]
21.Bc4 White is clearly winning. **21...Bf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7** 8.23/17
[⌓22...Qxf7 5.17/18 23.Bxb8 Qxa2]
23.Qc4+ Kg6 24.Qe6+ Nf6 25.Rd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.69
1-0

B33
□ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F 2296**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan 2403**
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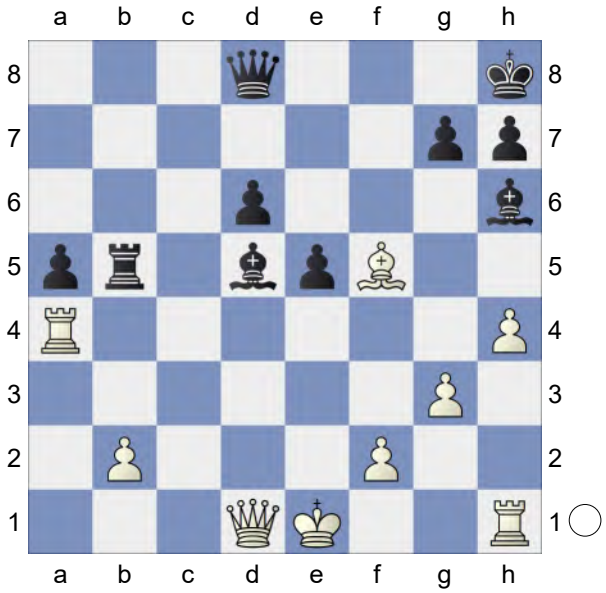
[Kitty Kat]

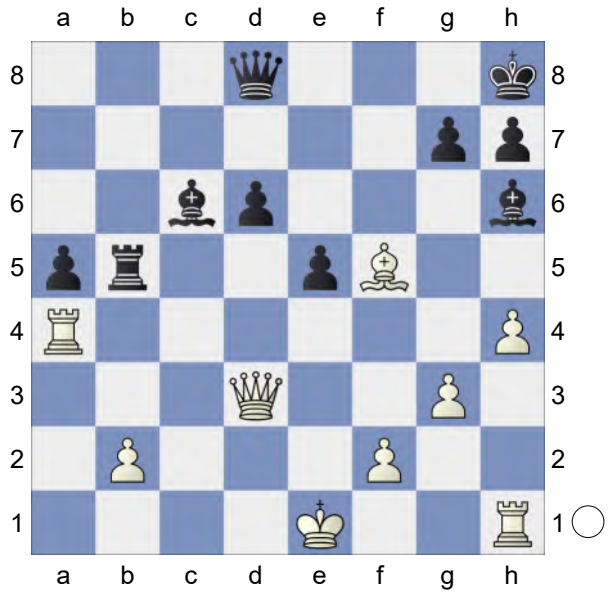
B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Rb8 12.Nc2 Bg5 13.a4 bxa4 14.Ncb4 Nxb4 15.cxb4 0-0** White has an edge. **16.h4 Bh6**
[16...Bxh4? is the wrong capture. 17.Qh5+-]
17.Rxa4 a5 18.b5 Kh8
[18...Bd7 19.Nc3 d5 20.exd5 e4 21.Rxe4 f5 22.Rd4 Re8+ 23.Be2 Rxb5 24.0-0 Rxb2 25.Bc4 Kh8 26.d6 Qc8 27.Re1 Rxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Bd2 29.Rxd2 Rxd2 30.Qxd2 Qxc4 31.Nd5 Qb5 32.Qg5 h6 33.Qd8+ 0-1 Han,J (2199)-Ahmad,K (2340) World ol U16 Eindhoven 2023 (7.6)]
19.Be2 Be6 20.g3N
[20.b3 g6 21.h5 Kg7 22.0-0 Rc8 23.Rc4 Rxc4 24.bxc4 Qc8 25.Qa4 Bxd5 26.cxd5 Qc7 27.Rb1 Rb8 28.Qa2 Bg5 29.g3 Qc5 30.Kg2 Bd8 31.Qd2 Bb6 32.Bg4 Qc4 33.h6+ Kf8 34.Qe1 f5 0-1 Chiong,L (2594)-Roehrich,S (2736) corr AUT-GER ICCF 2013 (2) 35.Rc1 Qxe4+ 36.Qxe4 fxe4 37.Rc4 Bc5 38.Rxe4 Rxb5 39.f4 Rb2+ 40.Kh3 Rb4 41.Rxb4 axb4 42.Bd1 exf4 43.gxf4 Kf7 44.Kg4 Kf6 45.Bc2 Bb6 46.f5 g5 47.Ba4 Bd8 48.Bb3 Be7 49.Bc2 Ke5 ½-½ Bok,B (2607)-Nyzhnyk,I (2644) Saint Louis 156/153 2023]
20...f5 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Bg4 0.07/26
[22.0-0± 0.60/22]
22...Rxb5 23.Bxf5 Bxd5



24.Qd3! Bc6 1.51/26
[⌓24...Qb8 0.80/20 25.0-0 Bg8]

(Diagram)

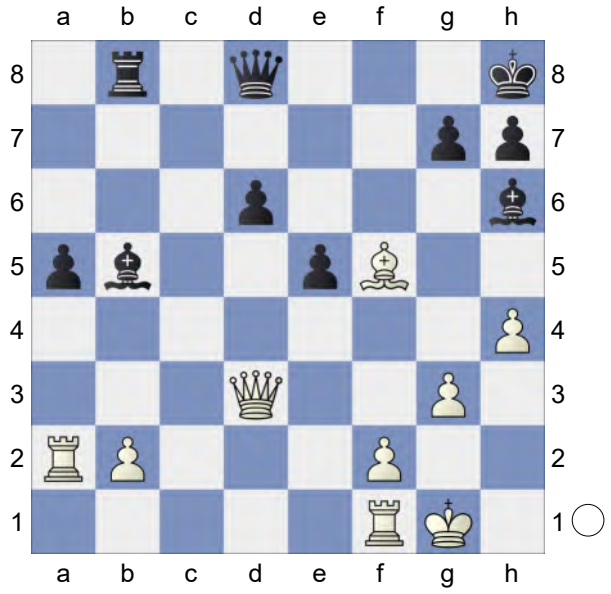
25.0-0 0.08/25
[25.Rc4!± 1.51/26 Bb7 *(25...Bxh1?* too greedy. *26.Rc8+-)* 26.0-0]
25...Rb8!=
[25...Rxb2? loses. 26.Qc3 Bxa4



27.Qxb2+-]

26.Ra2 Rd1! is the strong threat.

26...Bb5!



Deflection **27.Qc3↑** White has the initiative. **27...Bxf1 28.Kxf1 Qf6 29.Be4 Rf8 30.b3** Active counter play! Black is weak on the light squares **30...a4** 1.21/23 **31.bxa4±**

[31.Rxa4? Qxf2#]

31...Qf7 2.49/23

[31...Qe6± 1.26/20 32.Rc2 d5]

32.Rc2+- Qa7 33.Qd3? 0.47/22

[33.Qb4+- 3.04/21]

33...Qxa4± 34.Qxd6 g6 35.Qxe5+ Bg7 36.Qd5 Qd4 37.Qxd4 0.04/22

[37.Qc6± 0.51/23]

37...Bxd4 Endgame. KRB-KRB. The position is equal. **38.Kg2 Kg7 39.Bd5 Bb6 40.Rb2 Rf6 41.f4 Rd6 42.Rb5 Bc7 43.Kf3 Rb6 44.Rc5 Bd8 45.Rc8 Rd6 46.Ke4** And now Ke5 would win. **46...Rd7 47.Be6 Rd6 48.Bd5 Rd7 49.Rb8 Bf6 50.Be6 Ra7 51.Kf3 Ra3+ 52.Bb3 Ra7 53.Rg8+ Kh6 54.Kg4 Rc7 55.Be6 Rc3 56.Bd5 Rd3 57.Bf3 Ra3 58.Rb8 Bd4 59.Rb4 Bf2 60.Rb2 Be1 61.Re2 Bb4 62.Rb2 Bc5 63.Rc2 Bb4 64.Rb2 Be1 65.Re2 Bb4 66.Bd5 Bc5 67.Kh3 Rd3 68.Bc4 Rc3 69.Ba2 Ra3 70.Kg2 Bb4 71.Bc4 Rc3 72.Re4 Rc2+ 73.Kh3 Rc3** Wards off Bb3 **74.Kg2 Rc2+ 75.Be2 Be1 76.Re7 Ra2 77.Re3 Bd2 78.Re6 Kg7 79.Re7+ Kf6 80.Re4 Be1 81.Re3 Bd2 82.Re8 Be1 83.Kh3 Ra3 84.Bf3 Bd2 85.Kg2 Re3 86.Rf8+ Kg7 87.Rd8 Be1 88.Rd7+ Kh6 89.g4 Bxh4 90.g5+ Bxg5 91.fxg5+ Kxg5 92.Rxh7=** KRB-KR **92...Re5 93.Ra7 Rc5 94.Kg3 Rb5 95.Ra6 Re5 96.Rc6 Rf5 97.Be4 Rf6 98.Rc5+ Kh6 99.Re5 Ra6 100.Kg4 Rf6 101.Re8 Ra6 102.Kf4 Rf6+ 103.Ke5 Rb6 104.Rh8+ Kg7 105.Rh1 Ra6 106.Bd5 Rb6 107.Ra1 Rb5 108.Ra6 Rc5 109.Rd6 Ra5 110.Rd8 Ra6 111.Rb8 Kh6 112.Rb2 Kg7 113.Rb1 Kh6 114.Be6** Threatens to win with Kf6. **114...Kg7 115.Rb7+ Kh6 116.Kf6** White wants to mate with Rb2. **116...Ra3 117.Rb6 Rf3+ 118.Ke5 Kg7 119.Bd5 Rf5+ 120.Ke4 Rf6 121.Be6 Rf1 122.Ke5 Re1+ 123.Kf4 Ra1 124.Bc4 Rd1 125.Ke3 Re1+ 126.Kd4 Rg1 127.Bd3 Rg5 128.Be4 Rg1 129.Ke3 Rg4 130.Kf3 Rg5 131.Kf4 Rg1 132.Rb2**

Rf1+ 133.Kg5 Rg1+ 134.Bg2 Kh7 135.Ra2 Kg7 136.Rc2 Kh7 137.Kf6 Ra1 138.Rc3 Threatening mate with Rh3+. **138...Ra6+ 139.Bc6 Ra5 140.Bd7** aiming for Rc7. **140...Ra6+ 141.Be6 Ra5 142.Rg3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

C11
□ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula 2276**
■ **Nazari,Arad 2401**
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[Kitty Kat]

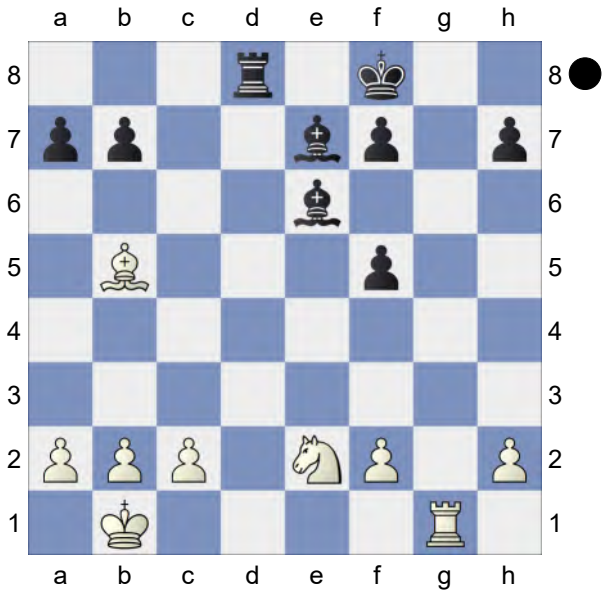
C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7**
[5...Nbd7 6.Nf3 h6 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Bh4 c5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.c3 e5 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.Re1 Rd8 15.Qc2 e4 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxe4 Be6 18.Bd3 g6 19.Qe3 Kg7 20.Be4 1-0 Fressinet,L (2702)-Ragger,M (2655) Deutschland 117/146 2013]
6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Qd3N
[7.Nf3 f5 *(7...a6 8.c4 f5 9.Nc3 Bf6 10.Qd2 c5 11.d5 0-0 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Kb1 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nc6 15.h4 b5 16.h5 h6 17.Rh3 f4 18.Qxf4 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Kh8 20.Rd2 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rb8 22.a3* 0-1 Lutz,C (2631)-Morozevich,A (2679) It Biel SUI 2003 (10) *)* 8.Nc3 a6 *(8...c6 9.g3 Nd7 10.Bg2 Qc7 11.0-0 h5 12.Re1 h4 13.Qe2 hxg3 14.hxg3 Nf8 15.Ne5 f6 16.Nd3 Bd7 17.Qe3 0-0-0 18.Ne2 Bd6 19.Nef4 Re8 20.c4 e5 21.dxe5 fxe5 22.c5 exf4 23.Qd4* ½-½ Dardha,D (2602)-Korobov,A (2663) Tata Steel Challengers Wijk aan Zee NED 2024 (5.4)*)* 9.g3 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Ne5 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Ke7 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Ne2 Classical 4 Bg5 dxe4-6...gxf6: Intro & 8 g3 French Defence ChessPub Guide 2024]
7...f5 8.Nc3 Nc6 0.70/20
[8...c6= 0.17/20]
9.0-0-0± Nb4 White is better. **10.Qf3 c6 11.g4** 0.10/22
[White should play 11.Qh5± 0.64/20]
11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.gxf5 Qxf5 15.Qxf5 0.00/17
[15.Qg3± 0.52/21]
15...exf5= 16.d5 cxd5 17.Bb5+ Kf8 18.Rxd5 -0.73/24
[18.Nh3= -0.27/22]
18...Be6∓ 19.Rd1 Rg8 20.Ne2 Rd8 21.Rdg1 -1.61/22
[21.Rxd8+∓ -0.76/22 is a better defense. Bxd8 22.Nf4]
21...Rxg1+ -1.20/22
[Better is 21...Rg4-+ -1.61/22 And now ...Bd5 would win. 22.h3 Rb4]
22.Rxg1

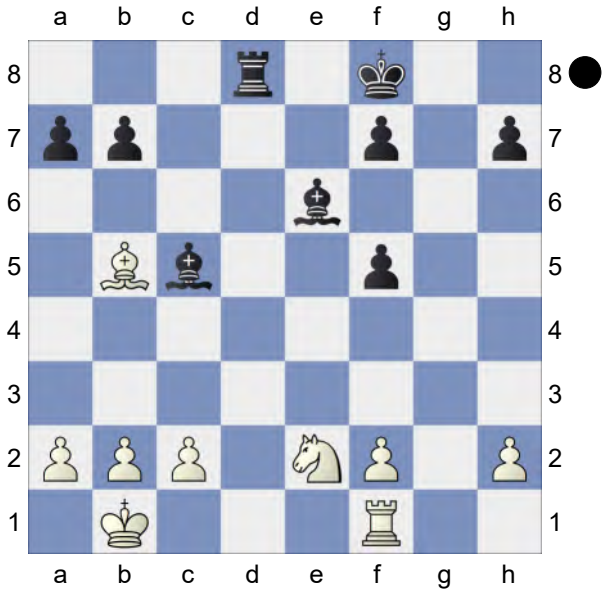
(Diagram)

Bc5! 23.Rf1

(Diagram)

Ke7! Black is more active. **24.f4** -1.79/22
[24.h3∓ -1.11/19]
24...Rg8 -0.84/17
[24...h5-+ -1.79/22 is more deadly. Threatens to win with ...Kf6. 25.Bd3 h4]
25.Ng3? -2.35/24 White does not





recover from this.
[25.Rf3∓ -0.84/17]
25...Rg4-+ 26.Bd3 Kf6 27.Be2 Rh4 28.Bf3 b6 29.Rh1 Be3
[Worse is 29...Rxf4 30.Nh5+ Kg5 31.Nxf4 Kxf4 32.Rf1=]
30.h3 Bxf4 This pair of bishops is nice. **31.Nf1 Bc4 32.b3 Bxf1** Overworked Piece **33.Rxf1 Rxh3** Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.c4 Rh2 35.b4 Be5 36.Be4 f4 37.a3 h5 38.c5 bxc5**
[Weaker is 38...Rb2+ 39.Kc1-+]
39.bxc5 Re2 40.Bc2 -5.56/19
[⌓40.Bf3 -3.81/18 Rb2+ 41.Kc1]
40...Re3 Black is clearly winning. **41.Ka2 Rc3 42.Bd1 h4 43.Bg4 Rxc5 44.Rf3 Kg5 45.Bh3 Rc3 46.Rxc3 Bxc3 47.Kb3 Ba5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

B66
□ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**
■ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
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[Kitty Kat]

B66: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 h6 Nevednichy,V: 'Inf 78/(219)'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.f3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b5 11.h4 Bb7 12.Kb1 Rc8 The position is equal.
[12...0-0 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Be2 Rc6 17.Qd4 Rd8 18.Rd2 Nb6 19.e5 Rd7 20.Rhd1 d5 21.a3 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Rxc4 23.Qb6 Qxh4 24.Ne4 Rxe4 25.fxe4 Qxe4 26.Qd4 Qxd4 27.Rxd4 ½-½ Almasi,Z (2684)-Balogh,C (2595) Magyarorszag (ch) 109/(126) 2009]
13.g4N -0.30/17
[13.a3± 0.36/20]
[13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Bd3 h6 15.Be3 Nd7 *(15...b4 16.Ne2 d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Qe1 Nc5 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Qg3 0-0 21.f4 a5 22.Rdf1 Kh8 23.f5 exf5 24.Rxf5 a4 25.Nf4 b3 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Nxf8 bxc2+ 28.Bxc2 Be3 29.Rf2 d4 30.Nh7* 1-0 Fedorchuk,S (2586)-Ringuet,N (2163) Aix en Provence Dole op 1st Aix-en-Provence 2023 (1)) 16.Ne2 Ne5

17.Nd4 d5 18.Bf4 dxe4 19.fxe4 0-0 20.Qe2 Rfd8 21.Nf3 Bd6 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Qxe5 24.g4 g6 25.Qe3 Kg7 26.Rdf1 Rc7 Nevednichy,V (2589)-Lerner,K (2575) 78/(219) Bad Woerishofen 2000]

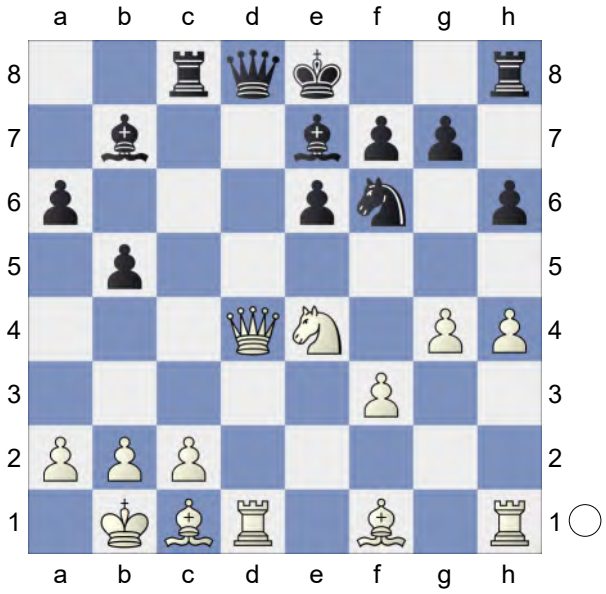
13...h6= 14.Bc1 d5! 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Ne4 -0.63/21 Prevents Bf6.

[16.Qxg7? Bf6-+]

[16.Nxd5= -0.21/22 might be stronger. Bxd5 17.Qe3 *(17.Qxg7 Bf6∓)*]

16...Nf6 0.49/21

[16...0-0∓ -0.63/21]



17.Qf2! Qc7

[17...Nd5 18.Bd3]

18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Bd3 Qc5 20.Qg2 0.32/19

[20.Qe2± 0.79/20]

20...g6!± 21.g5 0.00/20

[21.Qe2± 0.36/20]

21...hxg5= 22.hxg5 Rxh1 23.Rxh1 Bg7 24.Be4 -0.40/20

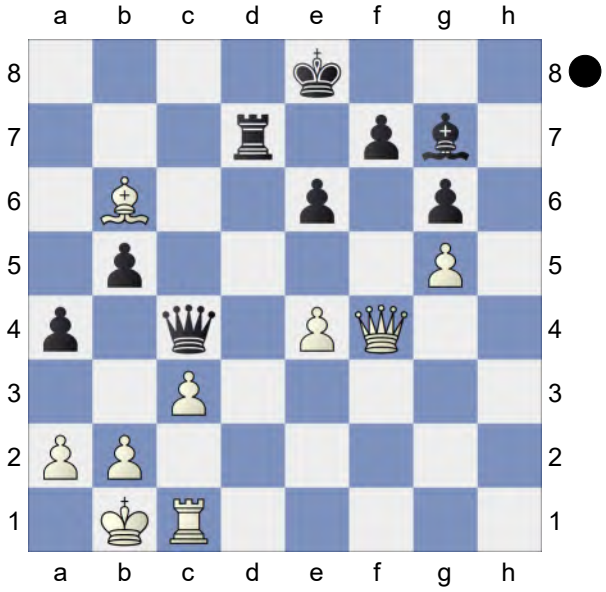
[24.a3= 0.00/20 was preferrable.]

24...Bxe4∓ 25.fxe4 Qe5 26.Rf1 Rc7 27.Qf3 a5 28.c3 Black must now prevent Bf4. **28...Rd7 29.Be3** Strongly threatening Bd4.

[29.Bf4!? Qc5□ 30.Rd1=]

29...Qc7 30.Rc1 Qc4 Black wants to play ...b4. **31.Bb6 a4 32.Qf4** -0.95/21

[32.a3!= -0.26/20]



Dodges Be5 **32...a3** -0.32/21

[32...e5!∓ -0.95/21 33.Qe3 Bf8]

33.Qb8+ -1.04/21

[33.Ba5!∓ -0.32/21 e5 34.Qf3]

33...Ke7∓ 34.e5 axb2? 4.00/26

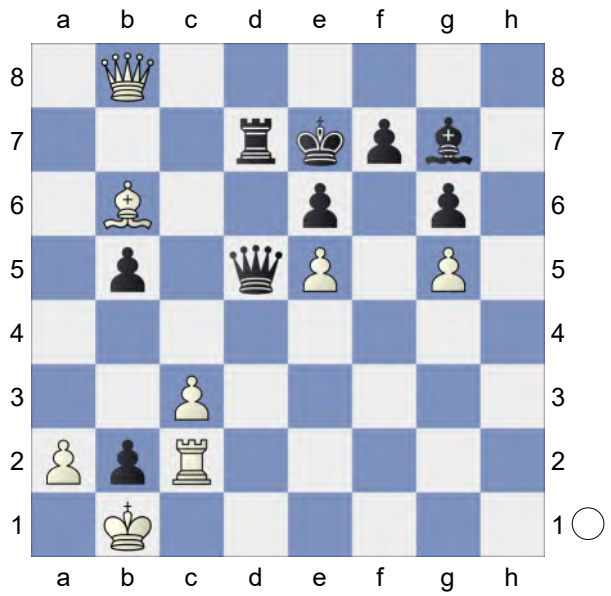
[34...Qe4+∓ -0.93/23 keeps the pressure on. 35.Ka1 axb2+ *(35...Qxe5 36.Qc8=; 35...Bxe5 36.Bc5+ Bd6 37.Bxd6+ Rxd6 38.Qc7+ Rd7 39.Qc5+ Ke8 40.Qxb5∓)* 36.Kxb2 Rd2+ *(36...Bxe5 37.Bc5+ Bd6 38.Bxd6+ Rxd6 39.Qxb5=; 36...Qxe5 37.Qc8=)* 37.Ka1 Bxe5 *(37...Qxe5 38.Qb7+ Rd7 39.Qc8=)* 38.Bc5+ Kd7 39.Qxb5+ Qc6]

35.Rc2!+- Qd5

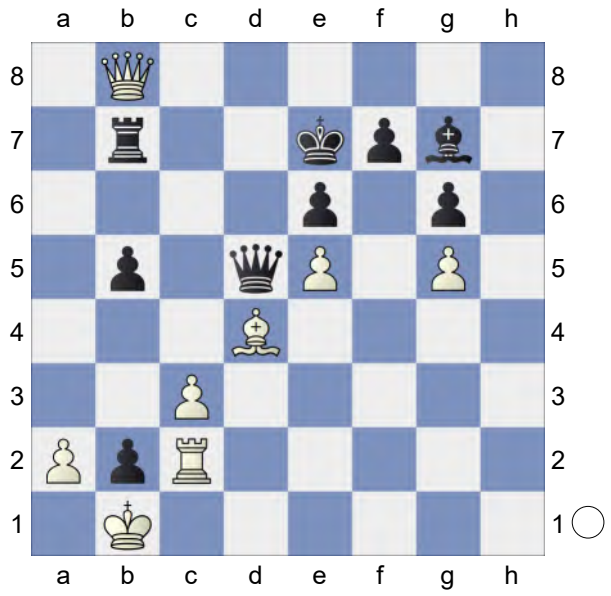
(Diagram)

36.Bd4 0.00/22

[36.Bc7!+- 3.79/27]



36...Rb7? 7.14/23
[36...Rd8= 0.00/22 37.Qa7+ Ke8]



37.Qc8! White is clearly winning.
37...Bxe5 38.Bxe5
[38.Kxb2? too greedy. Bxd4 39.cxd4 Qxd4+ 40.Qc3 Qxc3+ 41.Rxc3 Rd7-+]
38...Ra7 39.Bf6+ Kd6 40.Qb8+
[40.Kxb2? leads to mate. Rxa2+ 41.Kc1 Ra1+ 42.Kb2 Qa2#]
40...Rc7 41.Bd8 Pin. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.33
1-0

C50
□ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
■ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**
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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.c3N**
[7.0-0 a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 0-1 Boskovic,M (2688)-Kennaugh,C (2720) 45: Lloyds Bank London 1994 (6.1) 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 0-1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners Chess.com INT 2022 (2.3)]
[7.a3 a6 8.c3 Ba7 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Qxh5 Qe7 14.a4 Be6 15.Na3 0-0-0 16.Rad1 Kb8 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Nc4 g4 19.Ne3 Rhg8 20.Qf5 Qxf5 21.Nxf5 h5 1-0 Sinowjew,J (1784)-Power (1461) Simultaneous Display Leningrad 11 (1)]
[7.Nc3 Be6 8.Nd5 Bxd5 9.exd5 Na5 10.Bb5+ c6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Ba4 Rc8 13.c3 Nb7 14.b4 Bb6 15.0-0 0-0 16.c4 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 Qe7 19.Rb1 Bd8 20.Re1

Qc7 21.d4 Nd7 1-0 Video-Casafus,R (ol) 92/159 Calvia 2004]

7...a5 8.a4 Qe7 9.0-0 g5 The position is equal. **10.Bg3 Nd7** 0.81/21

[10...Ba7= -0.20/19]

11.Na3 -0.33/21

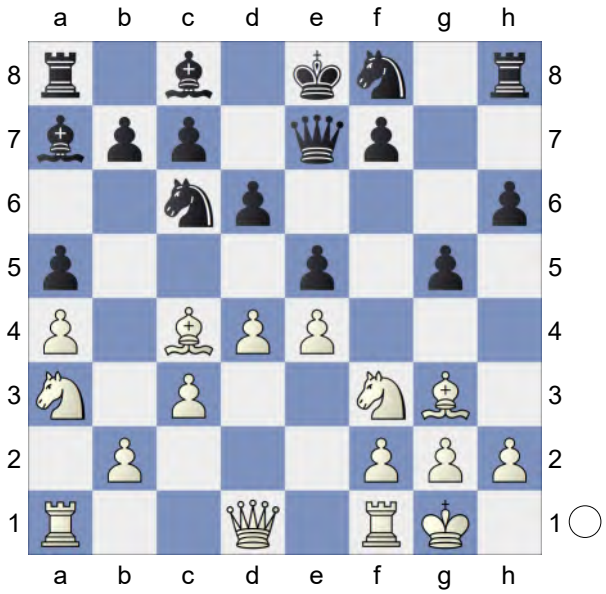
[11.d4± 0.81/21]

11...Nf8 0.67/17

[Black should play 11...Nb6∓ -0.33/21 12.Qb3 Bg4]

12.d4± Ba7 1.53/19

[⌓12...Bxa3 0.75/22 13.Rxa3 h5]



13.Bb5!± Ng6

(Diagram)

14.d5? -0.07/19

[14.dxe5!+- 1.72/20 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4]

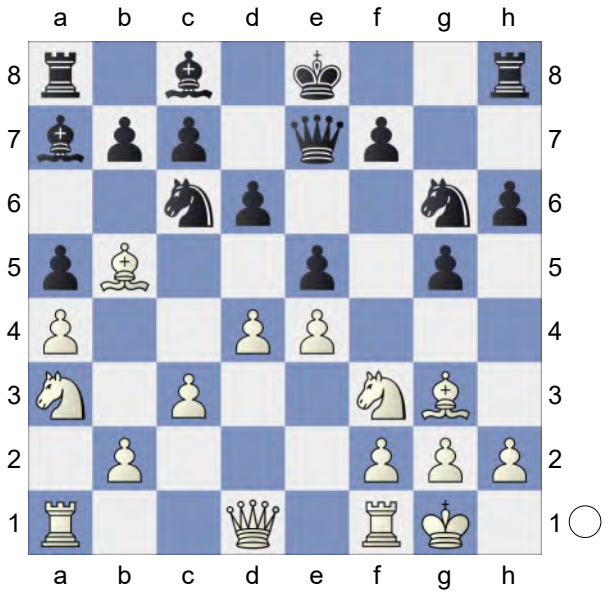
(Diagram)

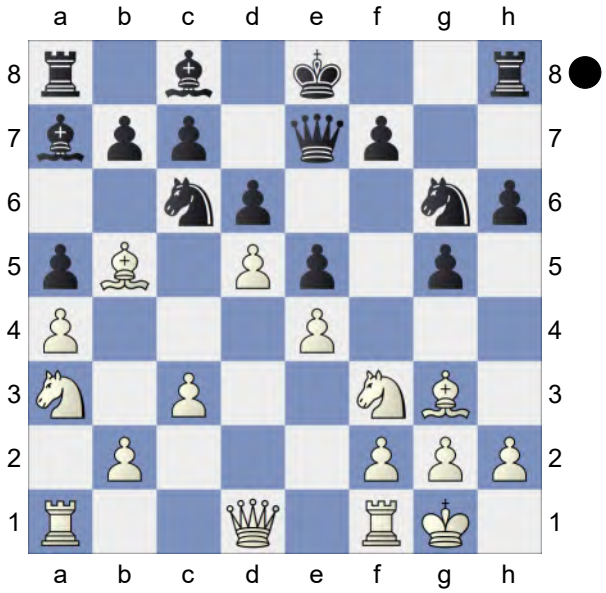
14...Bd7!= 15.dxc6

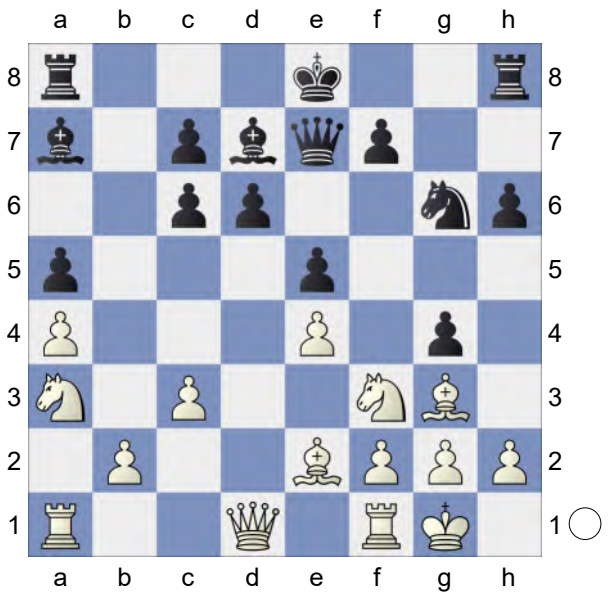
[15.Kh1 h5]

15...bxc6 16.Be2 g4

(Diagram)

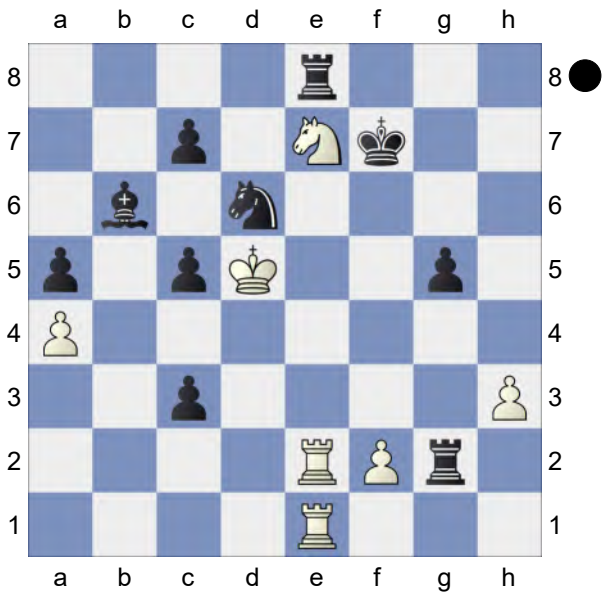






17.Nh4! Discovered Attack **17...Nxh4 18.Bxg4 Bxg4** 0.57/17
[18...Ng6= 0.12/21 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7]
19.Qxg4± Ng6 20.h3 -0.12/20
[White should try 20.Qe2± 0.51/21]
20...Qg5= 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Rfd1 f5 23.exf5 Ne7 24.Kf1? -1.82/18
[24.Nc4∓ -0.31/21]
24...Nxf5-+ 25.Ke2 0-0 Threatens to win with ...Nxg3+. **26.Rf1 Rab8 27.Nc4** -2.38/22
[⌓27.Ra2 -1.91/21]
27...d5 28.Nxe5 Rxb2+ 29.Kd3 c5 White must now prevent ...Nxg3. **30.c4 Rb3+ 31.Kc2** -3.13/18
[31.Kd2 -2.17/20 only move. dxc4 *(31...Nxg3 32.fxg3 Rxg3 33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.cxd5=)* 32.Rab1]
31...Rxg3 32.Nc6 -4.94/21
[32.fxg3 -3.09/17 was necessary. Ne3+ 33.Kd3 Nxf1 34.cxd5]
32...Rxg2 Black is clearly winning. **33.Kd3 dxc4+ 34.Ke4 Nd6+ 35.Kd5 Bb6 36.Ra2 c3 37.Ne7+ Kf7 38.Re2 Re8 39.Rfe1**

(Diagram)



c2! What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

D37
□ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
■ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**
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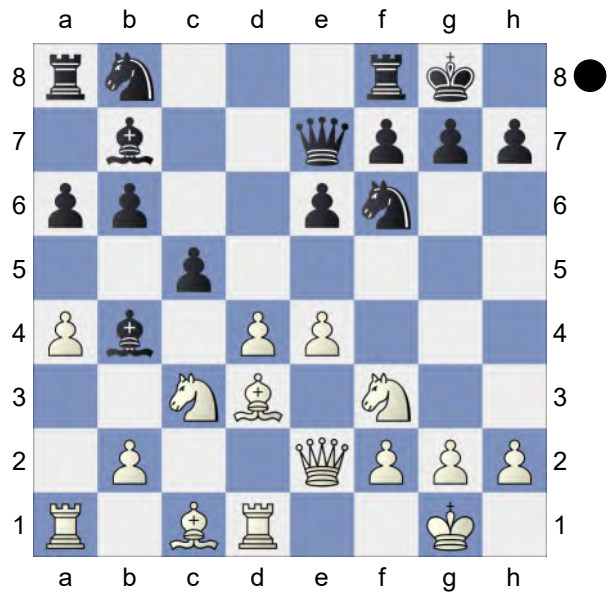
[Kitty Kat]

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.a4 b6 7.Bxc4 Bb7 8.0-0 Bb4** White has an edge. **9.Qe2 0-0 10.Rd1 Qe7 11.Bd3 c5 12.e4**

(Diagram)

Hoping for e5. **12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nbd7**
[13...Nc6 14.Nf3 Ng4 15.e5 Bc5 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Ne4 Rad8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.h3 Kxh7 20.hxg4 Nd4 21.Nxd4 Rxd4 22.Nxc5 Qxc5 23.Be3 Qxe5 24.Qc2+ Qe4



25.Qxe4+ Rxe4 26.Bxb6 Rxg4 27.g3 Rb4 28.a5 0-1 Solmanis,Z (1136)-8.0-0 0-0 9. ♘b3 (2506) 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Da4+ Bd7 (1)]

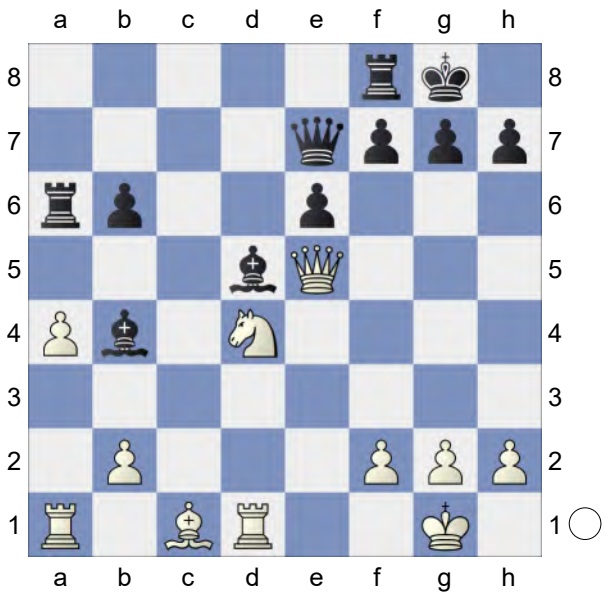
14.e5 Nd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxa6N Black should prevent Bb5.

[16.Bf4 simplifies a5 *(16...Nc5 17.Bc2 Rac8 18.Nf5 exf5 19.Rxd5 Ne6 20.Be3 f4 21.Bc1 Qc7 22.Be4 Rfd8 23.g3 Rxd5 24.Bxd5 Nd4 25.Qe4 Nc2 26.Rb1 fxg3 27.hxg3 Re8 28.Bf4 Qc5 29.Rc1 Rd8 30.Bb3* 1-0 Morphy Barnes (2184)-Sidorov,A (2143) USSR 41/352 1985 (2) *)* 17.Bb5 Nc5 18.Rac1]

16...Nxe5! Deflection. The position is equal. **17.Qxe5 Rxa6**

(Diagram)

18.Nf5! exf5 19.Qxe7 Bxe7 20.Rxd5 Bf6 21.g3 Rfa8 22.Be3 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Bf6 24.Rxb6 Rxb6 25.Bxb6 And now a5 would win. **25...Rxa4 26.Rxf5=** KRB-KRB **26...h6 27.Be3 Bd4 28.Bxd4 Rxd4 29.Kg2 g6 30.Ra5 Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02



(flawless)

½-½

E35

□ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**

■ **Ankit Ray** **2320**

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[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) Inf 100/(318) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 c6**

[6...c5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Nd7 11.e3 0-0 12.Bb5 c4 13.Bxd7 Bxd7 14.Ne5 Bf5 15.b3 b5 16.0-0 a5 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.f3 Qd6 19.e4 Be6 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Rab1 Wang,Y (2696)-Asrian,K (2608) Taiyuan 100/(318) 2006]

[6...0-0 7.Bg5 c6 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 Be6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Rfe1 Re8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Be7 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Nd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.b4 Qf6 19.Nd2 Bd5 20.Be4 Qd4 21.Bxd5 ½-½ Jedlicka,A (2183)-Jares,M

(2315) Pardubice rapid op 34th 2023 (5)]

7.Bg5 h6N

[7...Nbd7 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.Bd3 Re8 11.g4 Qa5 12.g5 hxg5 13.Nxg5 Nf8 14.0-0-0 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 0-1 Szigeti,M-Lovas,G Tatatovaros 1935 (9)]

8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 White is slightly better. **10.Nd2 Bf5** And now ...Bxc3 would win. **11.Ndxe4 Bxe4 12.Qb3 Qa5 13.a3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qb6 15.Qb4** 0.21/20

[15.Qa2!± 0.79/19]

15...Na6= 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.f3 Bg6 18.h4 hxg5 is the strong threat. **18...Ke7 19.e3 b5 20.Kd2 f6** 0.71/20

[20...gxh4= 0.28/23 21.Rxh4 *(21.Bxh4+ f6±)* 21...Nb8]

21.Be2 0.07/19

[Better is 21.e4!± 0.71/20]

21...Kd7 22.f4 gxf4 23.Bxf4 Be4 24.Rhf1 Bxg2 25.Rf2 Be4 26.Rg1 Rh7 Repels Rg7+ **27.Bg4+ Ke7** Threatens to win with ...Rg8. **28.Bh5 c5** Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Be2** -0.19/23

[29.Rff1 0.18/21 might be stronger.]

29...b4 30.axb4 cxb4 31.c4 -1.56/21

[31.cxb4= -0.15/21 Nxb4 32.Kc3]

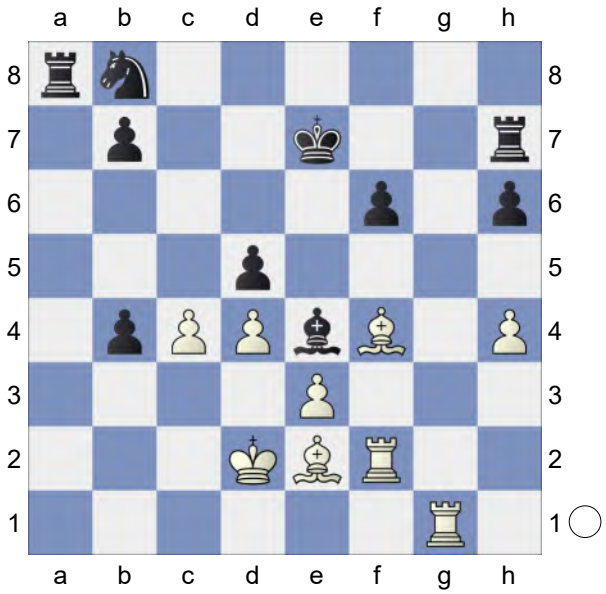
31...Nb8? 0.94/19

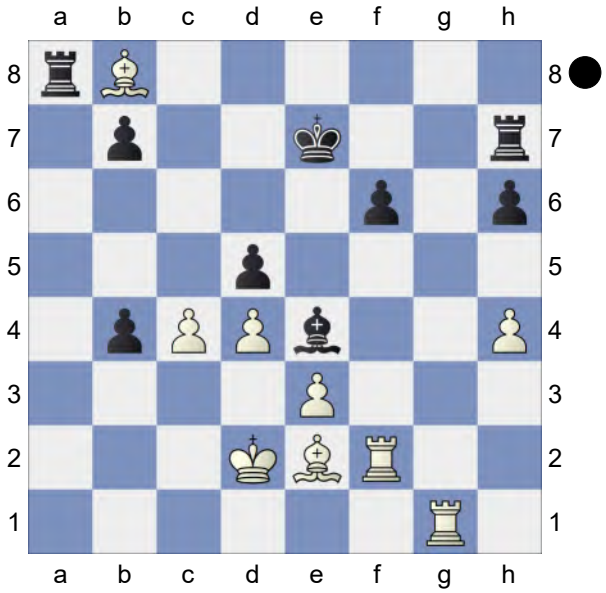
[31...Nc7!∓ -1.56/21 keeps the pressure on. 32.cxd5 *(32.Bxc7? Ra2+ 33.Ke1 Ra1+ 34.Bd1 dxc4-+)* 32...Nxd5 *(32...Ra2+ 33.Ke1=)*]

(Diagram)

32.Bxb8?? -2.55/20

[32.cxd5!± 0.94/19 Bd3 would now be deadly. Ra2+ 33.Ke1 Ra1+ 34.Bd1]





This pair of bishops is nice. **32...Ra2+!-+**

33.Ke1 Strongly threatening cxd5.

33...b3? 1.26/20

[33...Ra1+-+ -1.69/22 34.Bd1 dxc4]

34.cxd5± White now steadily converts the win. **34...b2?** 3.34/19

[34...Bxd5± 1.11/18 35.Rff1 Rf7]

35.d6++- Kd7 36.Bb5+

[36.Rxf6 b1Q+ *(36...b1B? 37.Bg4++-)* 37.Kf2 Rxe2+ 38.Kxe2 Qc2+ *(38...Qxg1 39.Rf1)* 39.Ke1 Bd3 *(39...Qc1+? 40.Kf2-+; 39...Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qd2+ 41.Kg3 Qxe3+ 42.Kh2*

Qxd4 43.Rff1 Rg7 44.Rxg7+ Qxg7 45.Rg1 Qe5+ 46.Rg3 Bd5 47.Ba7 Qe2+ 48.Bf2 Qxf2+ 49.Kh3 Be6+ 50.Rg4 Bf5 Pin *51.h5 Qg1* Pin *52.Kh4 Qxg4#)*]

36...Bc6 37.Bd3 Ra1+ 38.Kd2 Rxg1 39.Bxh7 b1Q 3.77/19

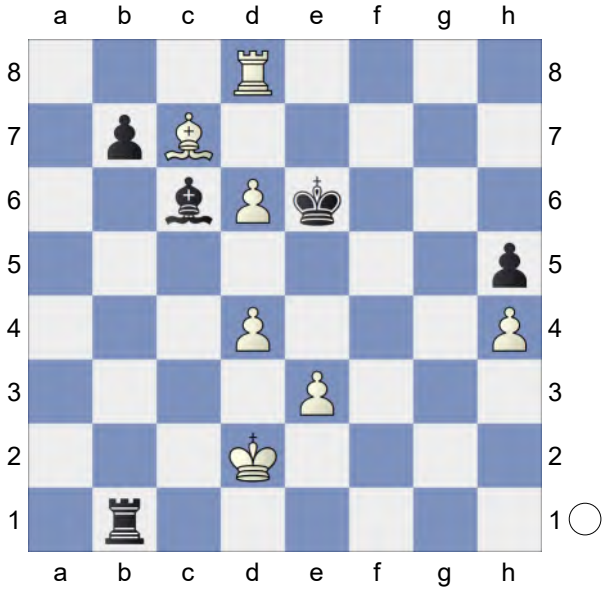
[⌓39...b5 2.44/19 40.Rxf6 b4 41.Rf7+ *(41.Rxh6 Rg2+ 42.Ke1 b3+-; 41.Bf5+ Ke8+-)* 41...Ke8 42.Re7+ Kf8]

40.Bxb1 Rxb1 41.Rxf6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **41...h5** 5.44/20

[41...Rb2+ 3.81/20 was necessary. 42.Kc3 Ra2 43.Rxh6 Ra3+ 44.Kc4 *(44.Kd2 Be4+-)* 44...Rxe3 45.Rh7+ Kc8]

42.Rf7+ White is clearly winning.

42...Kd8 43.Bc7+ Kc8 44.Rf8+ Kd7 45.Rd8+ Ke6



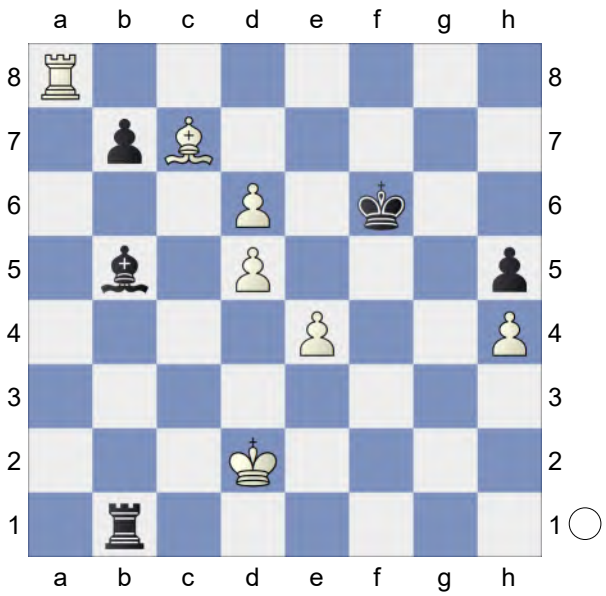
46.e4! Ba4 47.Ra8 Bb5 48.d5+ Kf6

(Diagram)

49.e5+! Kf5

[49...Kg6 50.e6]

50.e6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29



(precise) /Black=0.49

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E97

□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**

■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**

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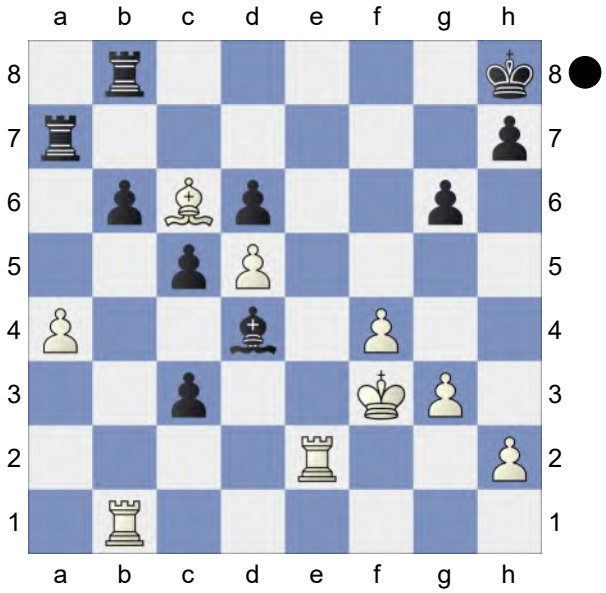
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 Alain Rogemont, Übersetzung: Uwe Bekemann: '(Wir danken unseren französischen Freunden von "Le Courrier des Échecs" für die Erlaubnis, die Partie in der kommentierten Form zu nutzen und zu übersetzen!) Dies ist der letzte Sieg von Maurice Muneret in seinem schweren Halbfinale der 38. Fernschach-Weltmeisterschaft. Zur Kommentierung dieser Partie habe ich mich mit der Absicht einer Hommage an ihn entschieden.' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 axb4 11.Bxb4 b6 12.a4 Ne8 13.Qb3**

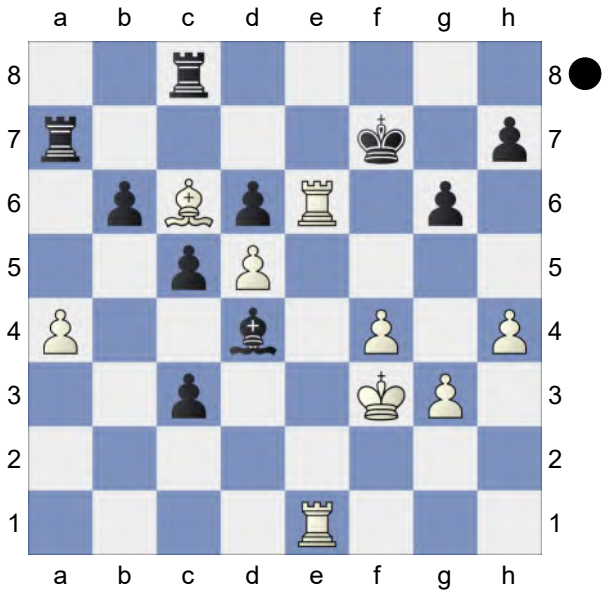
Rb8 14.Nb5 f5 15.Nd2 fxe4 White is slightly better. **16.Nxe4 Nf5 17.Qd1N**
[17.a5 bxa5 18.Bxa5 Nd4 *(18...Bd7 19.Qd1 Bxb5 20.cxb5 Nd4 21.Rb1* Sokolov,I (2665)-Kindermann,S (2575) 66/(530) Nussloch 1996*)* 19.Qd1 *(19.Qd3 Bf5* 20. Mar del Plata: Bayonet At-10. bxa5 Rxa5 11. a4 Ne8 12.*)* 19...Qh4 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Bd3 Bf5 22.g3 Qd8 23.Bd2 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Nf6 25.Bg5 Rb2 26.Bd3 Qc8 27.Bxf6 Rxf6 28.Rc1 Rf8 29.c5 dxc5 30.Rxc5 Qd8 31.Qc1 Rb3 1-0 Okuno,R (2467)-Milorad (2416) DDR-ch 38th Zittau 1989 32.Bc4 Rb7 33.Re1 Kh8 34.Qc2 Qb8 35.Re2 Qa8 36.Qe4 Qa1+ 37.Kg2 Qd1 38.Rb5 Rxb5 39.Bxb5 Qb3 40.Bd3 Rd8 41.h4 Bf6 42.g4 Qxd5 43.Qxd5 Rxd5 44.Re8+ Kg7 45.g5 Bxg5 46.hxg5 Rxg5+ 1-0 Muneret,M (2467)-Catt,P (2416) corr W-38ch sf05 ICCF 2014]
17...Nd4 18.Nxd4 exd4 19.Bg4 0.04/23 White is more active.
[White should try 19.Bf3± 0.67/22]
19...Nf6= 20.Bxc8 Nxe4 21.Be6+ Kh8 22.Qg4 Nc3 23.f4 -0.52/23
[White should play 23.Bxc3= 0.00/24 dxc3 24.Ra2]
23...Qf6 Strongly threatening ...h5.
24.Kh1 Ra8 25.Bd7! Rf7 26.g3 -0.45/18
[26.Be6!= 0.00/19]
26...Re7∓ 27.Be6 c5
[27...Rxa4? perishes. 28.Bxc3 Rxa1 29.Bxa1+-]
[Inferior is 27...Nxa4 28.Qd1 b5 29.cxb5+-]
28.Bxc3 dxc3 29.Ra2 -1.39/20
[⌓29.Qe2 -0.72/21]
29...Rea7!∓ 30.Bd7 -1.94/21
[30.Qe2∓ -1.28/20]
30...Qd4-+ 31.Bc6 -2.39/23
[31.Re2 -1.78/20 was called for. Qxc4 32.Bc6]
31...Qxc4 -1.02/20
[31...Rf8!-+ -2.39/23 is more deadly. ... Re7! is the strong threat. 32.Re2 g5 *(32...Qxc4 33.Kg2∓)* 33.Qxg5 Qd3]
32.Qe2∓ Wards off Re7 **32...Qxe2 33.Rxe2 Rf8** And now ...g5 would win.
34.Rb1? -2.43/20
[34.h4∓ -0.81/22]
34...Rb8? -0.34/24
[34...g5!-+ -2.43/20 35.fxg5 Raf7]
35.Kg2 Bd4 36.Kf3 -0.79/23
[36.h4= -0.17/19]



36...Kg8 0.00/26
[36...g5!∓ -0.79/23 aiming for ...gxf4. 37.fxg5 Rf8+ 38.Kg4 Raf7]
37.h4= Kf7 38.Rbe1 Rc8 39.Re6 -0.75/27
[39.Rb1= 0.00/26]

(Diagram)

39...Rcc7 -0.03/23



[39...Rxc6!∓ -0.75/27 40.dxc6 Be5]
40.g4 Re7 41.f5 gxf5 42.gxf5 Rxe6 -0.07/29
[42...Kf8∓ -0.53/21 might be stronger.]
43.fxe6+∓ Endgame. KRB-KRB. The position is equal. **43...Kf6 44.h5 h6 45.Bb5 Ke7** Black wants to play ...Ra8.
[45...Rg7!?]
46.Ke2 Ra8 White must now prevent ... Rf8. **47.Rf1 Rf8** Prevents Rf7+ **48.Rxf8 Kxf8=** KB-KB **49.Bd3 Ke7 50.Kd1 Kf6 51.Kc2 Ke7 52.Kb3 Kd8 53.Kc4 Bf6 54.Bc2 Kc7** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

C11
□ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
■ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
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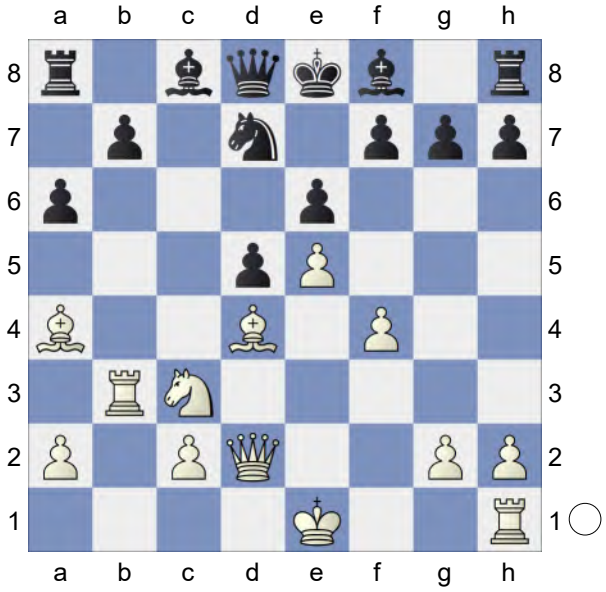
[Kitty Kat]

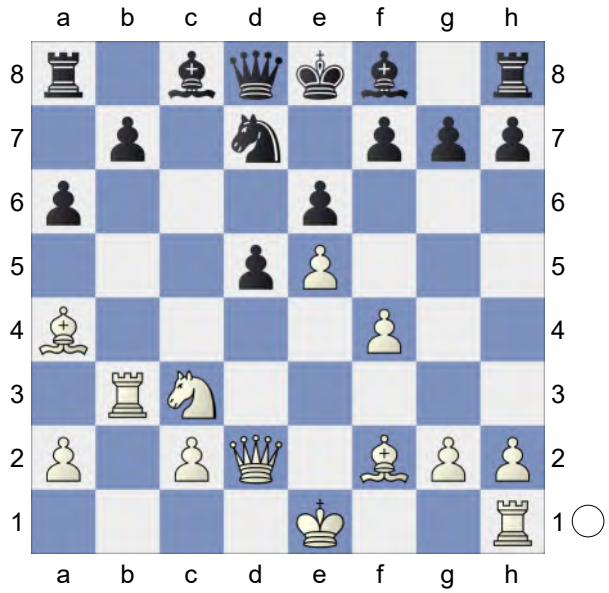
C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Qb6 9.Qd2 Qxb2 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Bb5 Nxd4 12.Bxd4** And now Rb3 would win. **12...a6 13.Rb3** White has compensation. The position is equal. **13...Qe7 14.Ba4 Qd8**



aiming for ...b5. **15.Bb6 Qh4+ 16.Bf2N**
[16.g3
A) 16...Qh3 17.Rf1 *(17.Ne4 Be7 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 b5 20.Ba3 Nb6 21.Qb4 Ra7 22.Bxb5+ axb5 23.Qxb5+ Nd7 24.Rc3 f6 25.Rxc8+ Kf7 26.Rxh8 Qg2 27.Rf1 Qxc2 28.Bb2 Qxh2 29.Qe2* 1-0 Sasikiran,K (2660)-Van Haastert,E (2439) 142/96 Ulcinj 2019 *)* 17...Qf5 18.g4 Qxg4 19.f5 Be7 20.f6 gxf6 21.Rf4 The French Steinitz-Poisoned Pawn Variation 14...Qd8 2013;
B) 16...Qg4 17.Ne4 *(17.0-0 Be7 18.f5 0-0 19.Rf4 Bg5 20.Rxg4 Bxd2 21.Bxd7 Bxd7 22.f6 g6 23.Nd1 Rfc8 24.c3 h5 25.Rd4 Bh6 26.Kf2 a5 27.Rb2 a4 28.Rd3 a3 29.Rb1 Ba4 30.Ne3 Rc6 31.Bd4 b5* 0-1 Topalov,V (2749)-Grischuk,A (2761) Paris GCT Rapid

2017 (4)) 17...Be7 18.Nc5 Bxc5 19.Bxc5 b5 20.Ba3 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Qe4+ 22.Kf2 Qxh1 23.Qb4 Qxh2+ 24.Kf1 Qh1+ 25.Kf2 Qh2+ ½-½ Perunovic,M (2539)-Pastar,S (2311) Crna 153/113 Gori 2022]

16...Qd8 Hoping for ...b5. **17.Bb6 Qh4+ 18.Bf2 Qd8**



Strongly threatening ...b5. **19.Bb6** A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

D12

□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
■ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**
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[Kitty Kat]

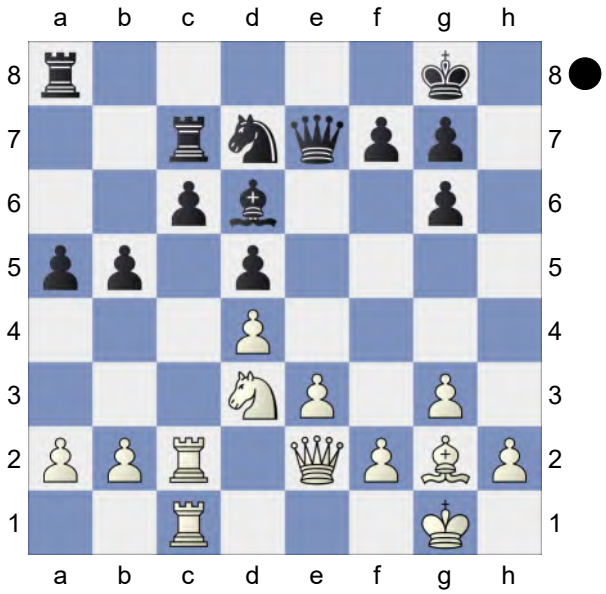
D12: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.e3 Bf5N
[4...e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 *(9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 18.Bb1 Red8 19.a3 Na6 20.b4 Rd5 21.Qe2 Rcd8 22.Ncd2 Nc7 23.Nf3 R5d7* 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)*)* 9...0-0 10.Ne5 Qc7 *(10...c5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Rfd1 b5 18.e4 Bb7 19.Qe2 Rfd8 20.Qe3 a6 21.Nf3 e5 22.b4 Na4 23.Bxa4 bxa4 24.a3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1* ½-½ Vincent,L (2412)-Schofield,A (2262) World Championship Match, 43rd Game Moscow 1985 (8)*)* 11.f4 c5 12.Qe1 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Ne4 16.Qe3 f6 17.Rac1 Qd8 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.b4 Savchenko,B (2569)-Caruana,F (2620) Plovdiv 102/(304) 2008]

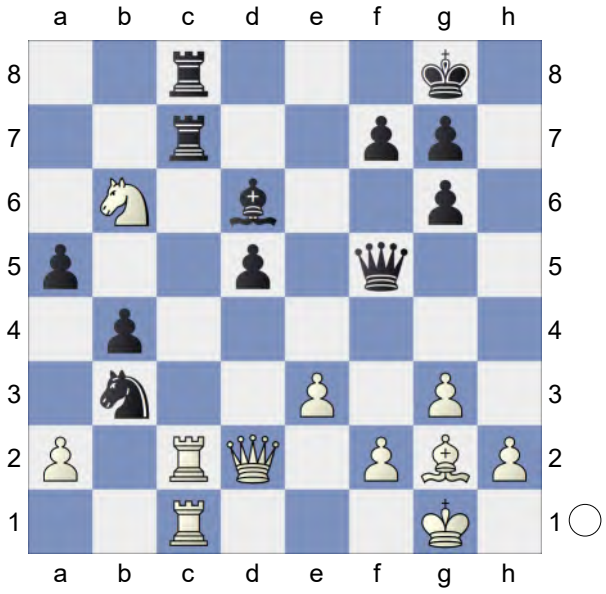
5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.g3 Nbd7 10.Bd2 White has an edge. **10...Be7 11.Rc1 Nb6 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bg2 Nc4 14.Qc2 Qd7 15.Na4** -0.55/21
[Better is 15.0-0= -0.04/21]
15...b5 0.04/25
[15...Kf8∓ -0.55/21]
16.Nc3!= Bb4 17.Nb1 Nxd2 0.57/24
[17...a5= 0.18/24 feels stronger.]
18.Nxd2± 0-0 19.0-0 Rfc8 20.Nb3 0.32/27
[White should try 20.Nf3± 0.86/25]
20...Bd6 21.Qe2 a5 22.Nc5 Qe7 23.Rc2 Rc7 24.Rfc1 Nd7 0.84/23
[24...g5± 0.45/21]
25.Nd3

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with Bxd5! White is more active. **25...Rac8 26.Qd2 b4 27.b3 Qe6** 0.99/22
[27...g5± 0.57/20]



28.Nb2 Qf5 29.Na4 0.55/19
[29.Bf1± 1.11/20]
29...c5! 30.dxc5 Nxc5 31.Nb6 Nxb3!



Double Attack **32.Rxc7** 0.32/19
[32.Nxc8± 0.74/24 Nxd2 Pin 33.Rxc7]
32...Nxd2 33.Rxc8+ 0.11/19
[33.Nxc8± 0.55/23 should be considered. Bf8 *(33...Bxc7? 34.Ne7+ Kh7 35.Nxf5+-; 33...Nf3+? 34.Bxf3 Bf8 35.Kg2+-)* 34.Nb6]
33...Kh7= 34.Bxd5 Be5 35.Rf8 Bb2 36.Bxf7 Black must now prevent Bg8+.
36...Nf3+ 1.42/26
[36...Qd3± 0.37/23 37.Bg8+ Kh6]
37.Kh1 0.00/27
[37.Kg2± 1.42/26 And now Bg8+ would win. Nh4+ 38.gxh4 *(38.Kg1 Nf3+ 39.Kg2 Nh4+ 40.gxh4 Qg4+ 41.Kf1 Bxc1±)* 38...Qg4+ *(38...Bxc1? 39.Bg8+* Discovered Attack *Kh6 40.Rxf5+-)* 39.Kf1 Bxc1 40.Bg8+ Kh6 41.Be6 Qd1+ *(41...Qxe6 42.Rh8#)* 42.Kg2]
37...Qh5↑ Black has some pressure.
38.Bg8+ Kh6 39.Kg2 Bxc1 40.Rxf3 Qb5 41.Nc4 Qb8 Dodges Rf8 **42.Bd5** Rf4! would now be deadly. **42...a4**
43.Rf7 -0.50/23
[43.Rf4!± 0.37/21 g5 44.Re4]
43...b3!∓ 44.axb3 a3
[44...Qxb3 45.Rf8 Kh7 46.Rd8+-]
[44...axb3?! 45.Rb7 Qd8 46.Be4± *(46.e4 b2±)*]
45.Nxa3 Bxa3 46.g4 -1.42/22
[46.Rf4∓ -0.52/21]
46...Bc1 -0.96/20
[Black should play 46...Bd6 -1.42/22 47.h3 Qb5]
47.Rf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

D27
□ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
■ **Sriansh Das** **2315**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.54) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D27: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 e4!? and 7 a4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 a6 7.Re1N**
[7.Bb3 Be7 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.exd4

Nd5 13.Qf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 *(14...Rb8 15.c4 b6 16.c5 bxc5 17.dxc5 Qc7 18.Bb2 Rb5 19.c6* D 27/37 2003*)* 15.c4 Qf6 16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.c5 Be7 18.Be3 Rd8 19.d5 Bd7 20.d6 Bf8 21.f4 f5 1-0 Grasser, J (2625)-Motyl,T (2455) (ch) 91/(266) Russia 2003 (1)]

[7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bf4 Nf6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Na4 *(13.a3 b6* #1 22) 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 7.Be2-6.O-O a6 7.Be2 cxd4*)* 13...Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Bd3 Nce7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Bxb7 Nxa2 21.Qxa2 Rxb7 0-1 C 06/32 (2809)-Deslandes,P (2807) GER-ITA email ICCF email 2012 (2)]

7...b5 8.Bf1 Bb7 9.a4 White is slightly better. **9...b4 10.Nbd2 Nbd7 11.e4** d5 is the strong threat. **11...cxd4 12.e5**

[Of course not 12.Nxd4?! Nc5 13.Nc4 Nfxe4=]

12...Nd5 13.Nxd4 Be7 14.Qg4 g6 15.N2f3 White is more active.

[15.Nc4 feels hotter. h5 16.Qf3 Nc5 17.Bg5]

15...h5 16.Qg3 Hoping for Nxe6!

16...Nc5 17.h4 Kf8 1.37/18

[Black should try 17...Rc8 0.87/20]

18.a5 Kg7 19.Bg5 Rc8 20.Bc4 0.75/17

[⌓20.Bxe7 1.24/18 Nxe7 21.Red1]

20...Rc7 1.99/19

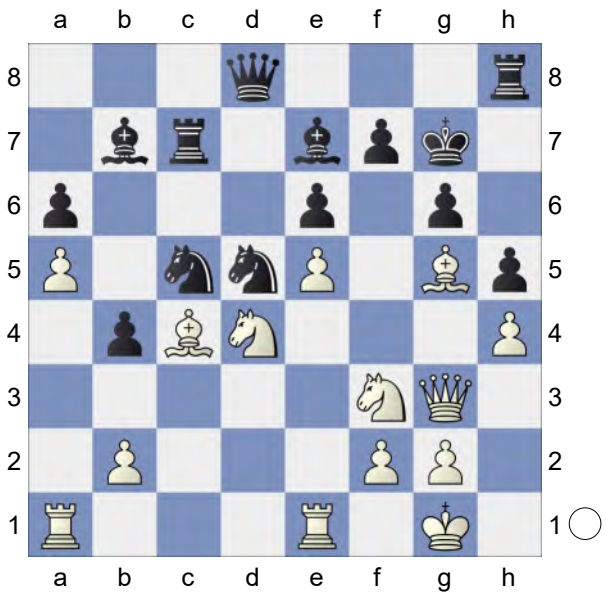
[20...Re8± 0.75/17 was necessary.]

(Diagram)

Black cannot hold the game after this.

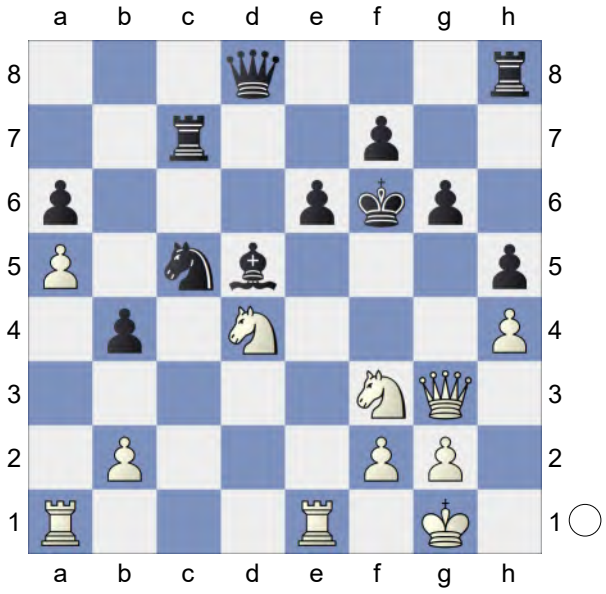
21.Bxd5!+- Bxd5 22.Bf6+! Bxf6 3.21/17

[22...Kg8 1.77/20 keeps fighting.]



23.exf6+ Kxf6? #4/17

[23...Kg8+- 3.09/21 24.Rec1 Rc8]



24.Nf5! Decoy. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.61

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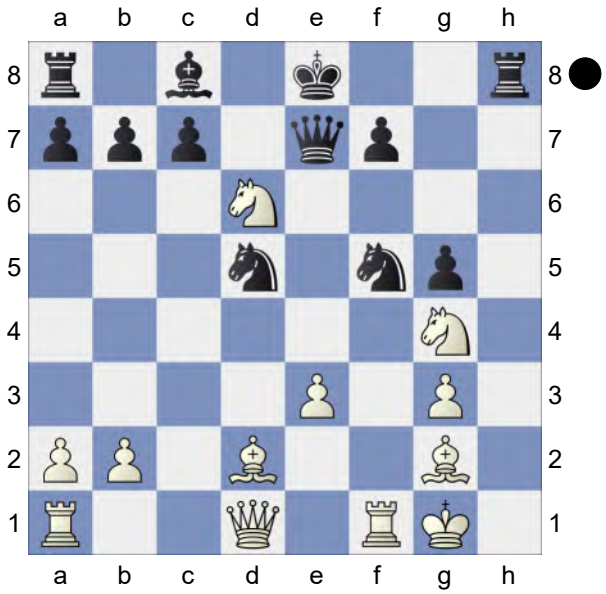
A13
□ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
■ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.55) 07.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.0-0 Nh6 6.d3N**
[6.e3 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.exd4 Nf5 9.d5 exd5 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.dxc4 Nd6 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Nd5 Bf8 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Rad1 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Bd7 17.Qf2 f6 18.Qc2 Qc8 19.Nh4 Bg4 20.Rde1 Nb4 0-1 Matlakov,M (2673)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) Budapest Hetenyi Memorial 2023 (4)]
6...Nf5 7.e4 dxe3 8.fxe3 The position is equal. **8...h5! 9.Nc3 h4 10.Ne4 hxg3 11.hxg3 Be7** 0.24/18
[11...Nd6∓ -0.31/19 12.Neg5 Be7]
12.d4= g5 1.32/18
[12...Nd6= 0.04/17 remains equal. 13.Ned2 Nf5]
13.d5 0.77/20
[White should try 13.b4 1.32/18]
13...Nb4± 14.Ne5 0.28/16
[14.Nexg5± 0.66/17 f6 *(14...Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.e4±)* 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Nd4 Nxd4 *(16...Nxg3? 17.Nxe6 Qd6 18.Rf2+-)* 17.exd4]
14...Bd6? 2.22/18
[14...exd5= 0.28/16 15.cxd5 Nxd5 *(15...Qxd5? 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.Bxd5+-)*]
15.Ng4+- exd5 16.cxd5 Qe7 17.Bd2 Bc3 would now be deadly. **17...Nxd5 18.Nxd6+**

(Diagram)

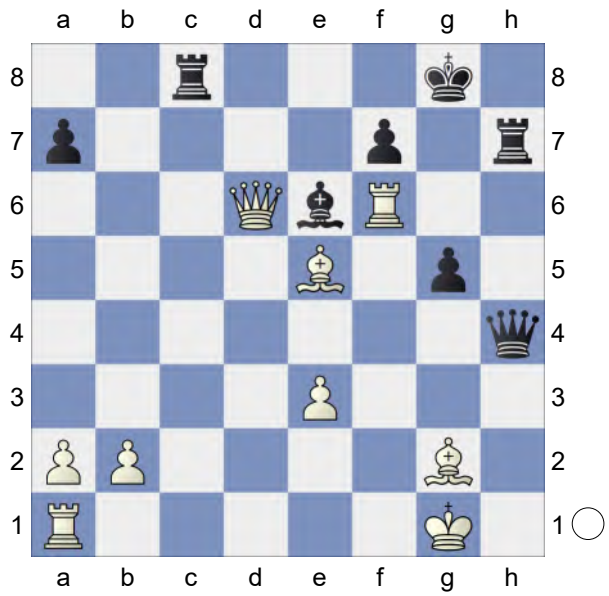
Discovered Attack **18...Qxd6 19.Bxd5** aiming for Be1. This pair of bishops is



nice. **19...Qxg3+ 20.Bg2 Nd6** 2.58/17
[20...Rh4± 1.60/17 keeps fighting. 21.Be1 *(21.Nf6+ Ke7+-)* 21...Qxg4 22.Bxh4 Qxd1 *(22...Qxh4? 23.Qc2+-)* 23.Raxd1 Nxh4]
21.Nf6+ Kf8 Hoping for ...Qh2+.
22.Qf3? -0.69/17
[Better is 22.Rf2+- 2.61/20]
22...Qh4? 3.18/18
[22...Qh2+∓ -0.69/17 stays ahead. 23.Kf2 Rh3]
23.Bc3 Be6 24.Be5 Repels Qh2+
24...Nc4 25.Bg3
[25.Qxb7 Nxe5 26.Qxa8+ Kg7 27.Ne8+ *(27.Qxa7?* is the wrong capture. *Qh2+ 28.Kf2 Nd3+ 29.Kf3 g4+* Deflection *30.Ke2 Qxg2+ 31.Kxd3 Rd8+-+)* 27...Rxe8 28.Qxe8 Ng4=]
25...Qh6 26.Qxb7 Kg7 27.Qe4
[Don't play 27.Qxc7 Rac8]
27...Rad8 28.Ng4 Deflection **28...Bxg4 29.Qxc4 Be6 30.Be5+ Kg8 31.Qxc7 Rc8 32.Qd6 Rh7 33.Rf6 Qh4**

(Diagram)

34.Rg6+!! Weighted Error Value:



White=0.38/Black=0.72
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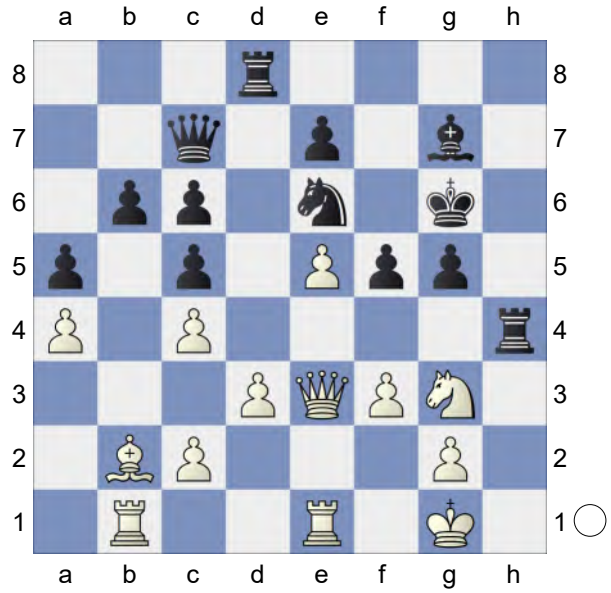
B31

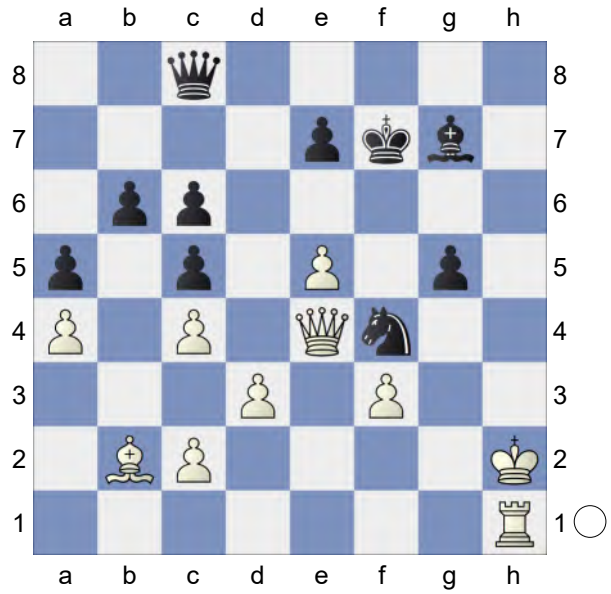
□ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**
■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.56) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 a5 9.a4 Qc7 10.e5 Nd5 White is slightly better. **11.Nbd2 b6 12.Nc4 Be6 13.Qe2**
[13.Ng5 with more complications. Bc8 14.Bd2 b5 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Qf3]
13...Rad8 14.Ng5 Bc8 15.Nf3 0.18/20 White is more active.
[15.e6± 0.62/20]
15...f6 16.b3 g5 17.Nh2 -0.30/18
[⌓17.exf6 0.27/21 exf6 18.Bd2]
17...h6 18.Bb2 -0.52/21
[18.Bd2= 0.00/20]
18...Nf4 19.Qe3 Nd5 20.Qe2 Nf4 21.Qe3 f5 22.Qd2 Be6 -0.22/16
[22...Ng6∓ -0.60/17 is more appropriate.]
23.h4= Bd5 24.hxg5 hxg5
[Of course not 24...Nxg2 25.gxh6 Bh8 26.f4=]
25.f3 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Ne6 27.Nf1 Kf7 28.Rab1 Rh8 29.Ng3 Kg6 30.Qe3 Strongly threatening Nxf5!
[30.Nxf5!? Kxf5 31.Qe3±]
30...Rh4? 2.12/18
[30...Nd4!= -0.29/19 31.Bc1 Bh6

(31...Nxc2? is the wrong capture. 32.Qxg5+ Kh7 33.Nxf5+-)]



A mistake that costs the game.
31.Nxf5!+- Kxf5 2.83/22
[31...Rf4 1.83/20 is a better defense. 32.g4 b5]
32.g3 Rdh8 33.gxh4 Rxh4 34.Re2 Hoping for Rg2. **34...Nf4?** 3.87/21
[34...Qd8 2.31/18 35.Rh2 Rf4]
35.Rh2 Rxh2 36.Kxh2 Qc8 37.Rh1 Kg6 38.Qe4+ Kf7



(→ ...Qh3+) **39.Kg3 Qe6 40.Kf2 Nh3+ 41.Ke1** White is clearly winning. **41...Nf4 42.Bc3 Ng6 43.Kd1 Nf4 44.Kc1 Qg6 45.Qxg6+ Kxg6** Endgame. KRB-KBN **46.Kd2** Dodges Ne2 **46...Bh6 47.Ke1 Ne6 48.Kf2 Nc7 49.Rb1 Na8 50.e6 Kf5 51.Rh1 Kg6 52.Kg3 Nc7 53.Rb1 Na8 54.Kg4 Bf8 55.Be5 Bh6 56.Rh1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.34
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☐	**Prraneeth,Vuppala**	**2461**
■	**Ezat,Mohamed**	**2312**

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E20

☐	**Socko,Monika**	**2402**
■	**Vaibhav,Jayant Raut**	**2304**

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[Kitty Kat]

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 0-0 5.Nf3 b6 6.e3 Bb7 7.Rc1 d6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Nbd7 10.Be2 Ne4 11.0-0 Nxc3N**
[11...f5 12.Nd2 Qf6 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.f3 exf3 15.Bxf3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.Rxf3 Nf6 18.Rcf1 Ne4 19.Be1 d5 20.b3 a5 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 22.Rxf8+ Kxf8 23.a4 Ke7 24.cxd5 exd5 25.b4 axb4 26.Bxb4+ 0-1 Vanags,E (1351)-11. ♘d3 ♘f6 (2062) 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Nf3 00 9.Bg5 c5 (1) c5 27.dxc5 bxc5 28.Be1 g5 29.Kf1 Kd7 30.Ke2 c4 31.Kd1 Kc6 32.Kc2 Nc5 33.a5 Ne4 34.Bc3 g4 35.Bd4 Kb5 36.Bc3 Nd6 37.Be1 Nf5 38.Kc3 Nxe3 39.Bd2

Nf5 40.Kc2 d4 41.h3 0-1 Spassky,M (1351)-Varezhkin,V (2062) Alushta op 2023 (1) Ne3+ 42.Kb2 c3+ 43.Bxc3 dxc3+ 44.Kxc3 g3 45.Kd3 Nxg2 0-1 Vanags,E (1351)-11. ♘d3 ♘f6 (2062) 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Qa4+ Nd7 8.Nf3 00 9.Bg5 c5 (1)]

12.Rxc3 a5 13.Nd2 e5 The position is equal. **14.Bf3 Qc8 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.d5** -0.33/23

[16.h3= 0.24/21]

16...f5 17.e4 a4 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Qg4 -0.37/22

[19.Qc2= 0.00/21 g6 20.Rg3]

19...Rf7 20.Ne4 And now Ng5 would win. **20...Nc5 21.Ng5 Rf4 22.Qh5** -1.11/21

[22.Qh3∓ -0.50/21 h6 23.Ne6]

22...h6∓ 23.Nh3 Rf6 24.Qe2 Raf8 25.f3 b5 26.Nf2 -1.25/19

[⌓26.cxb5 -0.76/19 e4 *(26...Qxd5 27.Nf2∓)* 27.Rd1]

26...Rf4 -0.43/20

[26...bxc4∓ -1.25/19 Threatens to win with ...Rf4. 27.Rxc4 Qxd5]

27.cxb5∓ Qxd5 28.Rd1 -1.09/23

[28.Nd3!∓ -0.48/22 Nxd3 29.Qxd3]

28...Qb7∓ 29.Nh3 -1.58/18

[⌓29.Kh1 -1.04/18]

(Diagram)

29...R4f7! 30.Nf2 Rb8 31.Ne4 Ne6 -0.83/21

[31...Qxb5 32.Qxb5 Rxb5 33.Nxc5 dxc5 34.Rc2=]

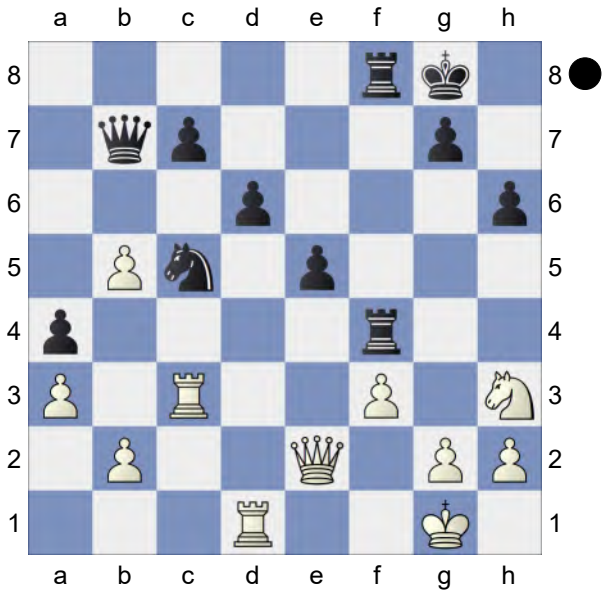
[31...Nxe4-+ -1.77/20 32.Qxe4 Qxb5]

32.Rd2 -1.57/22

[⌓32.Qc4 -0.83/21 Nf4 33.Qxa4]

32...Nd4 33.Qd3 -1.95/20

[33.Qd1∓ -1.57/18 is a better



defense.]

33...Nxb5 -1.23/20

[33...Qa7-+ -1.95/20 34.Kh1 Rxb5]

34.Rc1 -1.62/20

[34.Rc4∓ -1.23/20]

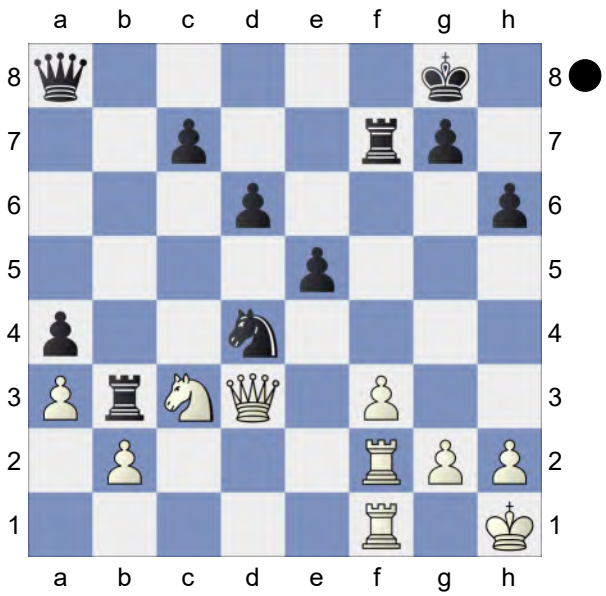
34...Nd4-+ ...Nb3 would now be deadly.

35.Rf1 -2.23/20

[⌓35.Re1 -1.65/18]

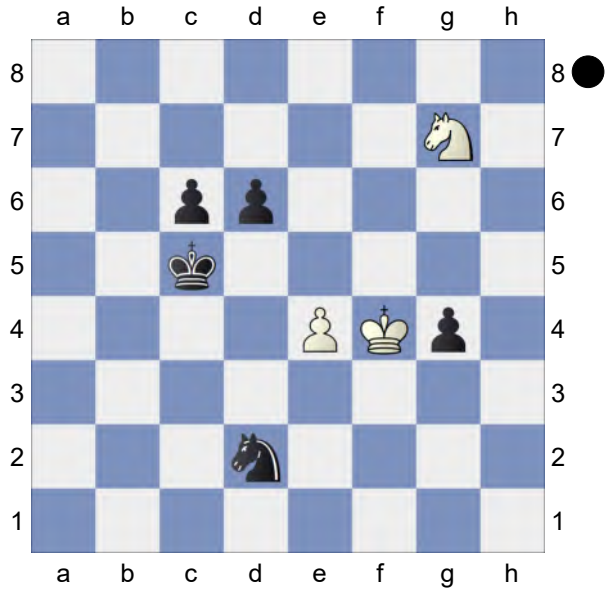
35...Qa7 36.Kh1 Qa8 37.Rdf2 Rb3 38.Nc3 -2.47/19

[⌓38.Qd2 -1.62/16]



38...Nb5! Deflection **39.Qe4 Qxe4**

40.Nxe4 Rd3 41.Kg1 Rf8 42.Rc1 Rb8 43.Rc6 Kf7 44.Rfc2 Ke7 45.h4 Kd7 46.R6c4 Rd4 47.Ng3 Rxc4 Remove Defender **48.Rxc4** Endgame. KRN-KRN **48...Nd4** Discovered Attack **49.Rxa4 Rxb2 50.Ra8 Ne6 51.Nf5 Nf4 52.g4 e4 53.fxe4 Rg2+ 54.Kf1 Rxg4 55.Kf2 Nd3+ 56.Kf3 Ne5+ 57.Ke3 g6 58.Nxh6 Rxh4 59.Ng8 Ke6** Prevents Nf6 **60.a4 Rh8** Strongly threatening ...Kf7.
[60...Rh3+ 61.Kf2 Rh4 62.a5-+]
61.Rf8 g5 62.Rf6+ Kd7 63.Rf8 Rh3+ 64.Kf2 g4 65.Kg2 Ra3 66.Rf4 -4.66/18
[66.Ra8 -3.08/17 was worth a try.]
66...Rxa4 67.Nf6+ Kc6 68.Rf2 Kc5 69.Rd2 c6 Repels Rd5+ **70.Ne8 Nc4**
[Less strong is 70...Rxe4 71.Nxd6 Rd4 72.Nb7+ Kd5 73.Rc2-+]
71.Rd3 Ra2+ 72.Kg3 Re2 73.Kf4 Rd2
[73...d5 74.exd5 Rxe8 75.dxc6-+]
74.Rxd2 -7.20/18
[⌓74.Rg3 -4.02/19 Rf2+ 75.Kg5]
74...Nxd2 KN-KN **75.Ng7**



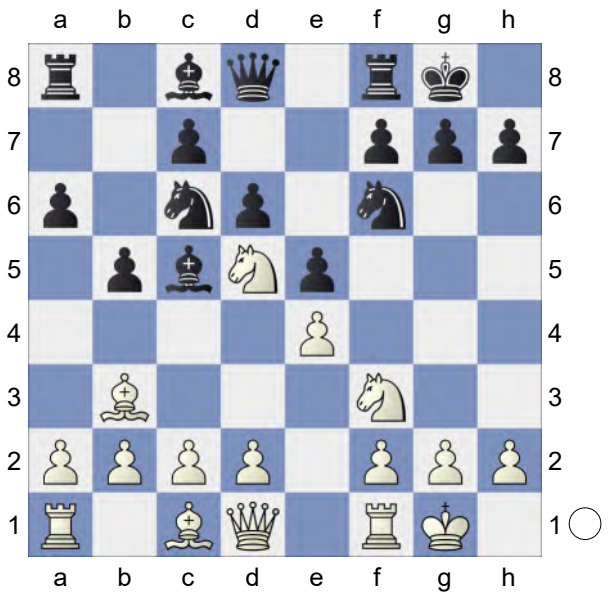
g3! 76.Ne6+
[76.Kxg3 Kd4]
76...Kc4 77.Kxg3 Nxe4+ 78.Kf3 d5 79.Kf4 Nc5 80.Nd8 Nd3+ 81.Ke3 d4+ 82.Kd2 c5 83.Nf7 Nb4 84.Nd6+ Kd5 85.Nb5 c4 86.Na3 c3+ 87.Ke2 Ke4 -31.66/27
[⌓87...d3+ -#24/21 88.Kd1 Kc5 89.Kc1 d2+ *(89...Kd4? 90.Kd1-+)* 90.Kd1 Nd3 91.Ke2 Nb2 92.Kf3 d1Q+ *(92...d1R? 93.Kg4-+)* 93.Kg3 Nc4 94.Nxc4 Kxc4 95.Kh4 c2 96.Kg5 c1Q+ *(96...c1B+* leads to mate. *97.Kf5 Qf3+ 98.Ke6 Bg5 99.Kd7 Qb7+ 100.Kd6 Kd4 101.Ke6 Qd5#)* 97.Kg6 Qf1 98.Kh5 Qf5+ 99.Kh4 Qcg5#]
88.Kd1 d3 Black mates. **89.Kc1 Ke3 90.Nc4+ Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

C77
□ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
■ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.59) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.0-0 d6 8.Nd5 0-0** 1.08/21
[Better is 8...Nxe4± 0.41/22 9.a4 Nxf2 10.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 11.Kxf2 Na5]

(Diagram)

9.d4!± exd4 White is better.
[9...Bxd4 10.Bg5]
10.Bg5 Bg4 2.23/21
[10...Re8± 1.06/19]
11.Qc1!+- Bxf6 is the strong threat.
11...Bh5N 3.44/24
[11...Ne5 2.05/22 was necessary.]



[11...Bxf3 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qh6 Bxe4 14.Nxf6+ Kh8 15.Nxe4 f5 16.Ng5 Qd7 17.Ne6 Qe7 18.Nxf8 Qxf8 19.Qxf8+ Rxf8 20.a4 Ne5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra5 b4 23.Rfa1 d3 24.Ra8 Rxa8 25.Rxa8+ Kg7 26.Kf1 ½-½ Petkov,M (2498)-Bilych,O (2427) Seville Open 2024 (6)]

12.Nh4 Bg6 13.Nf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 aiming for Bxf6. **14...Nb4 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Bh4 Kg7** Prevents Qh6+ **17.Re1 d3 18.Re4** Rg4+ would kill now.

[18.c3?! Nc6±]

18...h6 3.06/21

[⩲18...h5 1.78/21]

19.Qf4 Intending Qg4+ and mate.

19...Kh7 20.cxd3

[20.Rxb4 Bxb4 21.cxd3 *(21.Qxb4 c5=)* 21...c5=]

20...Nxd3 1.86/21

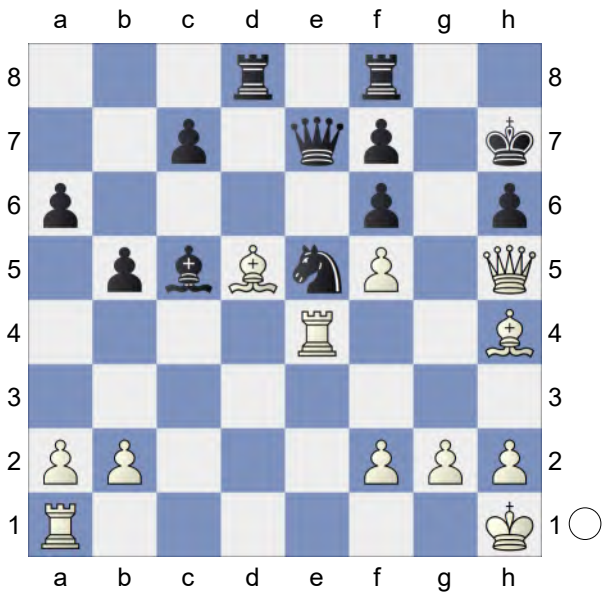
[20...a5± 1.33/21]

21.Qf3 Ne5 3.16/18

[21...d5 1.68/20 might work better. 22.Re2 Nxb2]

22.Qh5 Qe7 23.Kh1 d5 24.Bxd5 Rad8

(Diagram)



25.Bb3 f4 would now be deadly.

[25.Rd1?! c6 26.Bb3 *(26.Bxc6? Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Rd8-+)* 26...Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qd7±]

25...Rd4 26.Rae1 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Threatens to win with f4. **27...Qd6 28.f4?** 0.01/21

[28.h3+- 1.87/20]

28...Nc4!= 29.Re1 Kg7 30.Qf3 Bd4 31.Bc2 -1.44/19

[31.Qg4+= -0.28/19 remains equal. Kh7 32.Re6]

31...Bxb2∓ 32.Rd1 Bd4 Active counter play! **33.Rd3** -2.53/18

[33.Re1 -1.80/19 was called for.]

33...Re8-+ White is weak on the dark squares **34.Qg4+** -3.72/18

[34.Bf2? Bxf2 *(34...c5? 35.h3-+)* 35.Qxf2 Qxf4-+]

[34.Rd1 -2.49/19 keeps fighting.]

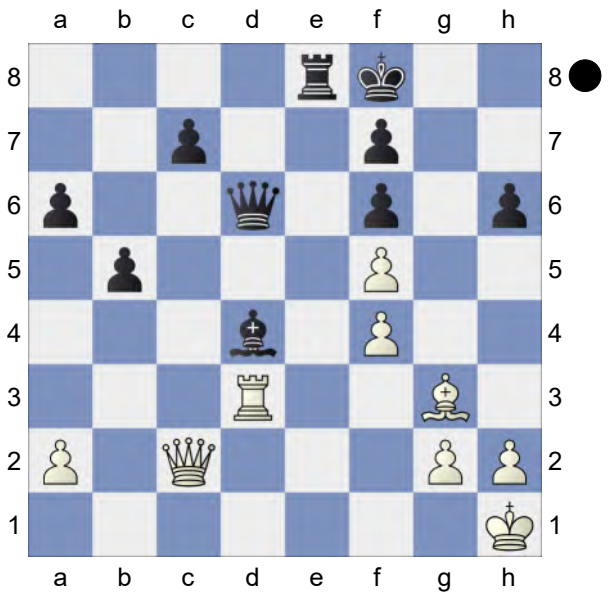
34...Kf8 35.Bg3 Ne3 36.Qe2 Nxc2

[But not 36...Nxf5 37.Qd2]

37.Qxc2

(Diagram)

Qxf4?? 2.92/20 **38.Rd1??** -4.43/19 White is on the road to losing.



[38.Qd1+- 2.92/20 was the only winning move. Qxf5 39.Rxd4]

38...Qg4 39.Bxc7 Re2 Skewer, Deflection, Double Attack

40.Qc6 Qe4?→ -1.86/19 White is in trouble.

[40...Rxa2 -4.72/20 41.Re1 Kg7 *(41...Qxf5 42.Qd6+ Kg7 43.Qxd4±)*]

41.Qd6+? -6.30/22

[41.Bd6+ -1.86/19 Kg7 42.Qxe4 Rxe4 43.g3]

41...Kg7 Black is clearly winning.

42.Qg3+ Kh7 And now ...Bf2! would win. **43.Ba5 Be5 44.Qh3 Rxa2 45.Bb6 Ra1 46.Rxa1 Bxa1** Endgame. KQB-KQB **47.Qb3** Wards off Qb1+

47...Qc4

[Inferior is 47...Qxf5 48.Qxf7+ Kh8 49.Qe8+ *(49.Qf8+ Kh7=)* 49...Kg7 50.Qe7+ Kg8 51.Qe8+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kg8 53.Qe8+ Kg7=]

48.Qd1 Be5 49.Be3 Bf4 50.Bxf4 Qxf4 51.h3 Qxf5 52.Qd2 Qf1+ 53.Kh2 Qc4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.52

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C11

□ **Arun,Kataria** **2370**

■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.60) 7.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 a6 8.a3 b5 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bxc5 Nxc5** White is slightly better.

11.b4 Nd7 12.Bd3 Qb6

[12...f6 13.0-0 0-0 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Ne2 h6 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Rae1 Bd7 18.Qe3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Nfd4 Ne7 21.Ng3 Rae8 22.c3 Ng6 23.Rf2 Qh4 24.Ref1 Rf6 25.Nge2 Rff8 26.Nf3 Qf6 27.Ne5 ½-½ Panesar,V (2387)-Iskusnyh,S (2440) Aimchess Play In op Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (8)]

13.Qd2 Bb7N

[13...h6 14.h4 *(14.Ne2 a5 15.Rb1 axb4 16.axb4 0-0 17.Ned4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Bh7+* Chapter French Steinitz-7...a6 #2 Lifetime Repertoires: Sethuraman's 1.e *)* 14...0-0 15.g4 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.g5 Ng4 18.gxh6 Nxh6 19.Rg1 Ra7 20.0-0-0 Nf5 21.Rde1 Ncd4 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Rg5 Raf7 24.Re5 Rc7 25.Nb1 Rd8 26.c3 Kf8 27.Kb2 Qb6 28.Bxf5 ½-½ Soumya,S (2273)-Chitlange,S (2250) IND-ch (Women) 49th Ahmedabad 2023 (9)]

14.Ne2 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.0-0-0

[16.Nc3 is interesting. 0-0-0 17.Qf2 Kc7 18.f5]

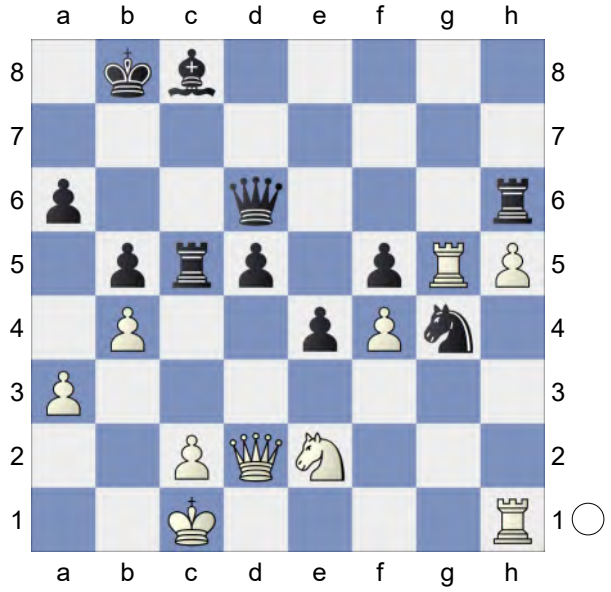
16...0-0-0! 17.g4 Kb8 18.g5 e5 0.47/21

[18...a5= 0.00/20]

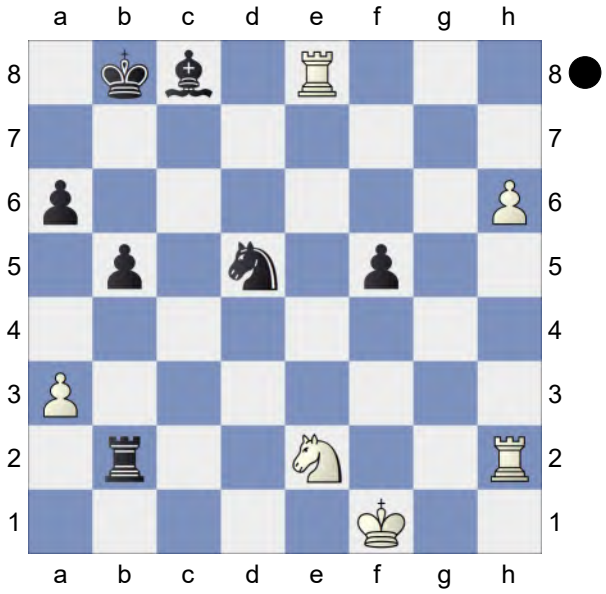
19.Bf5!± Bxd7 would now be deadly.

19...e4 20.Nfd4 Ne7 1.30/19

[20...fxg5± 0.58/20 21.Bxd7 Rxd7]
21.Bh3 Qd6 22.Bxd7 Rxd7 23.Nb3 And now Nc5 would win. Excellent horsemanship. **23...f5** 1.61/22
[23...Nf5± 0.73/18 is a better defense.]
24.Nc5+- Rc7 25.Nd4 Bc8 26.h4 h5 27.gxh6 Rxh6 1.57/21
[Better is 27...Nc6 1.17/22]
28.h5± White is much more active. **28...Ng8** 1.88/19
[28...Nc6± 1.33/18 was necessary.]
29.Rdg1+- Nf6 30.Rg5 Ng4 31.Ne2 1.26/19
[31.Nxf5 Qf6 32.Nd4 *(32.Nxh6? Qa1#)* 32...e3=]
[White should try 31.Rh3+- 1.71/20]
31...Rxc5?? 3.79/21
[31...e3± 1.26/19 32.Qd4 Qf6]



This costs Black the game. **32.bxc5 Qxc5 33.Qc3** Wards off Nf2 **33...Qxc3 34.Nxc3 d4 35.Ne2 d3 36.cxd3 Rc6+ 37.Kd2 e3+ 38.Ke1 Nf2 39.Rh2 Nxd3+ 40.Kf1 Rc2 41.Rg3 Rb2** 5.52/21
[⌓41...Rd2 3.49/22 42.Rxe3 Bb7 43.Rxd3 *(43.Re8+ Ka7∓)* 43...Rxd3]
42.Rxe3 White is clearly winning. **42...Nxf4 43.h6 Nd5 44.Re8**



aiming for h7. **44...Nf6 45.h7 Rb1+ 46.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

B15
□ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
■ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.61) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 In the third round of the FIDE Grand Swiss at Isle of Man I faced rising star Jeffery Xiong from the U.S. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2** Active counter play! **8...Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.0-0 h4** White is slightly better. **11.h3 Nd7 12.Be3 Nf8 13.Rae1N**
[13.Rad1 Be6 *(13...Bd7 14.Rfe1 Qc8 15.Nf4 Ne6 16.Nh5 Ng5 17.f4 Nxh3+ 18.gxh3 Bxh3 19.Qf2 Qg4+ 20.Kh2 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Qxh5*

22.Rxh3 Qxd1 23.Qxh4 Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Re3+ Kd7 26.Qxa8 Bxf4+ 27.Kg2 Qg4+ 28.Kf1 ½-½ Huschenbeth,N (2624)-Xiong,J (2708) FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss Douglas 2019 (3)) 14.c4 Rc8 15.Rfe1 Ng6 16.c5 Bb8 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Bf4 Bf7 19.Bxb8 Rxb8 Kulaga,Y (2496)-Bullert,F (2562) 100/319 Russia 2007]

[13.c4 Bb8 14.Rfe1 g5 15.Bf5 Qd6 16.Bxc8 Qh2+ 17.Kf1 Qh1+ 18.Ng1 Bh2 19.Bxb7 Ne6 20.f3 Nf4 21.Qf2 Nh5 22.Ke2 Bg3 23.Qf1 Bxe1 24.Kd3 Rxe3+ 25.Kxe3 Re8+ 26.Kd3 Nf4+ 27.Kc2 Nxg2 0-1 Ruy Lopez Delayed Exchange (2483)-Feher,G (2583) Part IV - Mainlines 5.e3 & 5.c5 2014]

[13.Qd2 Ng6 14.Rfe1 Bc7 15.Nf4 Qd6 16.c4 Ne7 17.c5 Qd8 18.Qd1 Nf5 19.Qh5 Bxf4 20.Bxf4 g6 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Qg4 Qd8 Chapter-6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 with 0-0 2018]

13...Be6 14.c4 Rc8 15.Nc3 Bb8 16.f4 f5! 17.Qf2 -0.17/20

[⌓17.Rf3 0.20/20]

17...Ng6 18.Rd1 Qa5 19.Rfe1 Bd7 20.d5

(Diagram)

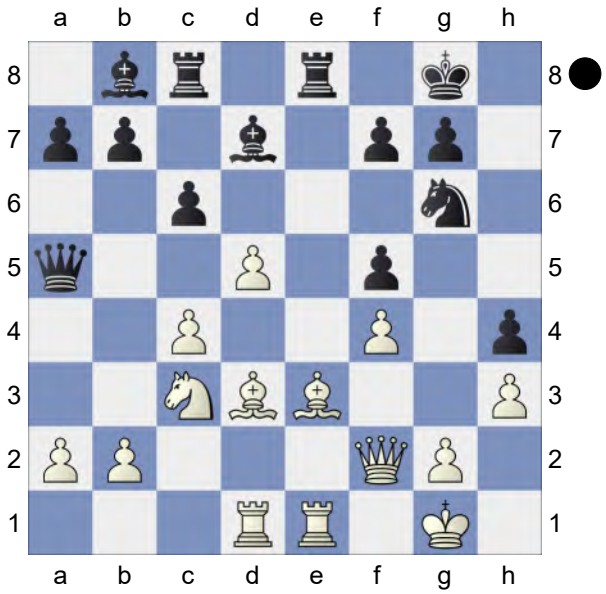
Rxe3! 0.27/23 **21.Rxe3 Bxf4 22.Rf3 Bg3 23.Rxg3**

[23.Qd2 feels hotter. Ne5 24.Rff1 g6 25.Kh1]

23...hxg3 24.Qxg3 cxd5 25.cxd5 Qc5+ 26.Qf2 Ne5 27.Qxc5 Rxc5 28.Kf2 f4 29.Be2 f5 0.48/24

[29...g5= 0.00/20 feels stronger.]

30.h4± Nc4 31.Bxc4! Rxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.Rd2** 0.09/21



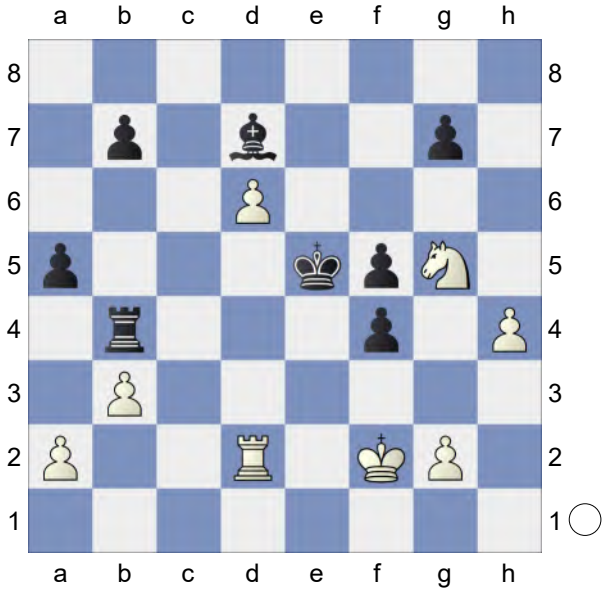
[32.Kf3± 0.61/23]

32...Kf7!= 33.Ne2 Kf6 34.b3 Rb4 35.Nd4 Ke5 36.Nf3+ Kd6 37.Ng5 Ke5 38.Nf7+ 0.04/22

[38.Re2+± 0.46/21 was preferrable. Kd6 39.Nf7+ Kxd5 40.Re7]

38...Kf6 39.Ng5 a5 40.d6 And now Re2 would win. **40...Ke5?** 4.27/25

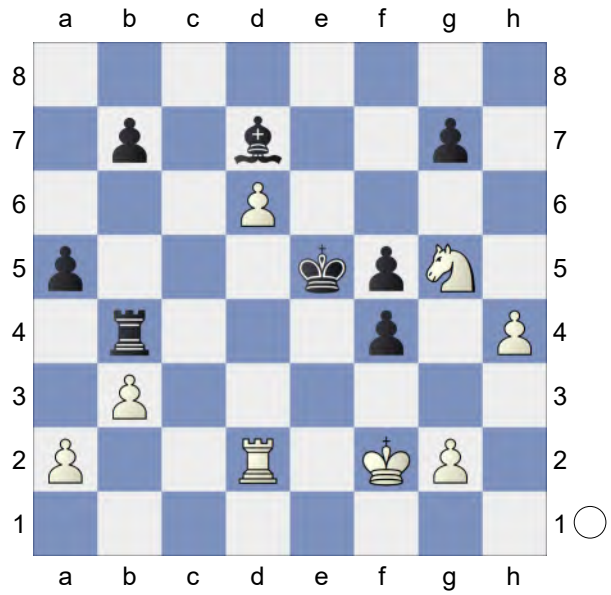
[40...Kg6= 0.13/23]



41.Nf7+? 0.01/27

[White has to play 41.Nh7!+- 4.27/25]

41...Kf6 42.Ng5 Re2 is the strong threat. **42...Ke5?** 3.93/22
[42...Kg6= 0.07/23 and Black stays safe.]
43.Nf7+ Kf6 44.Ng5 Ke5



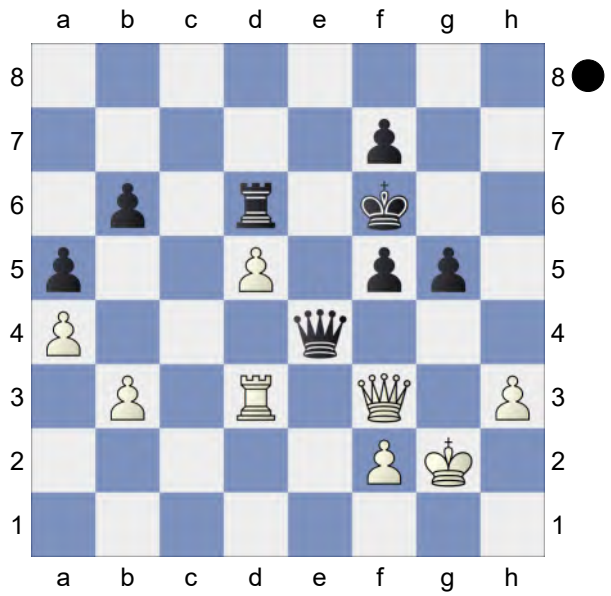
45.Nf7+? 0.00/42
[45.Nh7!+- 3.84/20]
45...Kf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.41
½-½

A07
□ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.62) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 Nd7 4.d4 Ngf6 5.Ne5 Bf5 6.0-0** Threatening c4. **6...e6 7.c4 c6 8.Nc3N** The position is equal.
[8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.Nd2 Be7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Bf4 Qd8 12.c5 Be4 13.Ne5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nd7 15.Nd3 Bg5 16.e3 Bxf4 17.exf4 Qf6 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Qg6 20.Rc1 Rfb8 21.Re1 h6 22.Re3 b6 1-0 Gutman,L (2527)-Lutz,C (2609) GER CupT prel Porz 2001]
8...Bd6 9.Bf4 Hoping for Nxf7! **9...Qb8 10.Nxd7**
[10.cxd5 with more complications. exd5 11.e4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Nxd7 Kxd7 15.Qg4+]
10...Nxd7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Bxe4 0-0 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Qf3 Qf6 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.b3 0.07/21
[17.Rfe1± 0.51/21 is more appropriate.]
17...Rfe8= 18.Qf4 Nf8 19.Qd2 Ne6 20.Rfe1 h5
[20...Qxd4? 21.Qxd4 Nxd4 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rxd4+-]
21.d5 h4 22.Qe2 Pin **22...Nc7 23.Qf3 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 cxd5 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.cxd5** Endgame. KQR-KQR **26...g6 27.gxh4 Qxh4 28.Rd1 Kg7 29.a4 b6 30.h3 Rd6 31.Kh2 a5 32.Qc3+ Qf6 33.Qe3 Rd7 34.Kg2 Re7 35.Qf3 Rd7 36.Rd3 Qe5 37.Rd1 Kf6 38.Kg1 Rd6 39.Qd3 g5 40.Kf1 Kg6 41.Kg2 Qe4+ 42.Qf3 Kf6 43.Rd3?** -2.74/20
[43.Qxe4= -0.22/25 and White has nothing to worry. fxe4 44.Kg3]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **43...Qxf3+!-+ 44.Kxf3** -3.54/23 KR-KR
[44.Rxf3 -2.32/23 was the only chance. Rxd5 45.Rc3]
44...Ke5 45.Ke2? -4.36/22
[45.Re3+ -2.69/19 is a better defense. Kxd5 46.h4 gxh4 47.Kf4]
45...f4 Black is clearly winning.
[45...Rxd5 46.f4+ Ke4 *(46...Kxf4? 47.Rxd5 Ke4 48.Rb5+-)* 47.Rxd5



Kxd5 48.fxg5-+]

46.Rc3 Rxd5

[Less strong is 46...Kxd5 47.Rc7∓]

47.Rc6 Rd6

[Weaker is 47...b5 48.axb5 Rxb5 49.Kf3=]

48.Rc7 f6 49.Re7+ Re6 50.Rd7 Rc6 Threatens to win with ...Rc3. **51.Rb7 Kd4 52.Kd2 Ke4 53.Ke2 Rc2+ 54.Ke1 Kf3 55.Rxb6 f5 56.b4 axb4 57.Rxb4 Re2+ 58.Kd1 Rxf2** White must now prevent ...g4. **59.Rb3+ Kg2 60.a5 Ra2** ...f3! is the strong threat. **61.Rb5 f3** (→ ...f2) **62.Rxf5**

(Diagram)

g4! Promotion. Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.05 (flawless)

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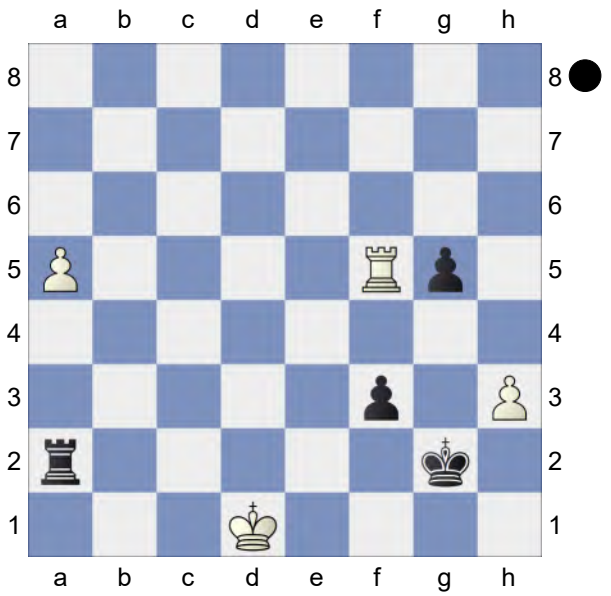

C42

□ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian 2334**

■ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh 2301**

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[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.c4 Be7 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.dxc3 Nc6 8.Be3**

[8.Bd3 Bg4 *(8...Be6 9.Be3 Bf6 10.Qc2 Qd7 11.0-0 h6 12.Nd4 Bxd4 13.Bxd4 0-0 14.f4 f6 15.Bf2 Rfe8 16.c5 d5 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.b4 a6 19.a4 Kh8 20.Rde1 Bf7 21.Ra1 a5 22.b5 Ne7 23.Bd4* Dai,C (2480)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2537) Xingtai 141/(54) 2019*)* 9.Be4 Qd7 10.Be3 Bf5 11.Bxf5 Qxf5 12.Qd5 Qxd5 13.cxd5 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Ke2 Kd7 16.a4 a5 17.Kd3 f5 18.f3 h5 19.h3 h4 20.Rhe1 Bd6 21.Re2 Rae8 22.Bd2 Rhg8 ½-½ Henzler,S (2620)-Grabinsky,J (2660) USSR 4/715 1967]

8...Bg4N

[8...Bf5 9.Be2 Qd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Rfe8 13.Bf3 c6 14.Be3 Bf6 15.h3 Be5 16.Bg4 Bxg4 17.Qxg4 f5 18.Qf3 Qf7 19.Rfd1 f4 20.Bd4 ½-½ Dvalishvili,A (2453)-Castillo Larenas,M (2342) Freechess-Turnier 1093 2001 (2)]

9.Qc2 Qd7 10.0-0-0 White is slightly better. **10...Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0-0 13.Bd4**

[13.Rhe1 simplifies Bf6 14.c5 dxc5 15.Qxd7+ Rxd7 16.Rxd7 Kxd7 17.Bxc5 b6 18.Be3]

13...Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Qa4 15.Qxg7 Qxc4

[15...Qxa2?! 16.Qxf7 Rd7 17.Qe6±]

16.Rd4 -0.19/22

[16.Rhe1± 0.36/19 Rdg8 17.Qd4 Bg5+ 18.Kc2 *(18.Nxg5 Qxd4 19.Rxd4 Rxg5±)* 18...Qxd4 19.Rxd4 *(19.Nxd4 Bf6±)*]

16...Qxa2= 17.Re1 Rdg8 18.Qh6 Bd8 19.Qh3+ Kb8 20.g3 Bf6↑ Black has good play. **21.Rf4** -3.26/19 Loses the game.

[21.Rb4∓ -0.52/20]

21...Bg5-+ 22.Nxg5 And now Re7! would win. **22...Qa1+**

[22...Rxg5 23.Qxh7 Rd8 24.Qb1±]

23.Kc2 Qxe1 24.Nxf7 -5.56/24

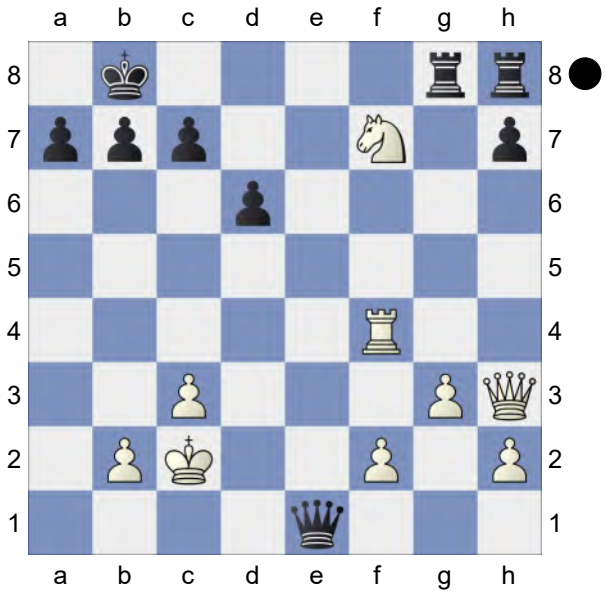
[24.Nf3 -3.97/15 was necessary. Qxf2+ 25.Kb3]

(Diagram)

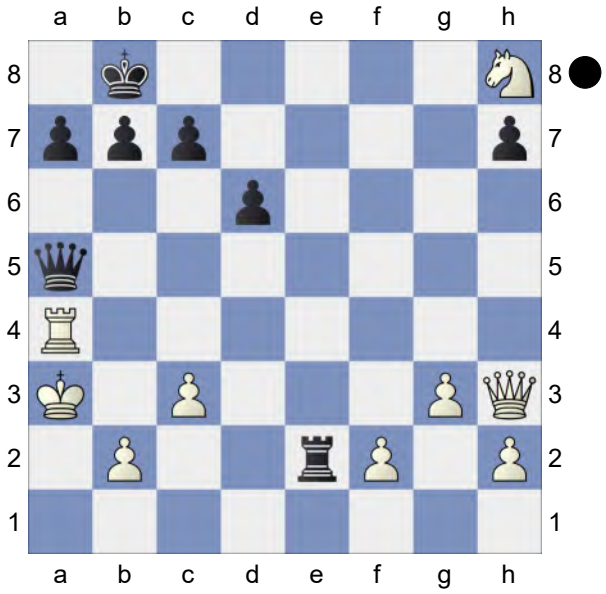
24...Re8! Strongly threatening ...Re2+. **25.Nxh8**

[25.Qg4 Re2+]

25...Re2+ 26.Kb3 Qf1! would now be deadly. **26...Qd1+ 27.Ka2** Threatening mate with Rf8+. **27...Qd5+ 28.Ka3** White threatens Rf8+ and mate.



28...Qa5+ 29.Ra4



Qc5+ 30.Kb3 Qd5+ Black mates. **31.Ka3 Re1**

[Weaker is 31...Rxf2 32.Qd7 *(32.Qxh7?* is the wrong capture. *Rf1-+)* 32...Rf8 33.Rf4 *(33.Qxh7?* loses. *Rf1-+)* 33...Qc5+ *(33...Rxh8 34.Qxh7 Rg8 35.Qe4±)* 34.Ka2 Rxh8 35.Qxh7=]

32.b3 Qc5+ 33.Kb2 Qxf2+ 34.Ka3 Ra1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.03 (flawless)

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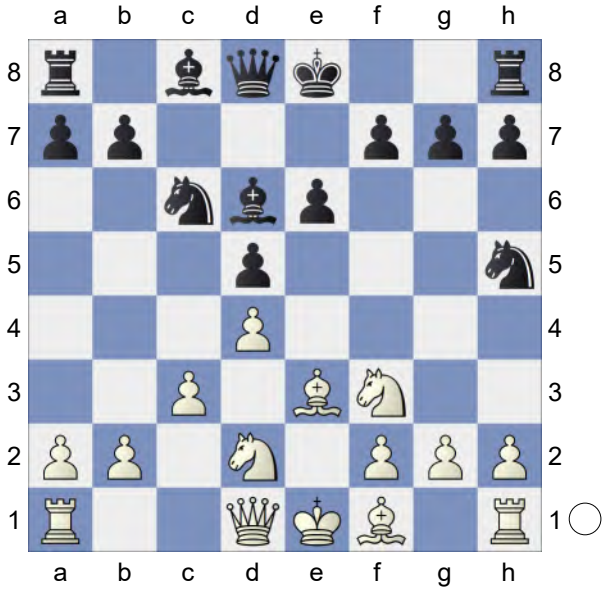
A46
□ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**
■ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (5.64) 7.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 Huzman,A; Vainerman,I: 'Inf 43/36' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N**

[3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4
A) 5...a6 6.g3 *(6.e4 Qc7 7.a3 b6 8.Be3 Bb7 9.f3 Be7 10.Rc1 d6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qd2 Rac8 14.b4 Rfe8 15.Kh1 Qb8 16.Rc2 Bd8 17.Na4 Ne5 18.Bg1 h5 19.Bf2 Ng6 20.c5 b5* ½-½ Skopec,L (2642)-Papadiamandis,E (2632) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (8.1)*)* 6...Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Qxd4 Nfxd5 20.Qxh8 0-1 Adianto,U (2598)-Kasparov,G (2838) EUR-ASIA m 30' Batumi rapid 2001 (5);
B) 5...Bb4 6.Qb3 Bc5 7.Be3 b6 8.f3 Qe7 9.g3 Nc6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Bg2 Na5 12.Qa4 Bb4 13.Bc1 Nxc4 14.0-0 d5 15.Kh1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.Qc2 Rac8 12 Chapter-Games Chapter - 24 Game -]

[3.g3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nd2 Bc5 *(6...b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Nb5 Qc8 9.e4 a6 10.Nc3 d6 11.0-0 Be7 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Rac1 Ra7 16.g4 h6 17.f4 Nh7 18.Nf3 Nhf8 19.g5 Ng6 20.gxh6 Nxf4 21.Qd2* 1-0 Phandsupatavorn,W (2490)-Kulejewski,L (2250) Biel Master Open 2015 *)* 7.N2b3 Be7 8.Qd3 a6 9.Bg2 d6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.Ba5 Qc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rac1 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.e4 Qb8 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.h3 Rc8 1-0 Huzman,A (2435)-Novikov,I (2480) USSR 43/36 1987]

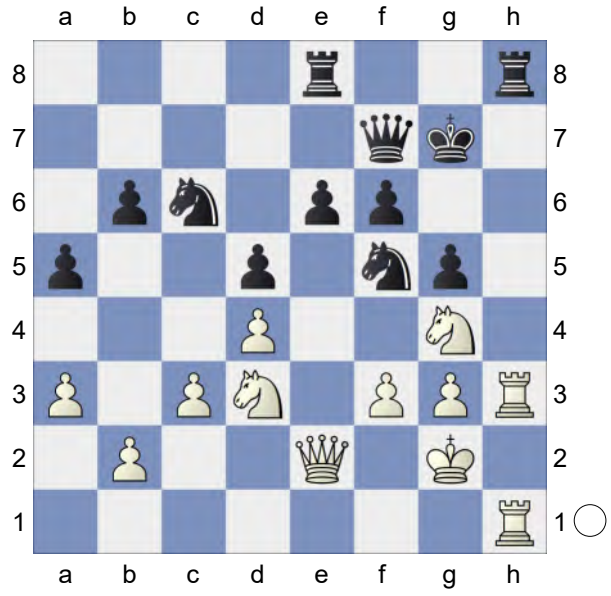
3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 d5 6.c3 cxd4 7.exd4 Nh5 8.Be3 Bd6



Prevents Ne5 **9.Ne5!** White has an edge. **9...g6**
[9...Nf6 10.f4]
10.Nd3 Ng7 11.Be2 -0.10/19
[11.g3 0.26/20 deserves consideration.]
11...0-0= 12.0-0 Qc7 13.g3 Nf5 14.Bf4! b6 15.Re1 Ba6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Nf3 f6 18.a3 Rae8 19.Nb4 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 a5 21.Nd3 g5 22.Rad1 Qd7 23.Kg2 Nd6 0.60/18
[23...Kg7= 0.00/19]
24.h4± h6 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Rh1 Dodges Qh7 **26...Kg7 27.Nh2 Qf7 28.Ng4 Qg6! 29.f3** Prevents Qe4. White is more active. **29...Nf5** 1.15/20 Dodges Rh6
[29...Nf7!± 0.68/20]
30.Rh3 Qf7? 2.79/23

[30...Rh8± 0.84/19]

31.Rdh1 Rh8



Prevents Rh7+. **32.f4!** And now fxg5 would win. **32...Rxh3 33.Rxh3** fxg5 would now be deadly. **33...Rh8?** 3.54/24

[33...Qg6 2.03/18 was necessary. 34.fxg5 fxg5]

34.Rxh8? 0.87/17

[34.fxg5+- 3.54/24 and the rest is easy. Rxh3 35.gxf6+ Qxf6 36.Kxh3 *(36.Nxf6 Rxg3+ 37.Kf2 Kxf6+-)*]

34...Kxh8± 35.fxg5 fxg5 36.Nde5 Nxe5 37.Qxe5+ 0.34/20 Endgame. KQN-KQN

[Don't play 37.dxe5?! Qh5 38.Qf3 Qg6=]

[37.Nxe5± 0.85/23 Qf6 38.Ng4]

37...Kh7!± 38.Qb8 0.00/28

[38.a4± 0.42/20]

38...Nh6= The position is equal. **39.Ne5 Qf5 40.Qc7+ Kh8 41.Qd8+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kg8 43.Qe8+ Kg7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ Kg7 46.Qd7+ Kg8 47.Qb5 Qe4+ 48.Kf2 Qc2+ 49.Qe2 Qf5+ 50.Kg2 a4 51.Qb5 Qe4+ 52.Kf2 Qc2+ 53.Ke1 Qc1+ 54.Kf2** Qe8+ would kill now. **54...Qc2+ 55.Ke1 Qc1+ 56.Kf2** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

C00

□ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**

■ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**

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[Kitty Kat]

B20: Sicilian: Unusual White 2nd moves

1.e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.g3 d5 4.Qe2 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bg2 d4N 0.42/19

[6...Be7= 0.04/18 7.0-0 b6 *(7...b5 8.Re1 0-0 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Nbd2 Nh5 11.Be3 d4 12.Bf4 f6 13.Nf1 Nxf4 14.gxf4 Qc7 15.f5 e5 16.Ng3 Bd6 17.Kh1 Ne7 18.Rg1 Bc6 19.Nh4 Be8 20.Bf3 Kh8 21.Bh5 g6 22.fxg6* 1-0 Hong,A (2572)-Meier,G (2591) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (7)*; 7...0-0 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.Re1 dxe4 10.dxe4 e5 11.c3 Be6 12.Nc4 b5 13.Ne3 Nxe4 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.f4 Qc7 16.Bxe4 c4 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qxb5 Na5 19.Bxa8 Rxa8 20.Nd5 Bc5+ 21.Be3 Bxd5 22.Qxc5* 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2386)-Vallin,G (2430) FRA-ch Accession Aix les Bains 2003 (11)*)* 8.e5 Nd7 9.c4 d4 10.h4 h6 11.h5 Qc7 12.Bf4 Bb7 13.Nbd2 0-0-0 14.Rfe1 Rdg8 15.Ne4 g5 16.hxg6 Rxg6 17.a3 h5 18.b4 Rhg8 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6 Qd8 21.b5 Na5 0-1 Guyot,P-Fauvel,P FRA-ch60 Championnat Clermont Ferrand 1985 (13) 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.Qxe5 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 h4 25.Qe4 Kd7 26.Rh1 Rg4 27.Rh3 Qf6 28.Kf3 Qh8

29.Rah1 f5 30.Qe5 Rxf4+ 31.Qxf4 Rg4 32.Qc1 Qa8+ 33.Ke2 Nb3 34.Qc2 hxg3 35.f3 Rg5 36.Qxb3 f4 1-0 Bologan,V (2680)-Dvirnyy,D (2492) Gibraltar Masters 10th Caleta 2012 (5)]

[6...g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Bg5 dxe4 9.dxe4 Qc7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Rad1 a6 12.Rfe1 C 00/08 2000]

7.e5± Nd7 8.0-0 White is slightly better.

8...Be7 9.h4 0-0 10.Re1 Rb8 11.h5 Qc7 1.02/20

[11...h6= 0.03/20 keeps the balance.]

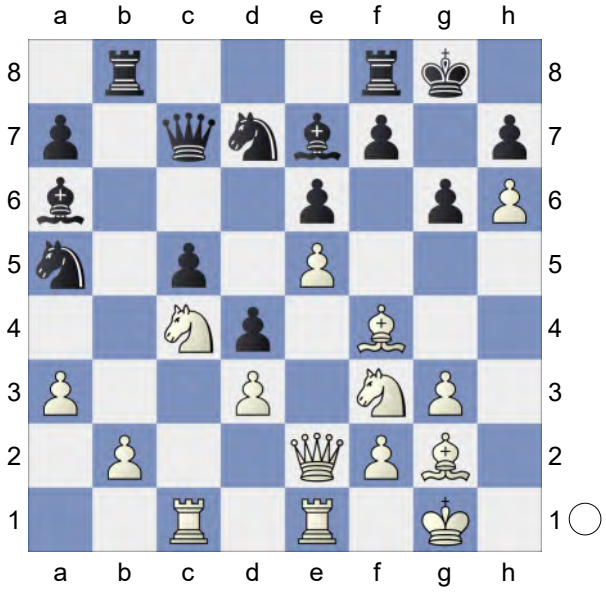
12.h6± g6 13.Bf4 Nb4 1.44/20

[Black should try 13...b5 1.00/19]

14.c4 0.73/21

[⌓14.c3 1.44/20 Nd5 15.Bd2 *(15.cxd4 Nxf4 16.gxf4 cxd4±)*]

14...b5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Nbd2 bxc4 17.Nxc4 Ba6 18.Rac1 Na5



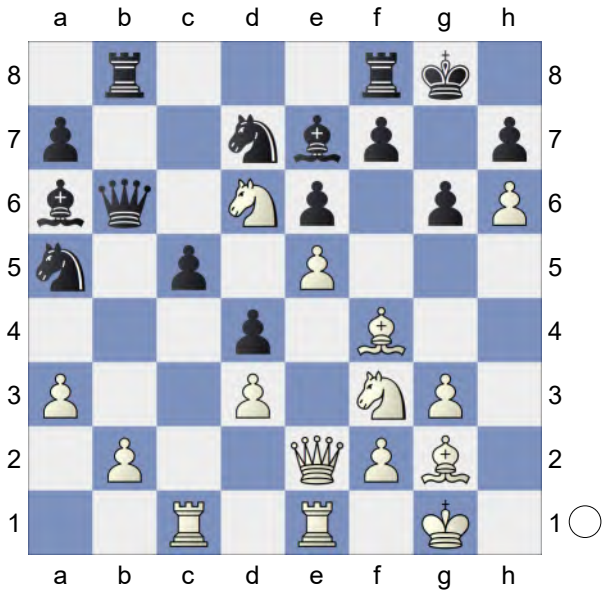
19.Nd6 0.82/19

[White should play 19.Nxa5! 1.21/20 Qxa5 20.b4]

19...Qb6 1.84/20

[19...Nb3± 0.82/19 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)



20.Bg5!+- Bxg5

[20...Bxd6 21.exd6 Nb3 22.Rcd1]

21.Nxg5 Qxb2 2.89/20

[21...Qd8 1.89/19 was worth a try.]

22.Qf3 Qb6 23.Nge4 Hoping for Nf6+.

[Don't play 23.Ngxf7 Nb7 24.Qc6 *(24.Rb1 Qc7+-)* 24...Nxd6 25.Nxd6 Rbd8+-]

[23.Ndxf7 Nb3 24.Rc2 c4∓]

23...Qd8 24.Nxc5 Nxc5 25.Rxc5 f5 26.Qd1 Strongly threatening Qc2.

[26.exf6 Rxf6 27.Qe4 Qxd6±]

26...Qb6? 6.29/21

[26...Nb3 2.71/18 27.Rc6 Qa5]

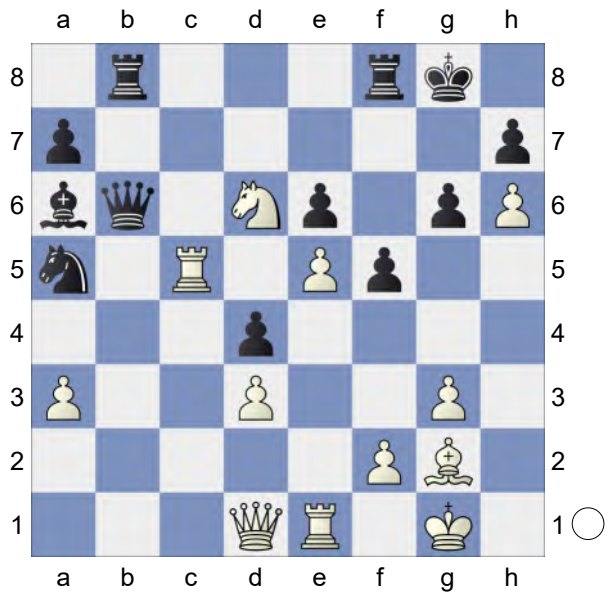
(Diagram)

27.Qa4! Threatening mate with Qd7! Double Attack **27...Qxc5**

[27...Bc8 28.Qxa5]

28.Qd7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.70

1-0



D35

□ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
■ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**
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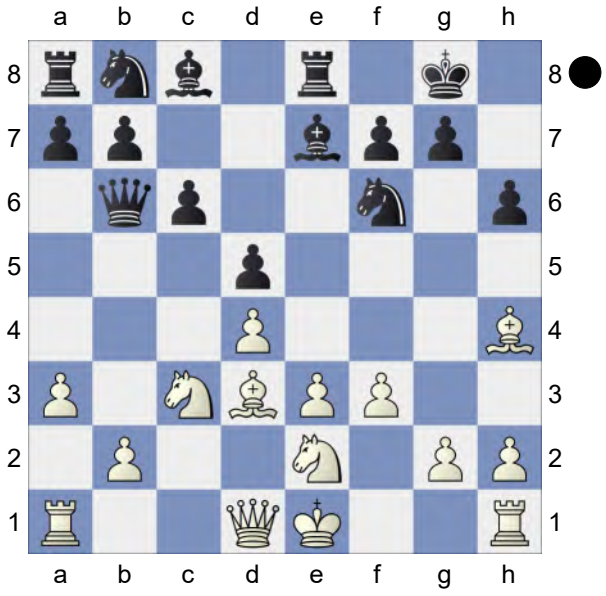
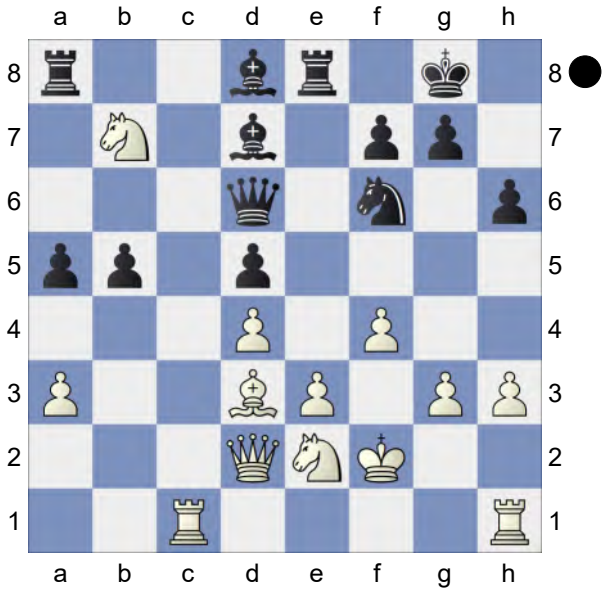
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.f3**
[9.Nge2 Re8 *(9...Ne8 10.Bg3 Nd6 11.Qc2 Re8 12.0-0 Bf8 13.Rfe1 a5 14.h3 Na6 15.a3 Nc7 16.Be5 Ne6 17.f4 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Rad1 f6 20.d5 cxd5 21.Rxd5 Qb6 22.Qg6 fxe5 23.Qxe8 Nc7 24.Qxe5* 1-0 Maghsoodloo,P (2732)-Lobanov,S (2506) Aktobe Dvorkovich op 2024 (2) *)* 10.0-0 a5 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.h3 Nh5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.g4 Nhf6 15.Ng3 Nf8 16.Qf3 g6 17.Rce1 Bd7 18.Qg2 c5 19.dxc5 Bc6 20.Nb5 d4 21.e4 Ne6 22.Nd6 Rf8 23.Bc4 Nxc5 0-1 Seebacher,O (2594)-C 10/13 (2701) EU-ch rapid Tallinn 2019 (7)]
9...Re8 10.Nge2 Qb6N 0.68/18
[10...b5= 0.24/20]
[10...Nbd7 11.0-0 b5 *(11...Nf8 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.h3 N6h7 14.Bf2 Rc8 15.Kh1 Bd6 16.Rae1 Bb8 17.Ng1 Nf6 18.f4 c5 19.dxc5 Ne6 20.b4 b6 21.Ba6 Rc6 22.Bh4 g5 23.fxg5 hxg5 24.Bb5 gxh4 25.Bxc6 Bxc6 26.b5* 0-1 Ponkratov,P (2515)-Pina,J (2610) 115/(70) Toshkent 2012 (8) *Nh5 27.Nge2 Qc7 28.Kg1 Qh2+ 29.Kf2 d4 30.bxc6 dxc3 31.Qa4 Nxc5 32.Qg4+ Ng7 33.Rd1 Qe5 34.Qf3 c2 35.Rd4 Ne4+ 36.Rxe4 Qxe4 37.Qxe4 Rxe4 38.Nd4 Ne6 39.Nxc2 Rc4* 0-1 Zhu,C (2515)-Portisch,L (2610) Hostdans Veterans-Women Copenhagen 1997 (8)*)* 12.Bf2 Nb6 13.Ng3 Bd7 14.Rc1 Nc4 15.Bxc4 bxc4 16.h3 Bd6 17.e4 Bxg3 18.Bxg3 dxe4 19.fxe4 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Rxe4 21.Rxf7 Be6 22.Rf4 Qd5 23.Qd2 Qg5 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 ½-½ Bernadskiy,V (2570)-Sargissian,G (2711) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (6.6)]
11.a3 -0.75/17
[11.0-0± 0.68/18 stays ahead.]



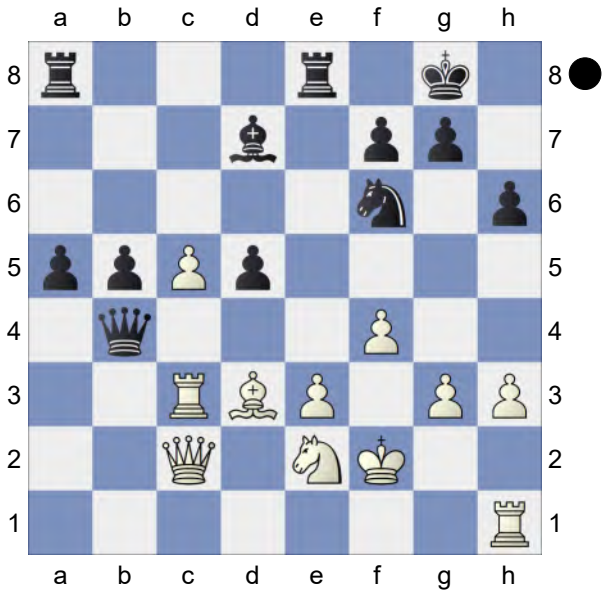
11...Ng4!∓ Discovered Attack **12.Bf2**
[12.Bxe7? Nxe3 13.Qd2 Rxe7∓]
12...Nxf2 13.Kxf2 Bh4+
[13...Qxb2? 14.Na4+-]
14.g3 Bg5 15.f4 Bd8 16.Qd2 Nd7↑
Black has some pressure. **17.Rac1 Nf6**
18.h3 D o d g e s N g 4 + **18...Bd7**
Black is more active. **19.b4** -1.84/17
[19.Na4∓ -0.79/20 was called for. Qc7 20.Nc5]
19...a5-+ 20.Na4 Qc7 21.b5 Qd6
22.Nc5 cxb5 23.Nxb7

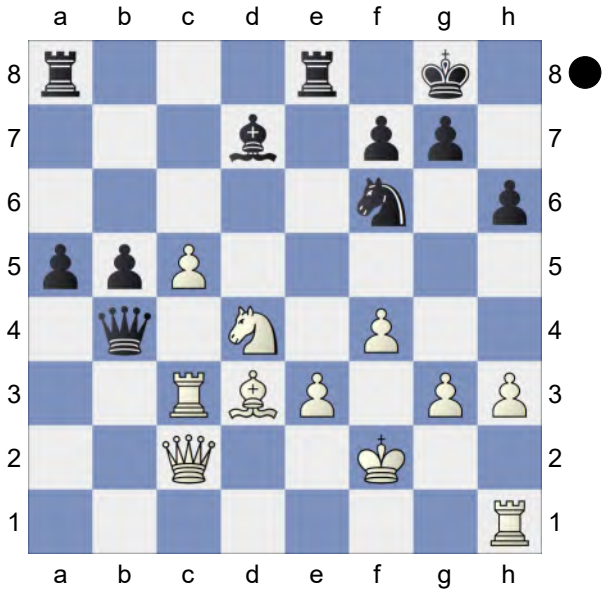


Qxa3 -0.59/17
[23...Qe7!∓ -1.54/18 ...a4 would now b e d e a d l y. 24.Nc5 b4 25.axb4 axb4]
24.Nc5∓ Ra1 is the strong threat.
24...Be7! 25.Rc3 -1.33/20
[25.Nxd7∓ -0.62/23 Nxd7 26.Ra1]
25...Qb4∓ Strongly threatening ...Bxc5.
26.Qc2 -1.80/21
[26.Nxd7∓ -1.27/21 Nxd7 27.Qc2 *(27.Rb1 Qd6±)*]
26...Bxc5-+ 27.dxc5

(Diagram)

d4! 28.Nxd4





Rxe3 -0.49/18
[28...Nd5!!-+ -1.95/21 29.Rb3 Nxe3]
29.Kxe3?? -4.61/20 White does not recover from this.
[White must play 29.Bh7+∓ -0.49/18 Nxh7 30.Rxe3]
29...Nd5+ Deflection, Double Attack
30.Kd2 Qxd4 31.Re1 Dodges Qe3+
31...Nb4
[31...Qxc3+? 32.Qxc3 Nxc3 33.Kxc3-+]
[But not 31...Bxh3 32.Rb3 Bg4 33.Re4 Qf2+ 34.Kc1 Qg1+

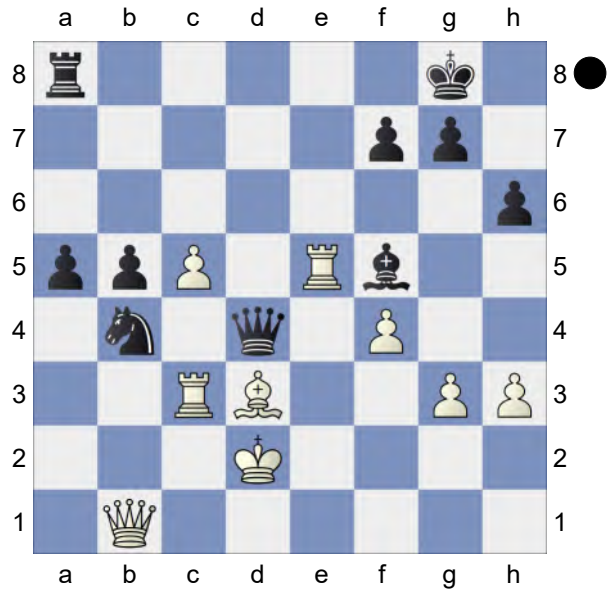
(34...Qxg3 35.Re8+ Rxe8 36.Bh7+ Discovered Attack *Kh8 37.Rxg3±)* 35.Kb2-+]

32.Qb1 Bf5 Wards off Re4. aiming for ... Rd8!

[32...Bxh3 33.Re4 Qd5 34.c6∓]

33.Re5 -6.61/20

[⌓33.c6 -4.30/17]



33...Rd8! 34.Rxf5 Hoping for Re5.

[34.Qe1 Nxd3]

34...Qf2+ 35.Kc1 Na2+ 36.Qxa2 Qxa2 37.c6 b4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.93/Black=0.14 (very precise)

0-1

A15

□ **Wafa,Hamed** **2359**

■ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**

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[Kitty Kat]

E62: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...c6 and Panno Variation (6...Nc6) without ... a6 **1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.h3 Nc6 7.Nf3 e5 8.Be3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.0-0** White is slightly better. **10...Re8 11.Qd2 Nxd4N**

[11...Qc8 12.Kh2 h5 13.Nf3 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Rad1 c6 16.Bg5 Be6 17.b3 Qc7 18.Qe3 a5 19.Rd2 Nh7 20.Bh6 Rad8 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rfd1 Rxd2 23.Rxd2 Nf6 24.Na4 Re7 25.Qc5 Rd7 26.Rxd7 1-0 Lenderman,A (2572)-Harika,D (2507) PRO League Prelim Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (5.3) Nxd7 27.Qe7 Qc8 28.Nc5 Nxc5 29.Qxc5 Qc7 30.h4 f6 31.a3 Qd8 32.b4 axb4 33.axb4 Kf7 34.Qa7 Qe7 35.c5 Bc4 36.e3 Qd7 37.Qb8 Kg7 38.Bh3 Qe7 39.Qc8 f5 40.Qb8 Be2 41.Qa7 1-0 Lommers,F (2572)-Kunz,H (2507) Budapest FS09 GM 2023 (5.3)]

12.Bxd4 Bc6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.cxd5 Nd7 0.86/24

[14...Ne4± 0.45/23 15.Bxe4 Rxe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7]

15.Bxg7± Kxg7 16.Rac1 Kg8 17.Qc2 Rc8 18.b4 0.36/22

[18.e3± 0.73/23]

18...Nf6 0.79/23

[18...a5± 0.36/22 is more appropriate.]

19.Rfd1 Qd7 1.23/22

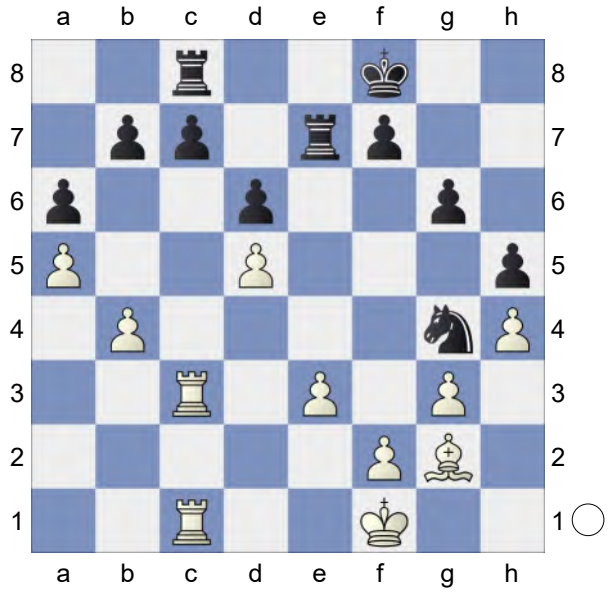
[Black should play 19...a5 0.79/21]

20.Qb2 Qf5 21.Rd4 Strongly threatening Rf4. **21...Qe5 22.e3 Re7 23.a4 h5 24.Qb3 Nd7 25.a5 a6 26.Rdc4 Nf6 27.Qd3 Qb2 28.Rb1 Qe5 29.Rd4 Nd7 30.Rc1 Qf6 31.Qc3 Ne5 32.Rf4** Repels Nf3+ **32...Qg7 33.h4** White is more active. **33...Ng4 34.Qd2 Qe5** 1.50/22

[⌓34...f5 0.82/19]

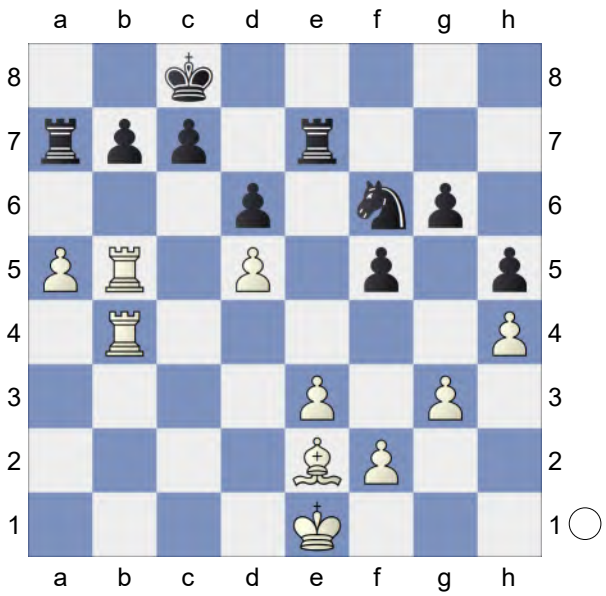
35.Bf3 Nf6 36.Rfc4 Qf5 37.Kg2 Qe5 38.Qd1 Kh7 39.Qd3 Kg8 40.Rb1 0.87/19

[⌓40.R1c2 1.44/21]
40...Nd7 1.40/19
[⌓40...Rb8 0.87/19]
41.Rbc1 0.91/20
[⌓41.Qc2 1.40/19]
41...Qb2 42.Qc3 0.41/19 Dodges Ne5
[White should try 42.Qd1± 1.01/20]
42...Qxc3± 43.R4xc3 Nf6 44.Kf1 Kf8 45.Bg2 Ng4 0.84/23
[45...Ne4= 0.26/20 46.R3c2 f5]



46.Rb1 0.12/22
[46.e4!± 0.84/23]
46...Ra8 0.85/21
[46...f5= 0.12/22 remains equal.]
47.Ke1 0.21/22
[47.Rbc1± 0.85/21]
47...f5= 48.Bf3 Nf6 49.Rbc1 Rc8 50.Rb3 Ra8 51.b5 axb5 52.Rxb5 Ra7 53.Rc4 Ke8 54.Rcb4 Kd7 55.Be2 Kc8? 1.75/17
[55...Re4= -0.27/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 56.Rd4 *(56.Rxb7 Rxa5 57.Rb1 Nxd5∓)* 56...Re8]

(Diagram)



56.Rxb7!!+- Deflection **56...Nxd5?** 3.94/25 A mistake that costs the game.
[56...Rxb7± 1.59/23 57.Ba6 Pin Kb8 *(57...c5 58.dxc6* Pin *Kb8 59.cxb7+-)* 58.Rxb7+ *(58.Bxb7 Ka7+-)* 58...Ka8]
[56...Rxa5 57.Rb8+]
57.Rxa7 Nxb4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **58.a6 Re5 59.Ra8+ Kd7 60.Rb8 Nxa6 61.Bxa6** KRB-KR **61...Ke7 62.Bd3 Ra5 63.Ke2 d5 64.Rg8** White is clearly winning. **64...Kf7 65.Rc8 c5 66.Rc7+ Kf6** 9.00/21
[⌓66...Kf8 4.35/21 67.Kd2 Ke8]
67.Rc6+ Kf7 68.Ra6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

A45
□ **Garv,Rai** **2277**
■ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
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[Kitty Kat]

A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (2.1)]

2...e6N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation]

3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.exd4 b6 6.Nbd2 Ba6 7.Bxa6 Nxa6 8.c3 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.h3 0-0 10.a4 Nc7 11.0-0 d6 12.Bh2 Qd7 13.Qe2 a6 14.Rfc1** -0.09/22

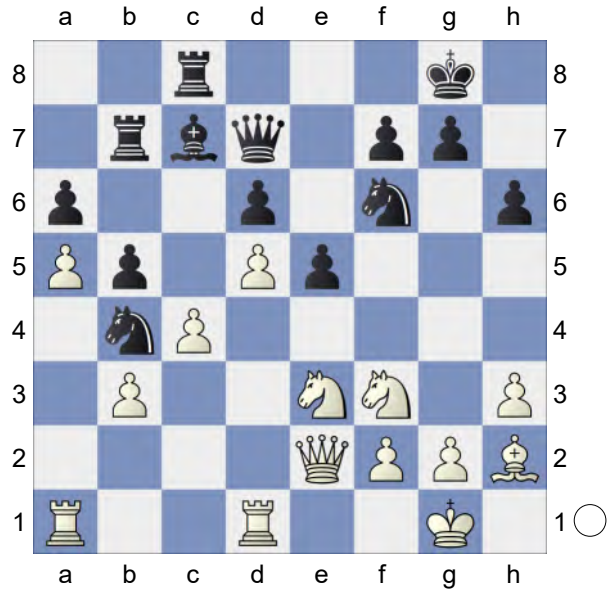
[⌓14.c4 0.27/19]

14...b5 15.a5 Ncd5 16.b3 Rfc8 17.c4 Nb4 18.Nf1 Rab8 19.Ne3 Rb7 20.Qd1 Bd8 21.Qe2 h6 22.Rd1 Bc7 0.37/19

[22...Ne4∓ -0.37/21 23.Qe1 bxc4 24.bxc4 Qe8]

23.d5± e5 1.45/19

[23...bxc4± 0.47/18 24.bxc4 exd5]



24.c5!± dxc5 25.d6 0.98/19

[Better is 25.Nxe5+- 1.83/26 Bxe5 26.Bxe5 Nfxd5 27.Rxd5]

25...Bxd6 Threatens to win with ...Qe6.

26.Bxe5 Ne8 27.Bxd6 -0.45/18

[27.Rxd6!= 0.18/24 Nxd6 28.Rd1]

27...Nxd6∓ 28.Qd2 -0.95/19

[28.Nd5!∓ -0.54/21 was preferrable. Nxd5 29.Rxd5]

28...Rd8∓ 29.Qc3 Qc8 White must now prevent ...Rbd7. **30.Rac1?** -3.00/21

[30.Qe5∓ -0.73/19 Rbd7 31.Rac1]

30...Ne4 31.Qe5 Re8↑ Black is really pushing. **32.Qh5** -2.15/21

[⌓32.Qf4 -1.71/20]

32...Qe6 ...Nxf2! is the strong threat.

33.Qg4 -2.77/17

[⌓33.Rxc5 -1.89/19 Nxc5 *(33...Qxb3 34.Re5=)* 34.Qxc5]

33...Qxg4-+

[33...Qxb3 34.Nd2 *(34.Nf5? Qb2-+)* 34...Nxd2 35.Rxd2±]

34.hxg4 Nc6 35.Ra1 Rd8 36.Rxd8+ Nxd8 37.Ne5 f6 -0.65/18

[37...Nc3-+ -2.10/21 aiming for ...Ne6. 38.Nf5 g6 39.Nxh6+ Kg7]

38.Rd1!∓ Ne6 39.Nc6 Rc7? 2.72/20

[39...c4∓ -0.59/22 keeps the upper hand. 40.bxc4 b4]

(Diagram)

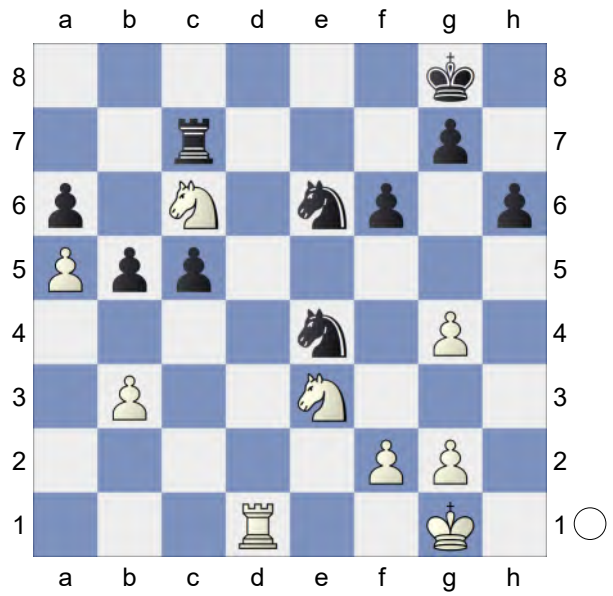
40.Nd5!+- Rf7

[But not 40...Rxc6 41.Ne7+ Kh7 42.Nxc6+-]

[40...Rb7 41.Re1]

41.Re1 Nd2 42.Rxe6 Nxb3 43.Nce7+ Discovered Attack **43...Kh7 44.Rxa6 c4 45.Rc6 Nxa5 46.Rc5 Nb3 47.Rxb5 g6 48.Rb4** White is clearly winning.

48...Nd2 49.Rb6 f5 50.Rxg6 Rf8 51.Nf6+ Kh8 52.Nxf5 Weighted Error



Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

A15
□ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar** **2241**
■ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
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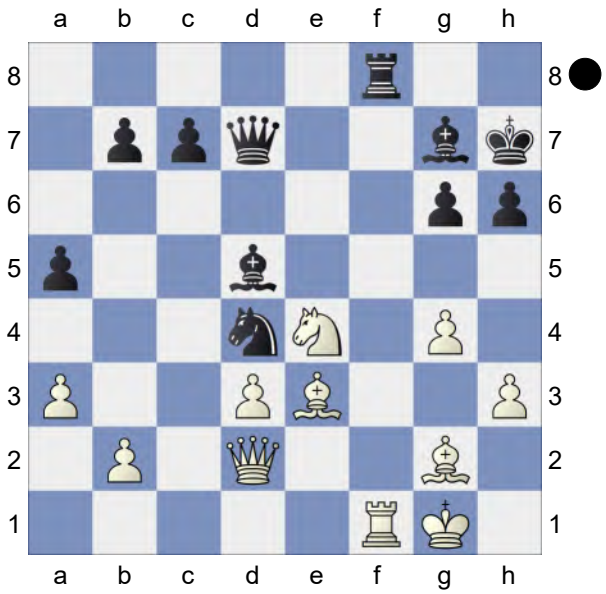
[Kitty Kat]

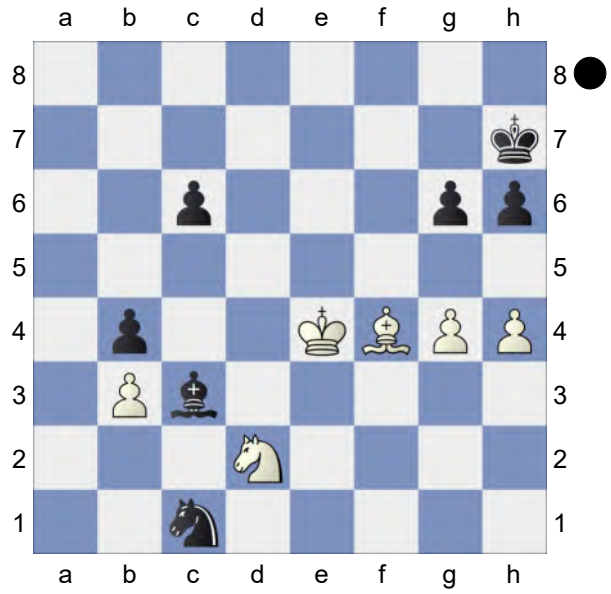
A16: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...d5
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 e5 5.g3N
[5.Nxe5 0-0 6.Nf3 Re8 7.d3 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 Bg4 *(9...Qd6 10.Rc1 c5 11.Be2 Nf4 12.0-0 Bg4 13.Bxf4 Qxf4 14.Nd2 Be6 15.g3 Qd6 16.f4* 4b) Anti-Grunfeld: 3...Bg7 4.-Anti-Grunfeld: 4...e5: 5...O-Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 10.Be2 Quickstarter-Anti-Grunfeld 3...Bg7,4 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nb4 12.Be3 N8c6 13.h4 Nd4 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.a3 Na6 16.b4 c6 17.f4 4b) Anti-Grunfeld: 3... Bg7 4.-Anti-Grunfeld: 4...e5: 5...O-Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
5...0-0 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.d3 d6 8.h3 White has an edge. **8...Ne8 9.0-0 f5 10.exf5 Bxf5 11.Nd5 Nf6 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Ne4 Qe7 15.g4** -0.21/22
[15.Be3± 0.40/21]
15...Be6 16.Be3 a5 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.f4 exf4 20.Rxf4 Rxf4 21.Bxf4 Rf8 22.Rf1 d5 23.cxd5 Bxd5 24.a3 -0.51/19
[24.Bxh6= -0.15/19 should be considered. Rxf1+ *(24...Bxh6 25.Rxf8 Bxe4 26.Rh8+* Skewer, Decoy *Kxh8 27.Qxh6+ Kg8 28.Bxe4±)* 25.Bxf1 *(25.Kxf1?* loses. *Bxe4 26.dxe4 Qf7+ 27.Qf4 Qc4+ 28.Kg1 Bxh6-+)*]
24...Nd4∓ 25.Be3



Rxf8 would now be deadly. **25...Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qf7+** -0.19/19
[26...Bc6∓ -0.56/18 is more appropriate.]
27.Qf2= Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 c6 29.Nd6 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Endgame. KBN-KBN
30...Nc2 31.Bd2 b5 32.b3 Bf8 -0.16/22
[32...Nd4!∓ -0.65/25 33.Bxa5 Nxb3]

33.Ne4 b4 34.axb4 axb4 Threatens to win with ...Nd4. **35.Bf4 Ne1+ 36.Kf2 Nxd3+ 37.Ke3 Nc1 38.Nd2 Bg7 39.Ke4 Bc3 40.h4** -1.00/24

[40.Be3= -0.10/27 was the only way to keep the balance.]



40...c5 -0.07/21 Black is more active.

[40...h5!∓ -1.00/24 41.gxh5 gxh5]

41.Nb1? -2.85/23 This move loses the game for White.

[41.Kd5= -0.07/21]

41...Nxb3-+ And now ...Be1 would win. **42.Kd5 Be1 43.Kc4 Nd4 44.h5** -3.61/29

[44.Bd6 -2.55/16 is a better defense.]

44...g5 45.Bd6 Ne6 Strongly threatening ...Kg7. **46.Kd5?** -4.48/25

[46.Kd3 -2.18/20 is the only way for White.]

46...Kg8 Black is clearly winning. **47.Kxe6** -7.00/22

[⌓47.Kc4 -4.28/21 Kg7 48.Kd3]

47...c4 48.Kd5 c3 White must now prevent ...c2. **49.Nxc3 bxc3 50.Ba3 c2 51.Ke4 Bd2 52.Kf5 Kf7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.07 (flawless)

0-1

C84

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**

■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**

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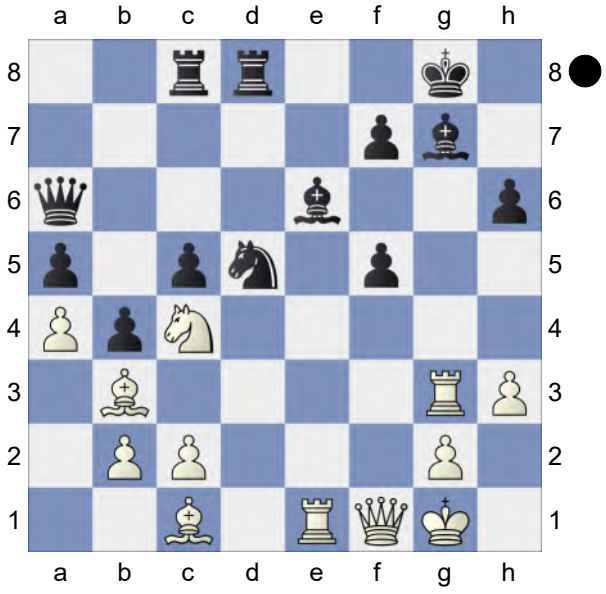
[Kitty Kat]

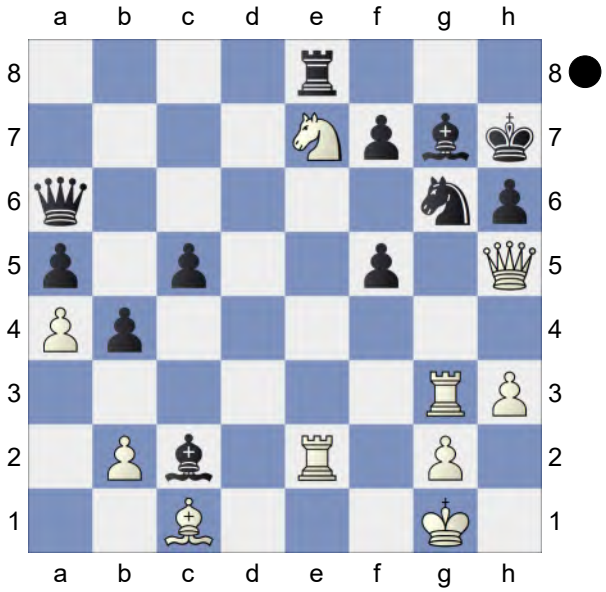
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 a5N**

[8...0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 *(9...Nb8 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 21.bxc3 cxd4 22.cxd4 exd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4* ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1) *)* 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 *(11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 f5* Modern Line 8. a3 Part 1-B3 *)* 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Ng4 *(13...Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 Nd4 17.Ne3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bg5 19.Nd5 Rfb8 20.Qg3 Qd8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Rc2 Rc8 23.Rc6 Rxa3 24.Qg4 Rxd3 25.g3 Ra8 26.h4 Rxd5 27.exd5 Bd2 28.Rd1* ½-½ Novik (2668)-Delmarko,D (2706) (ol) 34/66 Luzern 1982 (8)*)* 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Bg5 Ng4 16.Bd2 Nf6 ½-½ Fieberg,S (2151)-Kastanieda,G (2160) Copenhagen 2002 (9)]

9.a4 b4 10.Nbd2 White has an edge. **10...0-0 11.Re1 Rb8 12.h3 h6 13.Nc4 Be6 14.Be3 Qc8 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Bxd4** Threatens to win with e5. **17...Qa6 18.Qd3** -0.21/22
[18.e5 0.22/23 is superior. dxe5 19.Nxe5 *(19.Rxe5 Rbd8∓)*]
18...c5= 19.Be3 Rbc8
[19...Nxe4!? 20.Nxa5 *(20.Qxe4? d5-+* Deflection, Double Attack*)* 20...Qa8-+]
20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.Bc1 Bf8 22.Qf1 g6 23.f4 d5 24.f5 -0.80/22
[24.exd5!= -0.28/21 Nxd5 25.g4]
24...gxf5∓ 25.exd5 Nxd5 -0.26/19
[25...Rxd5∓ -0.87/21 26.Rxd5 Nxd5]
26.Rd3= Bg7 27.Rg3 -1.31/18
[27.Red1!= -0.11/17 keeps the balance.]



27...Kh7!∓ 28.Qf3 Ne7 White must now prevent ...Ng6. **29.Qh5** -2.60/22 Loses the game.
[29.Rxg7+? Kxg7 30.Qf4 Ng8-+ *(30...Ng6 31.Qxh6+ Kg8 32.Bg5+-)*]
[29.Ne5∓ -0.99/20 c4 30.Ba2]
29...Ng6-+ 30.Nb6 Bxb3
[30...Qxb6 31.Rxe6 Rd6 32.Bxh6 Rxe6 *(32...Bxh6? 33.Rgxg6+-)* 33.Be3+ Kg8 34.Qxf5-+]
31.Nxc8 Bxc2 A strong pair of Bishops.
[31...Bxa4 32.Ne7 f4 33.Bxf4 Bxc2 34.Kh2∓]
32.Ne7 Re8
[32...Bxa4? 33.Bxh6+- *(33.Nxf5 Rd5+-; 33.Qxf5 Qf6∓; 33.Nxf5 Rd5+-; 33.Qxf5 Qf6=)*]
33.Re2? -4.86/18
[33.Bg5 -3.00/20]



33...f4 Black is clearly winning.
[Don't do 33...Rxe7 34.Rxe7 Nxe7 35.Qxf7]
[Worse is 33...Bxa4 34.Bxh6±]
[Don't play 33...Bd1 34.Nxg6 Bxe2 *(34...Qxe2 35.Qxf5 Qe4 36.Qxf7=; 34...Rxe2? 35.Nf8+ Kg8 36.Qxh6-+)* 35.Nf8+ Rxf8 *(35...Bxf8 36.Qxf7+ Kh8 37.Rg8#)* 36.Qxf5+ Kh8 37.Rxg7 Remove Defender Kxg7 38.Qe5+ Kg8 39.Kh2]
34.Bxf4 Nxf4 35.Rxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qg4+ Ng6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

A09

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** 2801
■ **Paravyan,David** 2620
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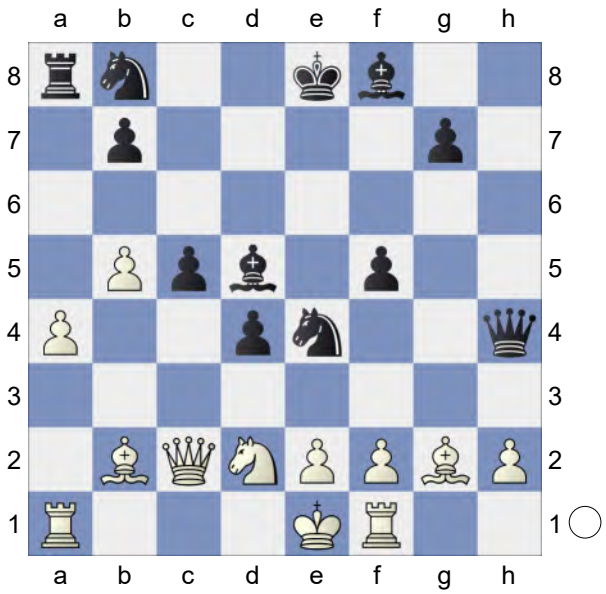
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4 **1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 c5 4.Bb2 Nf6 5.g3 h5N**
[5...Qc7 6.Bg2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 *(7...cxb4 8.e3 Bg4 9.exd4 exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12.Qxb4 Nc6 13.Qb3 Na5 14.Qc2 Qxc4 15.Na3 Qb4 16.Qb1 Qd6 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Nab5 Bxb5 19.Nf5 Bd3 20.Nxd6 Bxb1 21.Rxe7 Bg6 22.Bc3* 0-1 Frolov,D (2401)-Korotylev,A (2565) RUS-ch qual 57th Tomsk 2004 (3) *)* 8.b5 Ne7 9.e3 Ng6 10.exd4 *(10.d3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Nbd2 h6 13.a4 Bf5 14.a5 Rad8 15.Ra3 Rfe8 16.e4 Be6 17.Rb1 Qd7 18.Kf1 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 20.Ke1 Nh7 21.Qf1 Qxf1+ 22.Kxf1 h5 23.Nb3 Nhf8 24.Raa1 Ne6* ½-½ Ferri,S (2732)-Mu,K (2663) 4647 Hastings 1946 (3.2)*)* 10...exd4 11.d3 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.a4 Bf5 14.Qc2 Bd6 15.Nbd2 h6 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Be6 18.Nd2 Rae8 19.f4 Nxf4 20.gxf4 0-1 Mekhitarian,K (2554)-Deac,B (2690) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (10)]
[5...Nbd7 6.bxc5 e5 7.Bg2 Bxc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.e3 dxe3 10.fxe3 Re8 11.Qc2 h6 12.Nc3 Bd6 13.Nh4 a6 14.Rad1 Bf8 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Nf6 17.Rxf6 gxf6 18.Qg6+ Bg7 19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Bxe8 1-0 Duda,J (2732)-Maghsoodloo,P (2742) Wch Blitz Samarkand 2023 (21)]
6.Qa4+ Bd7 7.b5 h4 Deflection **8.Nxh4** The position is equal. **8...e5 9.d3 e4** Dodges Nf3. Threatens to win with ...Rxh4! **10.dxe4** 0.00/22
[10.Bg2± 0.54/20]
10...Rxh4= 11.gxh4 Nxe4 12.Bg2 -0.51/18
[12.Nd2!= 0.00/22 Nxf2 Decoy 13.Kxf2 Qxh4+ 14.Kg1 Qg5+ 15.Kf2 Qh4+ 16.Kg1 Qg5+ 17.Kf2 Qh4+]
12...Qxh4∓ 13.Rf1 f5 0.51/20
[13...Bf5!∓ -0.45/22]
14.Qc2± Hoping for Nd2. **14...a6! 15.a4 axb5** 1.06/22
[15...Be6± 0.52/21]
16.cxb5±
[Don't do 16.axb5 Rxa1 17.Bxa1 Be6±]
16...Be6 17.Nd2 Bd5



18.a5 0.37/17
[Better is 18.e3!± 0.79/19]
18...g6 0.86/19
[18...Nd7± 0.37/17]
19.Ra3 c4? 2.26/22
[Black should play 19...Nd7!± 0.66/18]
20.Rh3 Qg4 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.Rg3 Skewer **22...Bb4+ 23.Kd1 Qe6 24.Bxd4** Strongly threatening Re3. **24...Rxa5** White must now prevent ...c3.

25.Bc3 0.97/18
[⌓25.Re3 1.33/21 Nd7 26.Bxe4]
25...Qd6 1.65/19
[25...Rxb5± 0.97/18 might work better. 26.Bxb4 Rxb4]
26.Kc1+- Rd1 would now be deadly.
26...Rxb5 2.99/18
[26...Ba3+ 1.72/19 keeps fighting. 27.Bb2 Nd7]
27.Bxb4
[27.Bxe4? Ba3+-+]
27...Qxb4 28.Bxe4
[28.Rxg6? is the wrong capture. c3-+]
28...c3 29.Bxg6+ Ke7 30.Rxc3
[30.Qxc3? perishes. Rc5 31.Re3+ Kd6-+]
30...Nc6 31.Qd2 Qa4 (→ ...Qa1+)
32.Qe3+? 1.42/15
[32.Qg5++- 3.56/18 Kd6 33.Qf6+ Kc7 34.Kd2]
32...Kf6? 4.22/16
[32...Be6± 1.42/15 was necessary.]
33.Bc2 Qa1+ 34.Kd2 Qxf1 7.57/15
[⌓34...Qa5 5.01/16 35.Qf4+ Ke7]
35.Qf4+ Ke7 36.Re3+ Be6 37.Qc7+ Kf6 38.Rf3+ Bf5 39.Bxf5 Threatening mate with Qd6+. **39...Ne5 40.Qd8+** White mates. **40...Kf7**

(Diagram)

41.Be6+! Decoy **41...Kxe6**
[41...Kg7 42.Qg8+]
42.Rf6# Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.59
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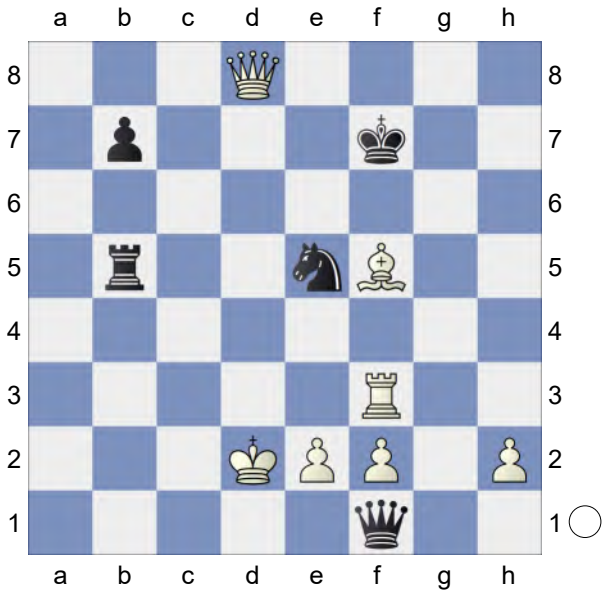

E18
□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
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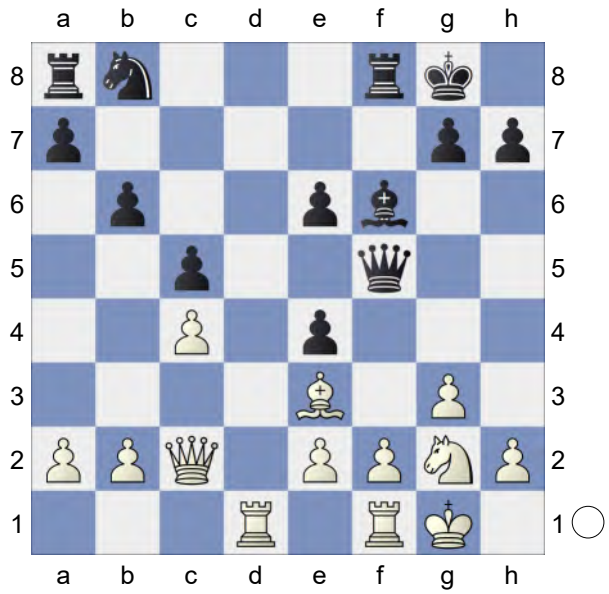
[Kitty Kat]

E18: Queen's Indian: Old Main Line (4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nc3) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Bd2 f5 9.Ne5 d6** And now ...Nxc3! would win.
[9...Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Bf6 12.Qd3 d5 13.Rfd1 Qd6 14.Qf3 c6 15.Rac1 Nd7 16.Bb4 Nxe5 17.Bxd6 Nxf3 18.Bxf8 Nxd4 19.e3 Ne2 20.Rc2 Kxf8 21.Rxe2 Ke7 22.Rc2 Kd6 23.b4 a5 24.cxd5 ½-½ Ivanchuk,V (2766)-Carlsen,M (2835) Tata Steel-A 74th Wijk aan Zee 2012 (2)]
10.Nd3 Qe8 11.Nxe4N White is slightly better.
[11.d5 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 e5 13.e3 *(13.b4)* 13...Nd7 14.f4 e4 15.Nf2 Bf6 *(15...a6 16.Rac1 Bc8 17.Kh1*

Bf6 18.Rg1 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Nf6 20.Bf1 c5 21.dxc6 Qxc6 22.Be2 Rd8 23.Rc2 Be6 24.g4 Rac8 25.gxf5 Bxf5 26.Qd4 d5 27.b4 Kf7 28.c5 g6 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2304)-Janisch,M (2233) corr L22K1-H(1-3) freechess.de 2023) 16.g4 g6 17.Kh1 Nc5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.Bh3 Kh8 20.Bxf5 Bc8 21.Bxc8 Rxc8 22.Rg1 a5 23.Rg4 Qh5 24.Rag1 Rce8 25.Nb5 Rg8 1-0 Lazavik,D (2572)-Durarbayli,V (2627) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (5)]

11...Bxe4 12.Bxe4 fxe4 13.Nf4 Bg5 14.Ng2 Bf6 15.Be3 c5 16.dxc5 dxc5 17.Qc2 Qg6 18.Rad1 Qf5 0.68/18

[Better is 18...Nc6= 0.00/19]



19.h3 -0.28/24 **h5 20.Nf4** -0.70/20

[20.Qa4= -0.08/21]

20...Nc6∓ 21.b3 -1.44/23

[21.Qa4∓ -0.58/19 Nd4 22.Kg2]

21...Rae8 22.h4 -1.96/20

[22.f3∓ -1.13/21 might work better. exf3 23.Qxf5 exf5 24.Rxf3]

22...Bd4? -0.06/19

[22...e5-+ -1.96/20 23.Nd5 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4]

23.Ng2 -1.87/20

[23.Kg2!= -0.06/19]

23...Qg4 -1.06/18

[23...e5-+ -1.87/20 24.Qd2 Rf7 25.Bxd4 exd4]

24.Kh2 -2.22/20

[24.Rd2∓ -1.06/18]

24...e5-+ 25.Qd2 Rf5 26.Ne1 Ref8 ...Rxf2+ is the strong threat. **27.f3 exf3** -1.28/19

[Black should play 27...Qg6-+ -1.75/22 28.Bg5 exf3 29.exf3 Nd8 30.Bxd8 Rxd8]

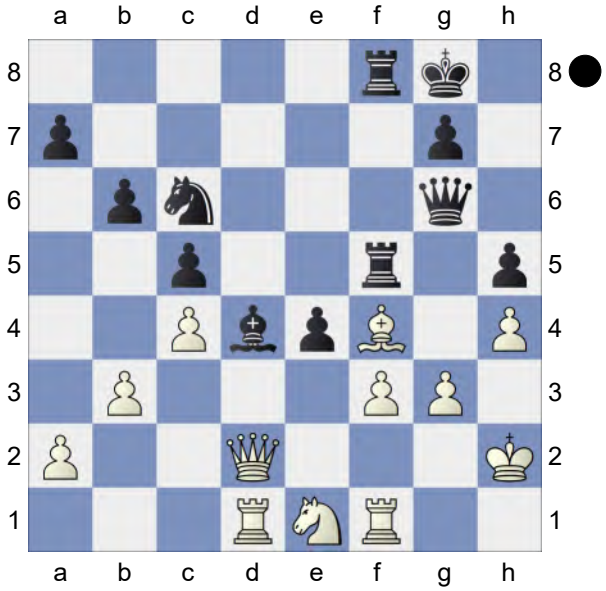
28.exf3∓ Qg6 Black is more active.

29.Bg5 -2.49/20

[29.Qe2∓ -1.34/17 was worth a try.]

29...e4-+ 30.Bf4 -4.05/19

[30.f4 -2.56/20 is a better defense.]

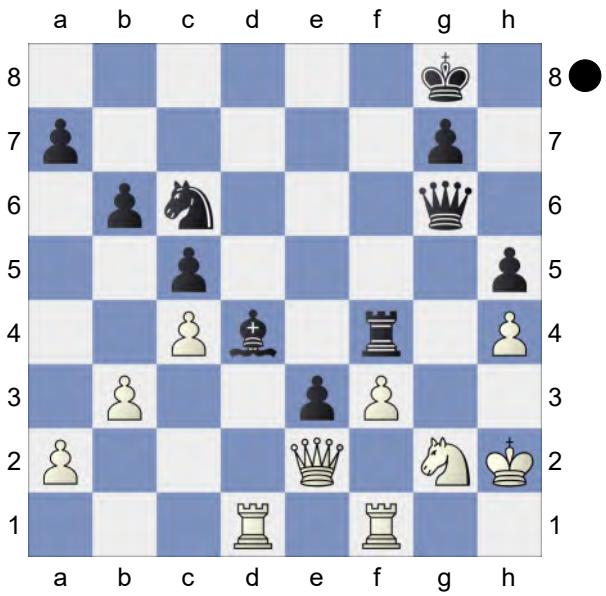


30...Rxf4! 31.gxf4 e3 32.Qe2 Rxf4 White is weak on the dark squares **33.Ng2**

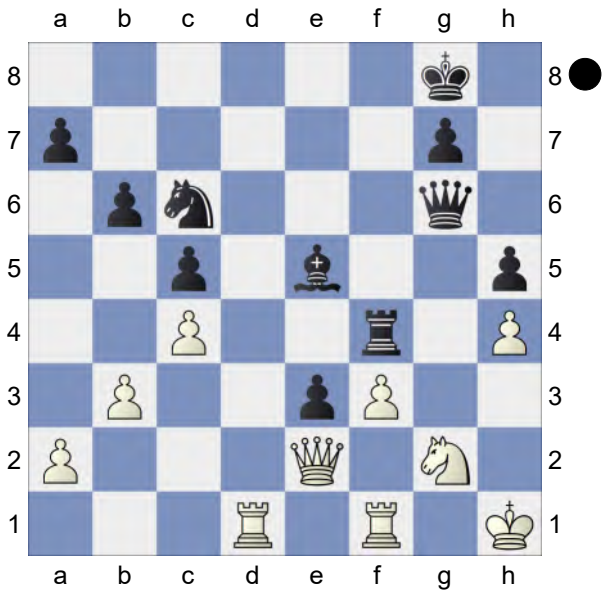
(Diagram)

Be5 34.Kh1

[34.Qxe3? Rxf3+-+ *(34...Rxh4+?*



35.Kg1-+; 34...Rxh4+? 35.Kg1-+)]
[34.Nxf4 Bxf4+]



34...Qg3! 35.Nxf4 Bxf4 36.Qg2 Qxg2+ Remove Defender
[36...Qxh4+ 37.Kg1-+]
37.Kxg2 Hoping for Rd7. **37...e2! 38.Rd5** Strongly threatening Re1. **38...exf1Q+ 39.Kxf1 Ne5 40.Rd8+ Kf7 41.Ra8 Nc6**
[41...Nxf3 42.Rxa7+ Kf6 43.Rb7 Nxh4 44.Rxb6+ Kf5 45.a4∓]
42.Rc8 Ne7 43.Ra8 a5 44.Ra7 Bd2 45.Ke2 -2.39/21
[⌓45.Rb7 -1.95/22]
45...Bb4 46.Kd3 Kf6 47.Ke4 Nf5 48.Ra6 g6 49.Rxb6+ Kg7 50.Rb7+ -2.20/24
[50.f4∓ -1.60/28 was necessary.]
50...Kh6 Threatens to win with ...Nd6+.
51.Rc7 Nxh4 52.f4 Nf5 53.Kf3 Nd4+ 54.Kg3 g5 55.fxg5+ Kxg5 56.Rg7+ Kf6 57.Rd7 Ne2+? -0.59/21
[57...Be1+-+ -2.70/26 58.Kf4 Ne6+ 59.Ke4 Bg3]
58.Kf3∓ Nc1 59.Kf4? -5.05/22
[59.Rd6+∓ -0.38/20 Kg5 60.Rd5+ Kh6 *(60...Kh4 61.Rd1∓)* 61.Rd6+ Kg7 62.Rd7+ Kg6 63.Rd6+ Kg7 64.Rd7+ Kf8 65.Rd1 Nxa2 66.Ra1]
59...Nxa2-+ aiming for ...Nc1. Black is clearly winning. **60.Rd6+ Ke7 61.Ke5 Nc1 62.Re6+ Kd7 63.Rd6+ Kc7 64.Rh6 Nxb3 65.Rh7+ Kc6 66.Rh6+ Kd7 67.Rh7+ Ke8 68.Ke6 Nd4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.32
0-1

A36
□ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**
■ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**
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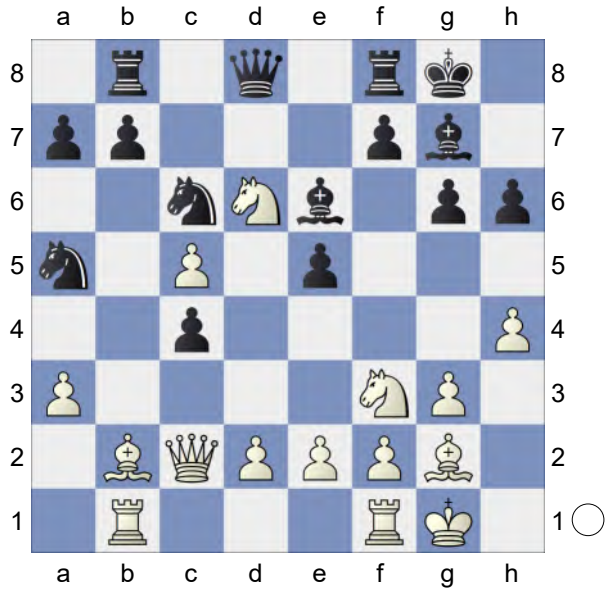
[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 **1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Rb1N**
[5.Nf3 Nf6 *(5...d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rab1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Rb8 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Bc3 Rfc8 19.b3 Ba8 20.h3* 1-0 Sebenik,M (2524)-Milanovic,D

(2494) 112/25 Sarajevo 2011) 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d6 9.b3 Bd7 10.e3 Qc8 11.Re1 Bh3 12.Bh1 Qd7 13.a4 Rac8 14.Ra2 Bg4 15.Qd2 Marc,S-N,N Postal Chess Club ch corr UK 1973]

5...e6 6.a3 Nge7 7.b4 d5 8.bxc5 0-0 9.Nf3 White has an edge. **9...dxc4 10.0-0 Rb8 11.Bb2 e5 12.Qa4 Na5 13.Ne4 Bd7 14.Qc2 Nec6 15.Nd6 Be6 16.h4 h6**



Repels Ng5 **17.h5! g5 18.Nf5** Repels Qe7 **18...Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Re8** White must now prevent ...e4. **20.Nh2! Qc8 21.Qe4** -0.60/22

[21.Qc2= 0.07/22]

21...Nd4 -0.09/20

[21...Qe6∓ -0.60/22 22.Rfd1 Rbd8]

22.Bc3? -2.25/21 This move loses the game for White.

[22.e3!= -0.09/20 and White is okay.]

22...Nab3-+ 23.Bxd4 exd4 24.Qc2 Qe6 Against Bd5

[24...Nxc5 25.Qxc4 b6 26.Rfc1∓]

25.Bf3 -2.27/21

[⌓25.d3 -1.83/20]

25...Nxc5 Threatens to win with ...b5. **26.Rb5 b6 27.Bg4 Qd5** ...a6 is the strong threat. **28.Bf3 Qe6** ...a6 would now be deadly. **29.Bg4 Qd5** White is weak on the dark squares **30.Bf3 d3! 31.Qa2** -3.27/24

[⌓31.exd3 -2.07/21 Qxd3 32.Qxd3 Nxd3 33.a4]

31...Qd7 -1.92/24

[⌓31...Qd6 -3.27/24 32.Qxc4 dxe2]

32.Qxc4 dxe2 33.Re1 a6 34.Rbb1 Nd3!

[Resist 34...Qxd2 35.Rxe2 Rxe2 36.Qxe2 Qxe2 37.Bxe2∓]

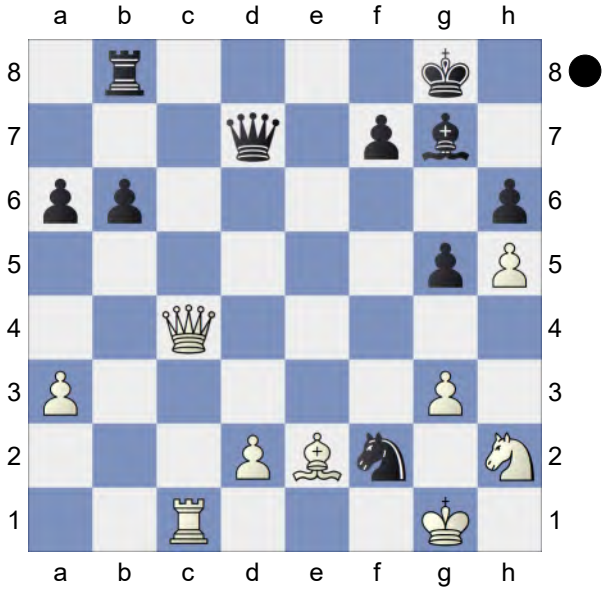
35.Rxe2 -2.54/23

[⌓35.Bg4 -1.98/22 Qd6 36.Rxe2]

35...Rxe2 36.Bxe2 Nxf2 aiming for ...b5. Discovered Attack **37.Rc1?** -3.95/23

[37.Kxf2? too greedy. Qf5+ *(37...Qxd2? 38.Rd1+-)* 38.Kg2 Qxb1-+]

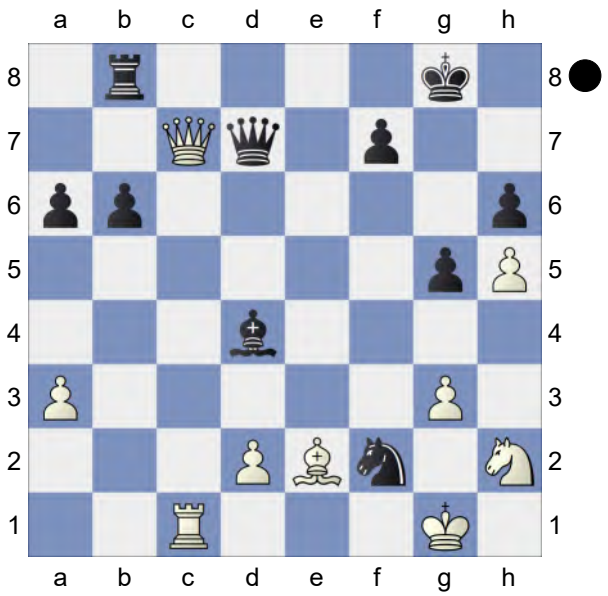
[37.Rf1 -2.19/18 was worth a try. b5 38.Qb4]



37...Bd4! 38.Qc7 -6.98/22

[⌓38.a4 -4.28/20]

(Diagram)



38...Qh3! 39.Qxb8+ Kh7 (→ ...Ng4+) **40.Qd6 Ng4+** Discovered Attack (Check) **41.Qxd4 Qxg3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

B31

□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
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[Kitty Kat]

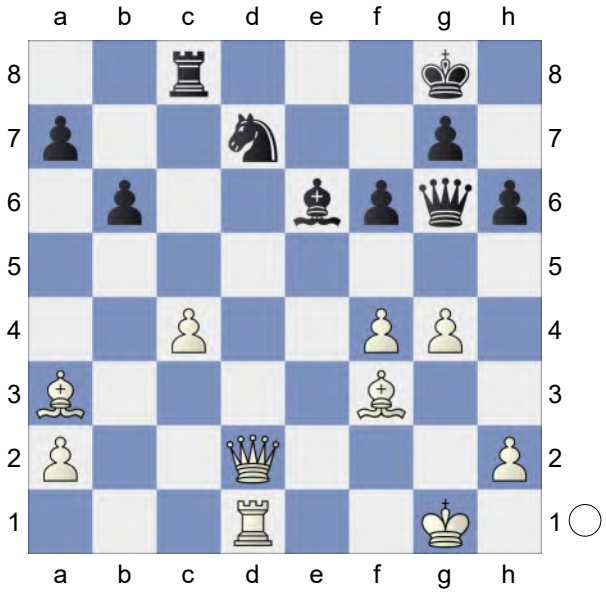
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 h6 White is slightly better. **10.a3** White has more active pieces. **10...Qe7 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 Qxb4 13.Bxa7 b6 14.Rab1 Qa5** The position is equal. **15.Ra1 Qb4 16.Rab1 Qa5 17.Ra1 Qb4 18.Rab1 Qa5 19.Ra1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

D20

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**
■ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.6) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D20: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 e3 and 3 e4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Nc3 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nd7**

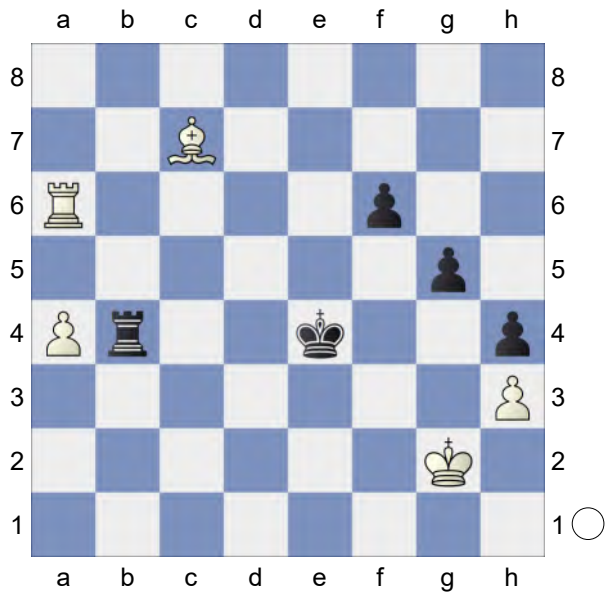
7.Bxc4 Qb3 would now be deadly. **7...Ngf6 8.f3 0-0** White is slightly better. **9.Be2 Ne5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.0-0 c5**
[11...Rd8 12.Qc1 c5 13.Nc2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 b6 15.a4 Be6 16.Kh1 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Nxc4 18.Bg5 h6 19.Ne3 Nxe3 20.Bxe3 Rd3 21.a5 Rad8 22.axb6 axb6 23.Rb1 Qe6 24.Re1 Nd7 25.Bf4 Ne5 26.Qc2 0-1 Andreikin,D (2729)-Aronian,L (2775) Chess.com RCC Wk17 Swiss chess.com INT 2022 (7)]
12.Nc2! Rd8N
[12...Bxc3 13.bxc3 Be6 14.Na3 Rfd8 15.Qc2 a6 16.c4 Nc6 17.Qb2 Nd4 18.Rfd1 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Nd7 21.Qb2 b5 22.cxb5 axb5 23.Nxb5 Rxa2 24.Qc3 h6 25.Nc7 Kh7 26.Bf2 c4 27.Qd4 ½-½ So,W (2766)-Gukesh,D (2718) Dusseldorf WR Masters_877 Düsseldorf 2023 (3) Nf8 28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.Qxd5 Qe6 30.Rc1 Qxd5 31.exd5 Rd2 32.h4 Rxd5 33.Rxc4 ½-½ Sudgen,J (2766)-Sikorova,J (2718) Paris-ch Blitz 2015 (3)]
13.Qe1 Ba5 14.Qf2 b6 15.Bg5 Strongly threatening f4. **15...Bxc3 16.bxc3** And now f4 would win. **16...h6 17.Bc1 Be6 18.Qg3 Ng6**
[18...Bc4 looks sharper. 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Bxh6 Nh5]
19.Qe1 Qd7 20.c4 Ne5 21.Qc3 Nc6 22.Rd1 Nd4 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Qb2 Qc7 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.Qxd4 Nd7 0.90/22
[26...Rd8± 0.34/21 27.Qc3 b5]
27.Ba3 Rc8 28.Rd1 Qe5 29.Qd2 f6 2.19/20
[29...Qc7± 0.99/21]
30.f4!+- Qxe4 31.Bf3 A strong pair of Bishops. **31...Qf5**
[31...Qxc4 32.f5 Bf7 33.Qxd7]
32.g4 Qg6
[32...Ne5? 33.Qd8+ *(33.gxf5 Nxf3+ 34.Kf2 Nxd2=)* 33...Kh7 34.gxf5+-]



33.f5! Ne5 34.Qg2
[34.fxg6? Nxf3+ 35.Kf2 Nxd2 36.Rxd2 Bxg4-+]
[34.Qd8+ Qe8 35.Qxe8+ Rxe8-+]
34...Nxf3+
[34...Qg5? 35.Bc1 Nxf3+ 36.Qxf3+-]
35.Qxf3 Bxf5 36.Qxf5 Qxf5 37.gxf5 Rxc4 Endgame. KRB-KR **38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Rd7 Rf4** 2.52/24
[39...a5 1.73/20 was called for. 40.Kh1 Kg8 41.Rd8+ Kh7]
40.Rxa7 Rxf5 41.Bb4 h5 42.a4 Rf4 43.Be1 h4 44.h3 Kg6? 3.47/22
[44...f5 1.90/24 45.Bc3 Rc4]
45.Bf2 Rb4 46.Ra6! Kf5 47.Bxb6
[47.Rxb6 Rxa4 48.Rb5+ Ke6±]
47...Kf4 48.Kg2 g5 49.Bc7+ Ke4

(Diagram)

50.Rxf6? 0.07/23
[50.a5!+- 2.63/19]
50...Rxa4= 51.Rf2 Black must now prevent Kh2. **51...Rc4?** 3.94/21

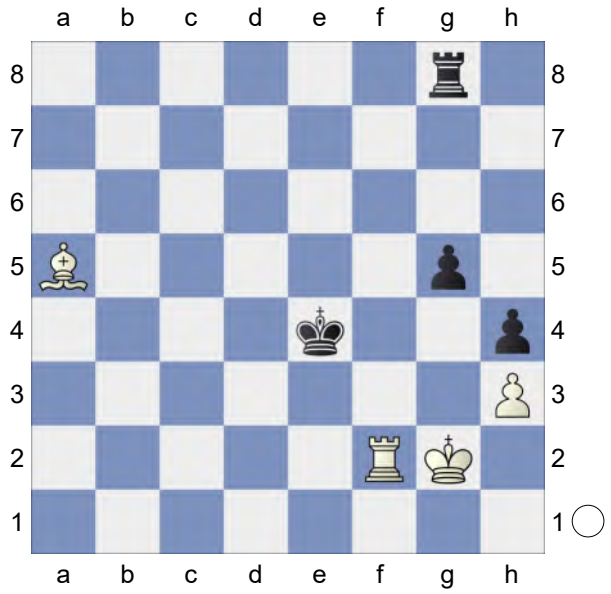


[51...Ke3= 0.00/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]

52.Bd8+- Rc8 53.Ba5

[53.Bxg5 Rg8=]

53...Rg8



54.Bc7? 0.00/29

[54.Bd2!+- 2.69/29]

54...Ke3!= The position is equal.

55.Bb6+ Ke4 56.Re2+ Kf5! 57.Bf2 g4 58.Bxh4

[58.hxg4+ Rxg4+ 59.Kh3 Re4±]

58...gxh3+ 59.Kxh3 Kf4 60.Re7 Kf3 61.Rf7+ Ke3 62.Bg3

[62.Re7+ Kd3 63.Bf6 Kc4+- *(63...Rg6 64.Rf7±)*]

62...Ke4 63.Kg2 Re8 64.Kf2

[64.Rf4+ Kd3 65.Rg4 Rc8+- *(65...Re2+ 66.Kh3±)*]

64...Kd3 65.Kf3 Re3+ 66.Kf4 Re8 67.Rd7+ Ke2 68.Bh4 Rf8+ 69.Ke4 Re8+ 70.Be7 Rg8 71.Bd6 Re8+ 72.Be5 Re6 73.Rh7 Re8 74.Rh2+ Ke1 75.Ra2 Re7 76.Kf4

[76.Ra1+ Kf2 77.Rd1 Re8 78.Rd2+ Ke1+-]

76...Kd1 77.Bd4 Re2 78.Ra3 Re8 79.Be5 Ke2 80.Ke4 Re7 81.Ra2+ Ke1 82.Rb2

[82.Ra1+ Kf2 83.Rh1 Ke2+-]

82...Re8 83.Rh2 Re7 84.Kd4 Kf1 85.Ra2 Re8 86.Kd5 Re7 87.Kd4

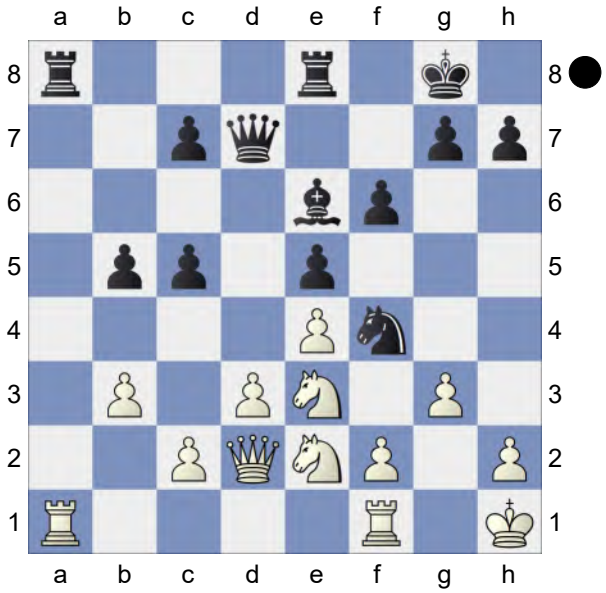
[Less strong is 87.Ra1+ Ke2 88.Bf6 Re8+-]

87...Re8 88.Ra5 Ke2 89.Ke4 Re7 90.Ra8 Kd2 91.Rh8 Ke2 92.Rh2+ Ke1 93.Kd4 Kf1 94.Ra2 Re8 95.Bf4 Re2 96.Ra8 Re7 97.Kd3 Kf2 98.Rf8 White threatens Bd6+ and mate. **98...Kg2 99.Be3 Kg3 100.Ke2 Re4 101.Rf5 Ra4 102.Rf1** Rg1+ is the strong threat. **102...Kg4 103.Kd3 Ra3+ 104.Ke4 Ra4+ 105.Bd4 Rb4 106.Rg1+ Kh4 107.Ke5 Kh3 108.Rg8 Ra4 109.Bb6 Rb4 110.Bc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)

½-½

C65
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.7) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

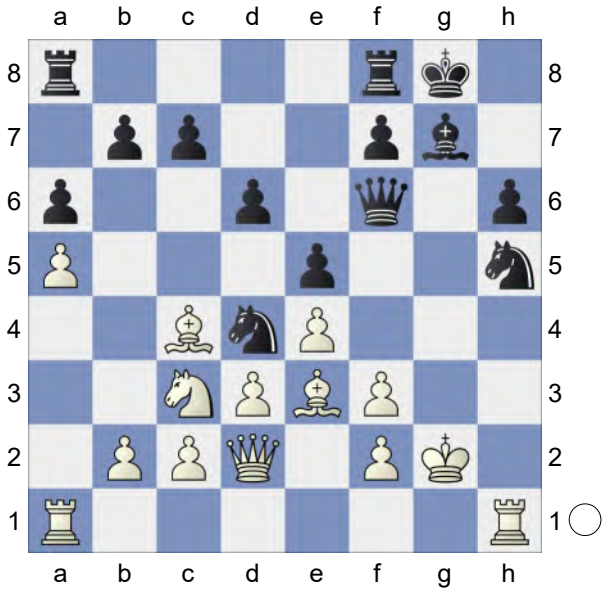
C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.0-0**
[6.Nxe5? perishes. Qd4 7.Qe2 Qxe5-+]
6...Nd7 7.a4N
[7.c3 0-0 *(7...a5 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 Bd6 10.d4 Qe7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.h4 g4 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Ng5 Nb6 16.a4 Bd7 17.b4 c5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Qb3 Bxa4 20.Qa2 Ra6 21.Rfb1 Bc6 22.Qb3* 1-0 Carlsen,M (2859)-So,W (2760) Meltwater Tour Final chess24.com INT rapid 2022 (1.3) *)* 8.d4 Bd6 9.Bg5 f6 10.Bh4 Qe8 11.Nbd2 Nb6 12.Bg3 c5 *(12...exd4 13.Nxd4 Bxg3 14.hxg3 a5 15.Re1 a4 16.Qc2 Qf7 17.b3 c5 18.N4f3 Bg4 19.Nf1 Nd7 20.Ne3 Be6 21.c4 Nb8 22.bxa4 Nc6 23.Nd5 Rfe8 24.e5 Bxd5 25.cxd5 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 fxe5 27.Qxc5* ½-½ Paskulj,K (2649)-16.Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 (2675) FRA-ch 54th Courchevel 1979 (2)) 13.d5 Bg4 14.c4 Nc8 15.h3 Bh5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Nh4 Ne7 18.Nf5 Qd7 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Rfe1 Be8 21.Nf1 Bd7 ½-½ Nasuta,G (2542)-Omelja,A (2441) CZE-chT 2223 Czech Republic 2022 (2.2)]
[7.Nc3 Qe7 8.Ne2 h5 9.a3 Bd6 10.Be3 b6 11.Nd2 h4 12.h3 g5 13.Nc4 Nf8 14.Nxd6+ cxd6 15.d4 g4 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.f3 Be6 18.Qd3 f6 19.f4 Rg8 20.dxe5 dxe5 21.fxe5 fxe5 1-0 Grube,J (2764)-Sudgen,J (2760) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (7.6)]
[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Nc4 Re8 9.a4 a5 10.Kh1 b6 11.h3 f6 12.Nh4 Nf8 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Be6 15.Nd2 c5 16.b3 Nd7 17.Rf2 g6 18.Qg1 Qe7 19.g4 Kh8 20.Qg3 Rf8 21.Raf1 Rf7 0-1 Durarbayli,V (2628)-Martirosyan,H (2666) Tashkent President op 2nd Toshkent 2022 (9)]
7...0-0 8.a5 Re8 9.Nbd2 Nf8 10.Nc4 Ng6 11.Bd2 f6 12.Kh1 Be6 13.Be3 Bxe3 0.00/24
[13...Bf8∓ -0.49/22]
14.Nxe3= The position is equal. **14...c5 15.Ng1 b5 16.axb6 axb6 17.Ne2 Qd7 18.Qd2 Nf4 19.b3 b5 20.g3**



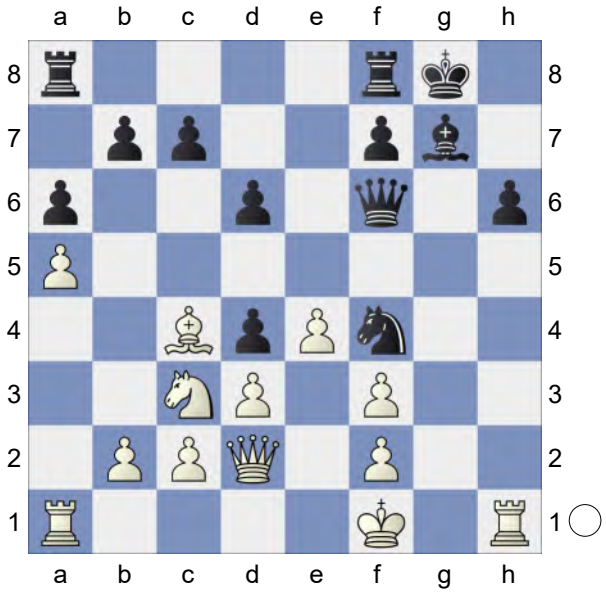
And now Rxa8 would win. **20...Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Nh3 22.Ng1 Nxg1 23.Kxg1 c4! 24.bxc4 bxc4 25.h4 cxd3 26.cxd3 c5 27.Qc2 h5 28.Ra3 Rc8 29.Ra6 Rc6 30.Ra5 Kh7 31.Nd5 Qd6 32.Rb5 Rc8 33.Rb6 Rc6 34.Rxc6 Qxc6 35.Ne3 Qd6 36.Qe2 g6 37.Qc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C55
□ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
■ **Pranesh,M.** **2582**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.8) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.0-0**
[5.Nc3 Bc5 6.h3 *(6.0-0 d6 7.Be3 Bb6 8.Na4 Bg4 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.h3 Bh5 11.a3 0-0 12.g4 Bg6 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Ba2 d5 15.Nxe5 dxe4 16.Nxg6 exd3 17.cxd3 Re8 18.Qd2 Qd6 19.Nf4 Qc6 20.Rac1 Qd7* 1-0 9 ♗g2 ♘bd7 10.00 ♘b6 11.b (1400)-Tot,B (1800) CCOL11 fin-02 9298 corr ICCF 1992 (3)*)* 6...d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2792)-Deslandes,P (2820) Biel MTO op 2005 (2)]
5...d6N
[5...Bc5 6.Nh4 Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ Kg8 9.dxe4 d6 10.Be3 Be6 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.Nc3 Qe7 13.Nd5 Qf7 14.Qxf7+ Kxf7 15.Nxc7 Rac8 16.Nxe6 Kxe6 17.f4 Rc7 18.f5+ Kf7 19.Rad1 Nb4 20.c3 1-0 White Plays H4 (1425)-Ten Berge,H 38/739 Biel 1984 Nc6 21.Ng6 Re8 22.Rd5 b6 23.Rfd1 Kg8 24.Rd7 Rxd7 25.Rxd7 Rd8 26.Rc7 Rd6 27.Rxc6 Rd1+ 28.Kf2 Rd2+ 29.Ke3 Rxb2 30.Rc8+ 1-0 Birzer,L (1425)-Neumann,U E0291 www.desc-online.de 1999]
6.a4 g5 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.a5 a6 White is slightly better. **9.Be3 0-0 10.h3 g4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 12.Qd2 Bxf3** 1.15/19 White stays focused until the end.
[12...Kh7!± 0.46/18]
13.gxf3± Kg2! would now be deadly.
13...Nh5 14.Kg2 aiming for Rh1!
14...Nd4 15.Rh1!
[15.Bxh6? Qf6 16.Be3 Qxf3+ *(16...Nxf3 17.Nd5+-)* 17.Kh2 Qg4 18.Bxd4 Qh4+ *(18...exd4? 19.Ne2-+; 18...Nf4? 19.f3-+)* 19.Kg1 exd4-+]
15...Qf6



16.Bxd4! Nf4+ 17.Kf1 exd4



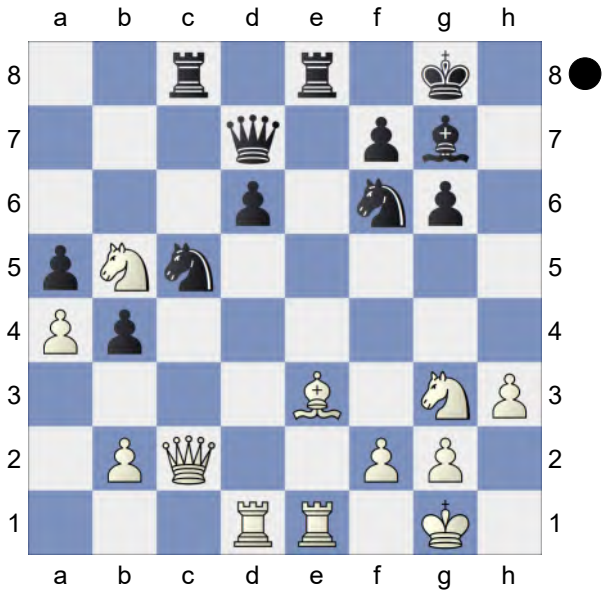
18.Ne2↑ Keeping Black busy.
[18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Qxf3∓ *(19...c6 20.Ba2∓)*]
18...Ng6 2.23/19
[⌓18...Nxe2 1.65/20 19.Kxe2 c6]
19.f4+- Black is weak on the light squares **19...c6 20.Bb3 d5 21.f3**
[21.exd5?! Rfe8±]
21...dxe4 22.fxe4 Ne5 3.27/18
[22...Kh7 2.29/18 might work better. 23.Kf2 Qd6]
23.Ng3
[23.Nxd4 Nxd3 24.Nf5 Nc5±]
23...Ng4 4.90/22
[Don't blunder 23...Nf3? 24.Qf2 *(24.Qc1 Rfe8+-)* 24...Qxf4 25.Ke2+-]
[⌓23...Kh7 3.31/19 24.Nh5 Qg6 25.fxe5 Bxe5]
24.Ke2 White is clearly winning.
24...Kh7 25.Rag1 Qg6 6.95/20
[⌓25...Rae8 4.48/16 26.Nh5 Discovered Attack Qg6]
26.f5 Qd6 27.Nh5 Discovered Attack **27...Be5 28.Rxg4** White wants to mate with Be6! **28...Rg8 29.Rhg1 Bh8 30.Kf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.48
1-0

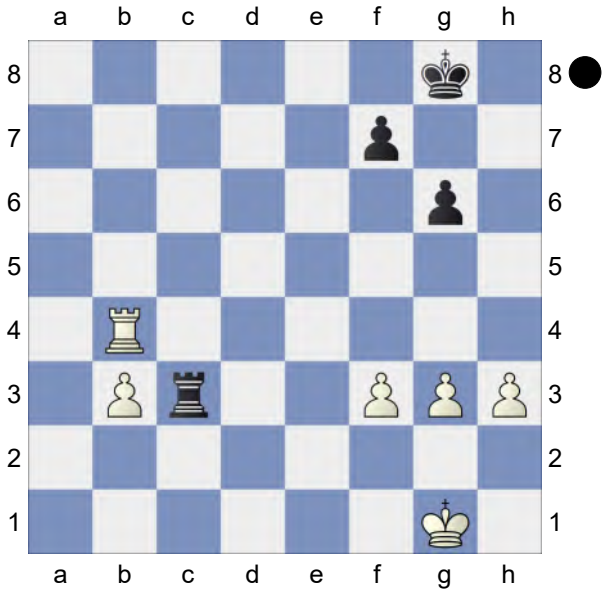
C95
□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin 2681**
■ **Lodici,Lorenzo 2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.9) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C95: Closed Ruy Lopez: Breyer Variation with 10 d4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 a5**
[14...g6 15.b3 Bg7 16.d5 Qe7 17.c4 c6 18.Be3 Rec8 19.Rc1 Ruy Lopez Tour A Map Of The-Breyer Super Grandmaster Strategy: Leko's Ruy 2024]
15.a4N
[15.Bd2 a4 16.Bd3 c6 17.Qc2 Qb6 18.Be3 Qa5 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.Rad1 c5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 dxe5 23.c4 b4 24.Nf5 Qc6 25.Bg5 Nh5 26.g3 Qg6 27.Qc1 h6 28.Be3 Nf6 29.f3 Nh5 1-0 Caruana,F (2794)-Abdusattorov,N (2727) CCT Final Survival Winner Toronto rapid 2023 (1.1)]
15...b4 16.Bd2 -0.09/17
[16.Bd3± 0.48/20]
16...exd4!= 17.cxd4 c5! 18.Bf4 e5 would now be deadly. **18...g6 19.Qd2 Rc8 20.Rad1 cxd4! 21.Nxd4 Nc5**
[21...d5!?]
22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxh6 Bxe4 24.Bg5 -0.41/20
[24.Bxf8= 0.10/20 Bxc2 25.Nxc2 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxf8 27.Nd4]
24...Bxc2∓ 25.Qxc2 Bg7 26.Nb5 -0.88/23
[26.Rxe8+∓ -0.45/20 Qxe8 27.Rc1]
26...Qd7 27.Be3

(Diagram)

Nxa4 0.00/25 **28.Qxa4= Re5 29.Qxa5**
[Reject 29.Rxd6 Qxb5 30.Ra1 Qxa4 31.Rxa4 Nd5∓]
29...Qxb5 30.Qxb5 Rxb5 31.Rxd6 Nd5 32.b3 Be5 33.Rd7 Bxg3 34.fxg3 Nxe3 35.Rxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **35...Rc3 36.Rf3** The position is equal. **36...Rxf3 37.gxf3** KR-KR **37...Rc5! 38.Rd4 Rc3 39.Rxb4**
(Diagram)





Hoping for Kf2. **39...Rxf3 40.Kg2 Rc3 41.h4 Kg7 42.g4 f5 43.g5 f4 44.Rb7+ Kg8 45.Kf2 f3 46.Rb6 Kg7 47.Kg3 Kh7 48.b4 Rb3 49.b5 Kg7 50.Kf2 Kh7 51.Rb7+**

[51.Kg3!?]

51...Kg8 52.b6 Kh8 53.Rb8+

[53.Kg3!?]

53...Kg7 54.b7 Kh7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

B22

□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H 2561**

■ **Nihal,Sarin 2676**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.10) 9.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence **1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Nbd2** Threatens to win with Bc4.

6...cxd4 7.Bc4 Qa5

[7...Qd8 8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.N2f3 Qc7 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Re1 Bg4 13.Nb5 Qc8 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 a6 16.Na3 Nd7 17.Bb3 Nde5 18.Qg3 Rd8 19.Bg5 Rd3 20.Re3 Rxe3 21.Qxe3 Qf5 22.Rd1 1-0 Alster (2510)-Roscher,J (2652) Astrakhan 109/(175) 2010 (6)]

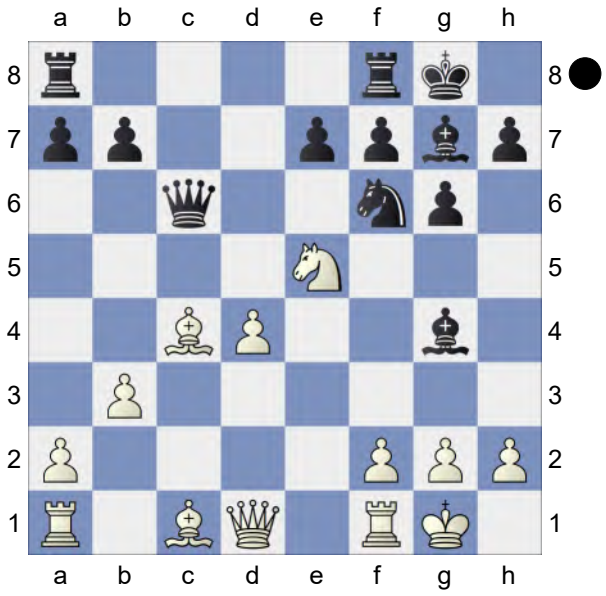
8.cxd4N White is slightly better.

[8.Nxd4 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Qc7 11.h3 Quickstarter-2...d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 g6 Se]

8...Nf6 9.Ne5 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Ndf3 Qb6 12.b3 -0.04/20

[12.h3± 0.45/21 is more appropriate.]

12...Bg4= 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Ne5



Discovered Attack, Double Attack

14...Qxc4 15.bxc4 Bxd1 16.Rxd1

Rfc8 17.Rb1 Rc7 18.Bf4 Rac8 19.h3 b6 20.Re1 Against Ne4 **20...e6 21.Rbd1** The position is equal. **21...Nh5 22.Be3 Bxe5 23.dxe5 Rxc4 24.Rd7 Nf4 25.Rxa7 Nd5 26.Bh6 Rh4 27.Bg5** [Don't play 27.Rc1 Rxc1+ 28.Bxc1 Kg7∓] **27...Rhc4 28.Bh6 Rh4 29.Bg5 Rd4 30.Bh6 Rh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

E73

□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
■ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
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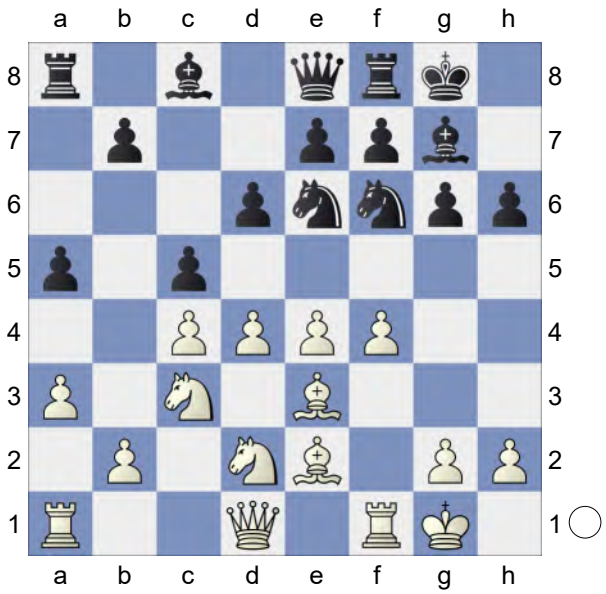
[Kitty Kat]

E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 a5**
[6...e5 7.d5 Na6 8.g4 c6 9.h4 cxd5 10.cxd5 Nc5 11.f3 Bd7 12.b4 Na6 13.a3 h5 14.g5 Nh7 15.Qd2 f6 16.Nh3 Bxh3 17.Rxh3 fxg5 18.hxg5 Rf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.Rc1 Qxg5 21.Bxa6 0-1 7.♗b3 (2462)-Modestov,B (2609) Providencia op Debrecen 1997 (9.13)]
7.a3N
[7.Nf3 Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Nf6 10.e5 Nh5 11.Nd5 Nc6 12.Ng1 g5 13.Bxh5 gxh4 14.f4 dxe5 15.dxe5 Bf5 16.Ne2 Nb4 17.Nxb4 Qxd1+ 18.Rxd1 axb4 19.Nc1 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.b3 Bc3+ 0-1 Liebert,H (2353)-Dziedzina,M (2319) 4.e3 f5 5. g4 (7) 22.Ke2 c6 23.Ke3 Ra5 24.g4 Bc8 25.h3 Kg7 26.Rh2 e5 27.f5 Bd4+ 28.Ke2 c5 29.Ke1 Bd7 30.Nd3 Bc6 31.Kf1 Rfa8 32.Rdd2 Kf6 33.Rhe2 b5 34.cxb5 Bxb5 35.g5+ hxg5 36.Bf3 R8a7 0-1 Mkrtchyan,M (2353)-Danielyan,V (2319) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (7)]
[7.g4 a4 8.g5 Nfd7 9.Nxa4 c5 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Nf3 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.h4 Nd4 14.h5 Re8 15.Nh2 Nf8 16.Bg4 Nfe6 17.Bxe6 Bxe6 18.b3 f5 19.gxf6 Qxf6 20.h6 Bh8 21.0-0 Bh3 0-1 Galaviz Medina,S (2458)-Supi,L (2571) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)]
7...Na6 8.Nf3 Ng4 White is slightly better. **9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Nf6 11.Nd2 Qe8** 0.91/18
[11...Nh7± 0.43/20 was preferrable.]
12.f4± c6 13.Bf2 Nc7 14.0-0 Ne6 15.Be3 c5



16.dxc5 Deflection **16...Nxc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.e5 Nd7** 1.48/19
[Black should play 18...Nh7 1.07/19]
19.Nde4 a4 20.Kh1 White has more active pieces.
[But not 20.Nxa4?! Nxe5 21.Nb6 *(21.Naxc5 Nc6∓)* 21...Ra6±]
20...Ra5 1.99/18
[⌓20...Nb6 1.62/17]
21.Nb5+-

[Not 21.Nxa4 Nxe5 22.Nexc5 *(22.Naxc5 Nc6=)* 22...Nc6=]

21...Qd8 2.34/22

[21...Kh8 1.86/19 is a better defense. 22.Qd2 b6]

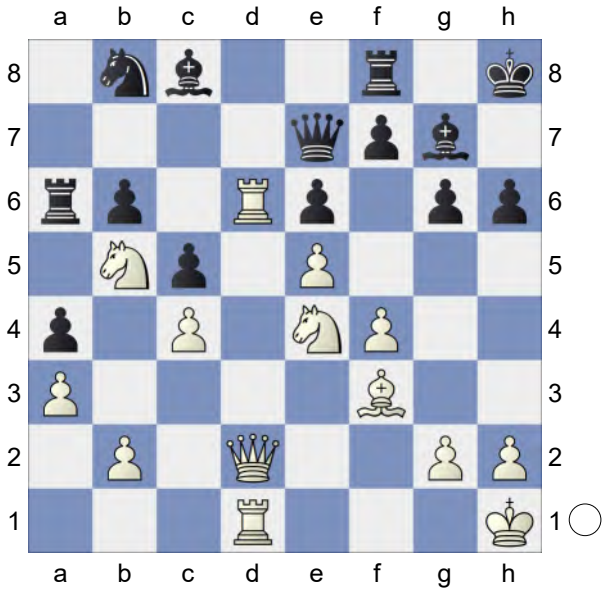
22.Qe1 b6 3.04/20

[⌓22...Nb8 2.12/20 23.Rf2 *(23.Nxc5 Nc6+-)* 23...Qb6]

23.Rd1 e6 24.Rd6 Ra6 3.54/22

[⌓24...Qe7 2.07/16 25.Nec3 Bb7]

25.Qd2 Qe7 26.Rd1 Nb8 27.Bf3 Kh8



28.Nf6! Bb7

[28...Bxf6 29.exf6]

29.Bxb7 Qxb7 30.Nd7 Nxd7 31.Rxd7 Qc6 32.Qe2 Kg8 33.h4 Raa8 34.Na7 Rxa7 35.Rxa7 Qc8 36.Rdd7 Qc6 37.Rac7 Qa8 38.h5 g5

(Diagram)

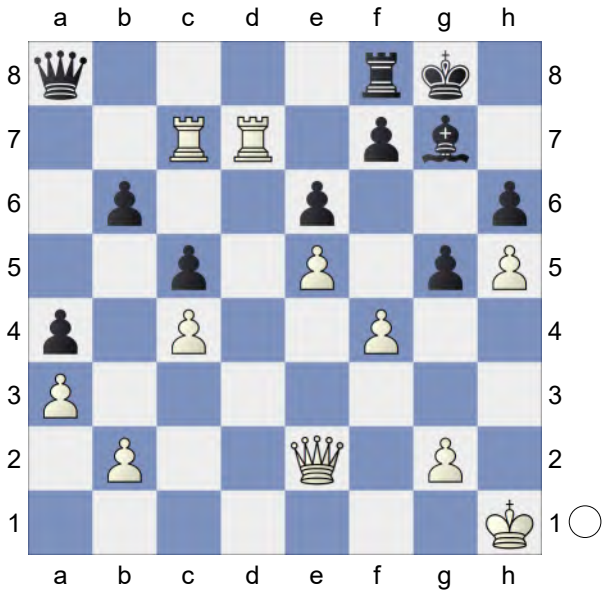
39.f5! exf5

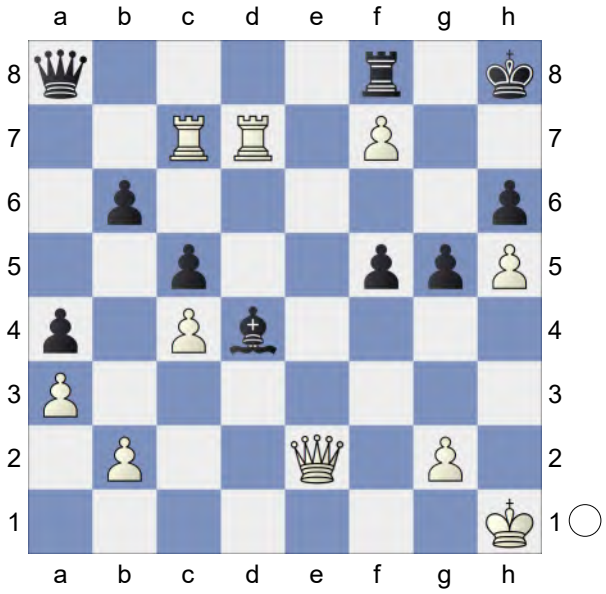
[39...Rc8 40.Ra7]

40.e6 Bd4 41.exf7+ Kh8

(Diagram)

42.Rxd4! Weighted Error Value:





White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.50

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C67

□ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**

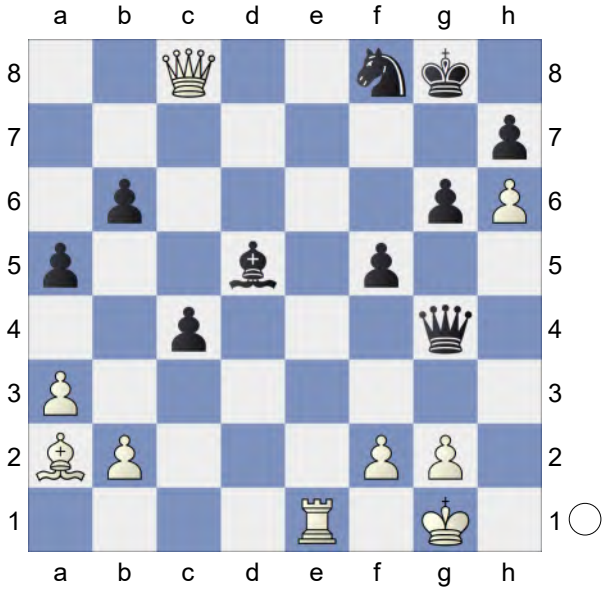
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.12) 9.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7**

7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Ne8 10.c4 Bf6 11.Re1 d5 White has an edge. **12.cxd5 Qxd5 13.Be3 Be6 14.Nc3 Qd7 15.Bb5N**
[15.d5 Bf5 16.Qb3 Nd6 17.Rac1 a6 18.Na4 Ne4 19.f3 Nd6 20.Nc5 Qc8 21.Bf4 Rd8 22.Kh1 h6 23.Bxd6 Rxd6 24.Nxb7 Rb6 25.Qxb6 cxb6 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Re8+ Kh7 28.Nd6 Bb7 29.Bd3+ g6 1-0 Vachier Lagrave,M (2750)-So,W (2776) 10th Norway Chess 2022 Stavanger NOR (7.2)]
15...Qd8 16.Qf3 c6 17.Bd3 Nc7 18.Rad1 Nd5 19.Ne4 Re8 0.09/21
[19...Nxe3∓ -0.33/25 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.fxe3 Bxa2]
20.a3 a5 21.h3 Rc8 22.Bb1 b6 23.Bc1 Be7 24.Re2 Nf6 25.Ng5 Bd5 26.Qd3 g6 27.Nf3 Bf8 28.Ne5 Nd7 29.Qg3 Bg7 ...f6 is the strong threat. **30.Rde1 Nf8 31.h4 f6 32.Ng4 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 Bc4 34.Re1** With the idea h5! **34...Qxd4 35.h5 Bf7 36.Bh6** -0.58/21
[36.h6= 0.24/23 Bh8 37.Ne3]
36...c5 0.75/23
[36...Qxb2 37.Bxg7 Qd2 *(37...Kxg7? 38.h6+ Kh8 39.Qd6+-)* 38.Re7 *(38.Nxf6+ Kxg7 39.Qe5 Qxe1+ 40.Qxe1 Kxf6+-)* 38...Kxg7 39.h6+ Kh8 40.Rxf7+-]
[36...gxh5? 37.Ne3 *(37.Ne5 Ng6+-)* 37...Ng6 38.Nf5+- *(38.Bxg7 Qxb2 39.Nf5 Re8+-)*]
[36...Be6!∓ -0.58/21 keeps the upper hand. 37.Bxg7 Kxg7]
37.Bxg7±
[37.Re7 feels hotter. Re8 38.Bxg7 Kxg7 39.h6+]
37...Kxg7 38.h6+ Kg8 39.Qf3 -0.07/20
[39.Re7± 1.03/20]
39...f5!= 40.Qb7? -3.01/22
[40.Bxf5= -0.27/22 gxf5 41.Qxf5]
40...Qxg4?? 3.43/25 **41.Ba2!+-** White now steadily converts the win.
[41.Qxc8 Bd5 42.g3 Qh5= *(42...Qh3? 43.Be4+- Pin)*]
41...c4 42.Qxc8 Threatens to win with Qd8. **42...Bd5**

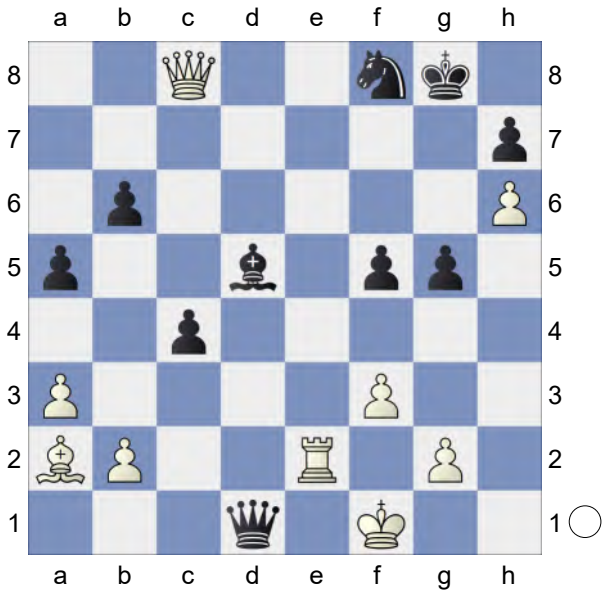


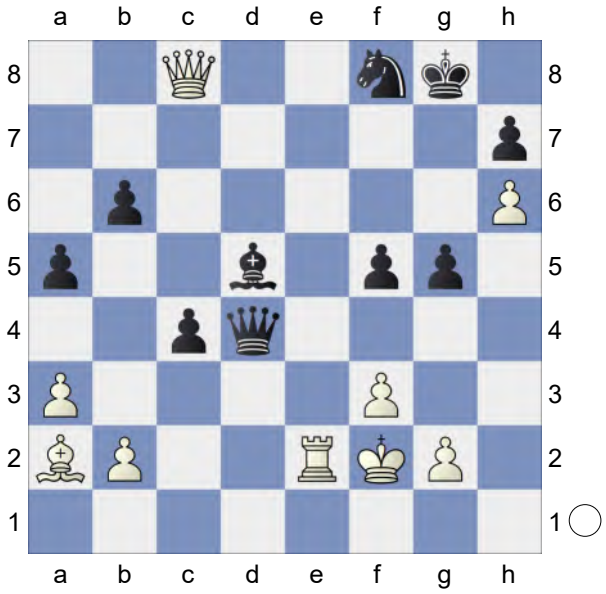
43.f3! Qd4+ 44.Kf1 And now Qd8 would win. **44...Qd3+ 45.Re2 Qd1+ 46.Kf2!** aiming for Qd8! **46...Qd4+ 47.Kg3** Qd8 would now be deadly. **47...g5 48.Kh2!**
[48.Qxf5? Qh4#]
48...Qf4+ 49.Kg1! Qd4+ 50.Kf1? 3.91/18
[50.Rf2 2.19/31 Be6 51.Qe8]
50...Qd1+

(Diagram)

51.Kf2!
[51.Re1 Qd3+ 52.Re2 Qd1+ 53.Kf2 *(53.Re1 Qd3+ 54.Re2 g4+-)* 53...Qd4+ 54.Ke1 Bf7+- *(54...Qg1+? 55.Kd2+-)*]
51...Qd4+

(Diagram)





52.Ke1! Bf7 53.Qc7
[53.Qxf5 Qg1+ 54.Kd2 Qd4+ 55.Kc1 Qg1+ 56.Kd2 *(56.Kc2? Bg6-+* Pin *)* 56...Qd4+ 57.Kc1 Qg1+ 58.Kd2= *(58.Kc2? Bg6-+* Pin *)*]
53...a4 54.f4 Qg1+ 55.Kd2 Strongly threatening Qe5. **55...Qd4+ 56.Kc1** Active counter play! **56...Qg1+** 6.10/35
[⌓56...gxf4 3.87/18 57.Re1 Qf2]
57.Kc2 Qd4 Hoping for ...Qd3+. **58.Qe5**
[58.fxg5? Qd3+ 59.Kc1 Qxe2-+]
58...Ne6 59.fxg5
[59.Qxf5? Bg6-+ *(59...Qxf4? 60.Qxf4 Nxf4 61.Re5+-; 59...Qxf4? 60.Qxf4 Nxf4 61.Re5+-)*]
59...b5 60.Kc1
[60.Qxb5? Qd3+ *(60...Nxg5 61.Re8+* Back Rank *Bxe8 62.Qxe8#)* 61.Kc1 Qxe2-+]
[60.Qxf5? Bg6-+]
60...Qg1+ 61.Re1 Qxg2 62.Qb8+ Nf8 63.Qxb5 Qg3 64.Qe5 Qxg5+ 65.Kb1 Qxh6 66.Rg1+
[66.Qxf5 Bg6 67.Rg1 *(67.Bxc4+?* is the wrong capture. *Kh8-+)* 67...Qf4 *(67...Kh8 68.Rxg6 Qxg6 69.Qxg6+-)* 68.Rxg6+ Nxg6 69.Qd5+ Qf7±]
66...Ng6 67.Qxf5 Qe3 68.Rf1 Qe8 69.Ka1 Kg7 6.81/19
[⌓69...Qe6 4.44/17 70.Qa5 h5 71.Qxh5 *(71.Qxa4 h4+-)* 71...Qd6]
70.Qf6+ Kg8 71.Qc3 Qe4 72.Rc1 h5 73.Bxc4 h4 74.Bxf7+ Kxf7 75.Rf1+ Kg8 76.Qc7 Threatening mate with Qf7+. **76...h3 77.Qc8+** 7.19/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
[⌓77.Qf7+ #25/21 Kh8 78.Rd1 Qe7 79.Qxg6 h2 80.Qh6+ Kg8 81.Qxh2 Qf6 82.Qc7]
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D06
□ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.13) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defences Browne,W: 'Inf 33/490'
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c5 3.cxd5 Nf6 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd5N
[5...a6 6.Qa4+ *(6.e4 Nxe4 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Qb3 Nc5 9.Qe3 g6 10.Nf3*

Qc7 11.Qc3 Rg8 12.Be3 b6 13.Nbd2 Bg7 14.Bd4 Bxd4 15.Qxd4 Bb5 16.Bxb5+ axb5 17.0-0 Ra4 18.b4 Qd8 19.a3 Nbd7 20.Rfe1 Kf8 1-0 Prang,E-Hernandez,R London 1851 *)* 6...b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1 Bc6 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Nc6 Qb5 14.Nxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Qd7 16.Bc3 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 f6 18.f3 e5 19.Bc4 Bc5 20.Ke2 1-0 Browne,W-Sosonko,G Denpasar 33/490 Surakarta 1982]

[5...Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.e4 Bd7 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Ndb5 Rc8 10.Rc1 e5 11.Bc4 a6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nbc3 Nd4 14.Bb3 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bc6 16.0-0 Bc5 17.Qg4 0-0 18.Kh1 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 f5 20.Qg5 0-1 Dubov,D (2710)-Carlsen,M (2847) FTX Crypto Cup Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2021 (9.8) fxe4 21.Qxe5 Rf5 22.Qxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxc8 Rxd5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.g3 Bxb2 26.Bf4 b5 27.Re1 Rd4 28.Kg2 Rc4 29.Rd1 Bf6 30.Rd2 Kf7 31.g4 Bd4 32.Re2 Bc5 33.Rd2 Ke6 34.h4 a5 35.h5 1-0 Dubov,D (2708)-Christiansen,J (2577) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]

6.e4 Nf6 7.Nc3 e5! 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Nf5

[9.Bxd7+ simplifies Qxd7 10.Nc2 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Nc6 12.Bg5]

9...Bxb5 10.Qxd8+ The position is equal. **10...Kxd8 11.Nxb5 Nxe4 12.Be3 g6 13.f3 gxf5 14.fxe4 Nd7** 0.52/22

[14...f4= 0.15/22 15.0-0-0+ Kc8]

15.exf5± aiming for Rd1!

[15.Bxa7 Rg8 16.g3 Rg4∓ *(16...fxe4 17.Rf1=)*]

15...Bb4+ 16.Ke2 Black must now prevent Rac1! **16...a6 17.Nc3 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Rg8 19.g3 Rg4** 1.22/24

[19...Rc8= 0.29/23]

20.Rhd1!± Rc8 21.Rd5 0.16/20

[21.Rab1± 0.91/25 b5 22.Rd6]

21...Ke8!=

[21...Rxc3? too greedy. 22.Rad1 Ke8 *(22...Rc7? 23.Bb6+-* Pin *)* 23.Rxd7+-]

22.Rad1 Rc7 23.Bc1 -0.32/23

[23.Rd6= 0.16/21 was preferrable.]

23...Ra4 24.R1d2 Re4+ 25.Kf2 Ra4 Wards off Ba3 **26.f6** Deflection **26...Nxf6 27.Rxe5+ Re7 28.Rxe7+ Kxe7** Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Ke3 Ng4+ 30.Kf3 Ke6 31.Re2+ Ne5+ 32.Kg2 f6 33.h3 Rc4 34.Bd2 h5 35.Kf1 Kf5 36.Rf2+ Kg6 37.Re2** -0.74/26

[37.Rf4= -0.05/24]

37...b5∓ 38.Kg2 Against Nf3 **38...Nd3** -0.34/23

[38...Nf7!∓ -1.16/22 39.h4 a5]

39.Kf3∓ Kf5 -0.49/24 Black is more active.

[39...Ne5+∓ -0.90/22 40.Ke3 Kf7]

40.Ke3 Nc5 41.Kf3 Na4 -0.07/22

[41...Nd7∓ -0.48/24]

42.Re3 Nb6 43.Be1 -1.29/22

[43.Re8= -0.19/22 keeps the balance.]

43...Nd7∓ 44.Re2 -2.79/19

[44.Kf2∓ -1.57/23]

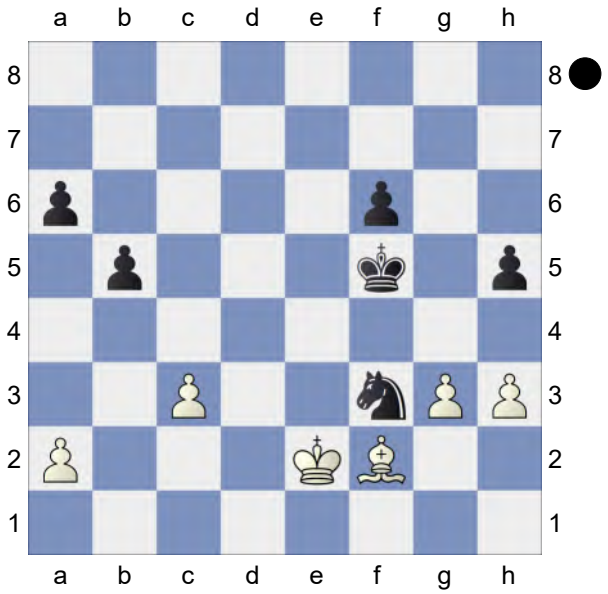
44...Ne5+-+ 45.Kg2 Re4! 46.Kf1 Nf3! Hoping for ...Rxe2. **47.Bf2 Rxe2** -1.05/19

[47...Ng5!-+ -2.49/22 is more deadly. 48.Rd2 Nxh3]

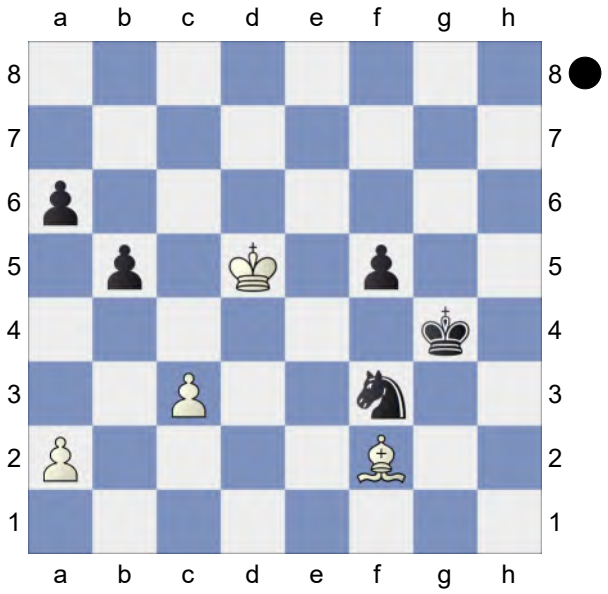
48.Kxe2

(Diagram)

KB-KN **48...Ng5** -0.12/20



[Black should try 48...Ke4!∓ -0.73/28]
49.g4+!= hxg4 50.hxg4+ Kxg4 51.Kd3 Repels Ne4 **51...Nf3** Strongly threatening ...f5. **52.Ke4** -1.24/27
[52.c4= -0.13/27]
52...f5+ 53.Kd5



Nd2! 54.Be3 -3.47/23
[54.Kc6 -1.75/24]
54...Nc4-+ 55.Bd4 -6.80/25
[⌓55.Bg1 -4.03/25 f4 56.Bh2]
55...f4 Black is clearly winning. **56.Kc6 Ne3 57.Kb7 Kf5** ...Ke4 is the strong threat. **58.Bc5 Ke4** And now ...f3 would win. **59.Bd6 f3** ...f2 would now be deadly. **60.Bg3 Kd3 61.Bf2 Nd1 62.Bg1 Nxc3 63.Kxa6 b4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.13 (very precise)
[Worse is 63...Nxa2 64.Kxb5 Ke4 65.Kc6=]
0-1

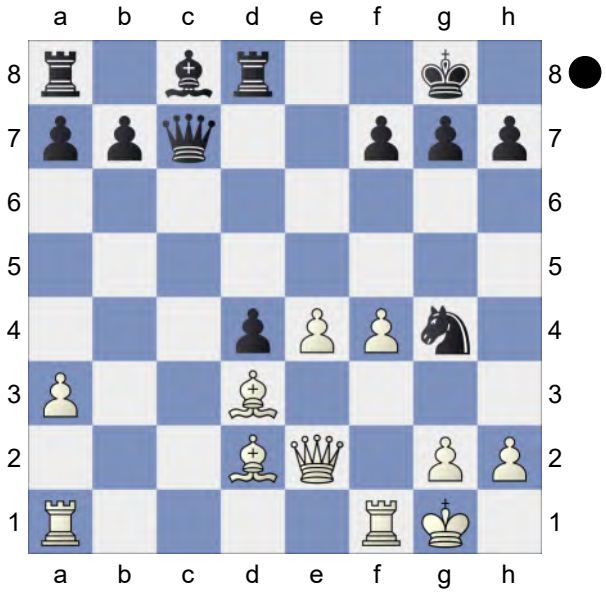
E48
□ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K. 2524**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke 2642**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.14) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 The Field, 26 June 1897 Giorgadze,G: 'Inf 65/385' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 Nf6**
[4...Ne7 5.Bd2 0-0 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 a5 10.Qc2 h6 11.Rac1 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.a3 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 f5 15.b4 Kh8 16.b5 Ra8 17.a4 Rc8 18.Qb3 Rf6 19.Bb2 1-0 Giorgadze,G (2605)-Conquest,S (2455) 65/385 Senden 1995]
[4...c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bf5 9.Bxf5 Nxf5 10.Qb3 Qd7 11.Rb1 cxd4 12.cxd4 b6 13.Ne2 Nc6 14.Nf4 Nce7 15.a4 0-0 16.Qb5 Qd6 17.Bd2 Qd8 18.0-0 g5 19.Nh5 0-1 Fiol,F (2271)-Rakhmatullaev,A (2306) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (4)]
5.Bd3 0-0N
[5...Nc6 6.Nf3 Bd7 7.Bd2 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Ne4 10.Qb3 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Qf6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.0-0 Ne7 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.Qd2 c6 16.Ne5 Qe7 17.f4 f5 18.Rf3 Be8

19.Rh3 Nf6 20.Qe2 1-0 Thomas,E-Watson,G London (Women) London (Hotel Cecil) 1897 (1) g6 21.Qf2 Ne4 22.Qf3 Nf6 23.Rf1 Rc8 24.Qg3 Ne4 25.Bxe4 fxe4 26.Ng4 Kh8 27.Nh6 Rc7 28.Rh4 Qd7 29.Qg5 Qd6 30.Ng4 Rf5 31.Qh6 1-0 Orejas Luis,I-Chapter 4 Laender-Cup (Women) Vienna 1995 (1)]

6.Nge2 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.0-0 e5 12.e4 Threatening d5. **12...cxd4 13.cxd4** The position is equal. **13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bd2 Ng4 16.f4 Rd8 17.Qe2** -0.22/20

[⌓17.Rc1 0.28/20 Qd7 18.Qf3]



17...Ne3!= 18.Bxe3

[18.Rac1 Qd6]

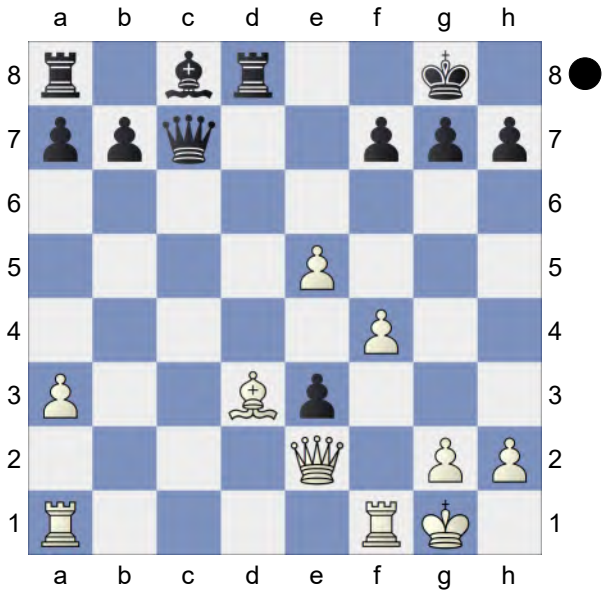
18...dxe3 19.e5 -0.92/23

[19.Bc4!= -0.22/22]

(Diagram)

19...Qc3!∓ 20.Rad1 -1.71/23

[20.Rfc1∓ -0.99/21 Qd2 *(20...Qxd3 21.Rd1=)* 21.Rd1 Qxe2 22.Bxe2]



20...Be6-+ 21.Rf3? -3.47/19

[21.h3 -1.94/22]

21...Bg4

[21...Qxa3 22.f5 Bd7 23.Re1∓]

22.Qxe3 Bxh7+! would now be deadly.

22...Rac8 23.Rg3

[23.Bxh7+ Kxh7 24.Rxd8 *(24.Qe4+? g6-+)* 24...Qxe3+ *(24...Bxf3 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 26.gxf3=)* 25.Rxe3 Rxd8-+]

23...Bxd1 24.Bxh7+ Kxh7

[24...Kh8 25.Qxc3 Rxc3 *(25...Kxh7? 26.Qe1+-)* 26.Rxc3 Kxh7 27.Rc7-+]

25.Qe4+ Kg8 26.Rxc3 Rxc3 27.f5? -6.24/20

[27.e6 -3.55/20]

27...Bb3 28.h3 Rd1+ 29.Kh2 Bd5 30.Qh4

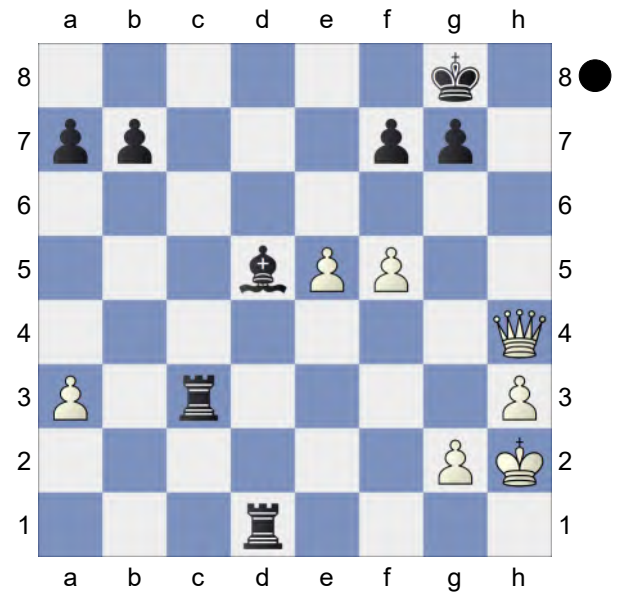
(Diagram)

Bxg2! 31.Qa4

[31.Kxg2 Rd2+]

31...Rd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.12 (very precise)

[Not 31...Rxh3+ 32.Kxg2 Rhh1 33.Qe8+ Deflection *(33.Qxa7 Rh5∓)*



33...Kh7 34.Qxf7=]
0-1

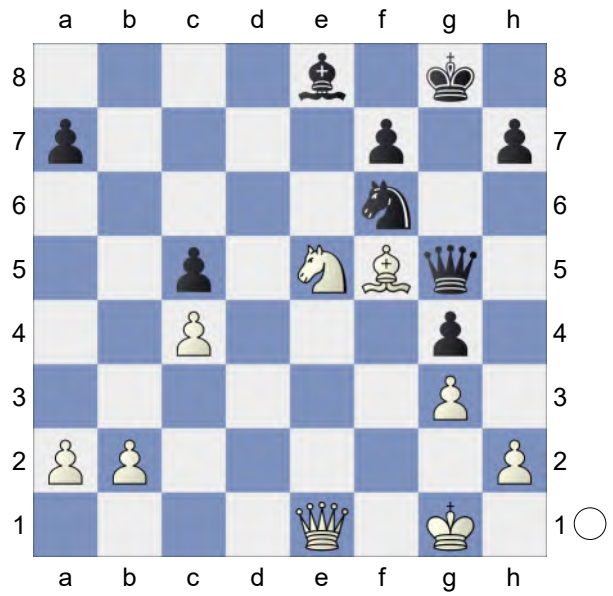
C07

□ **Pranav,V.** **2621**
■ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.15) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Nf3 Bf4N** 0.73/25
[10...dxe4= 0.27/23 11.Qxe4 *(11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Re1 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 f6 15.b3 0-0 16.Bd2 c5 17.Rad1 Rf7 18.h3 Bf8 19.Bf4 e5 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Bxe5 Qc8 22.Bxb8 Qxb8 23.Re2 Qb6 24.a4 Qa6 25.c4 h6* 0-1 Timman,J (2569)-Kortschnoj,V (2561) 7th Staunton Memorial GM London ENG 2009 (7)) 11...Nf6 12.Qh4 Nd5 Csernus,R-N,N 80/(185) Pardubice 2000 *(12...h6 13.0-0 c5 14.Nd2 Nd5 15.Nc4 Bf4 16.g3 Bxc1 17.Raxc1 Bc6 18.Rfe1 0-0 19.Qe4 Nf6 20.Qe5 Qxe5 21.Nxe5 Bb7 22.Bf1 Rfd8 23.Rcd1 Rab8 24.b3 Be4 25.Bg2 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Rbc8 27.c4* ½-½ Mohandesi, S (2684)-Buese,R (2741) BUL-ch22 corr9192 Bulgaria 1991 (2.29) *)*]
[10...e5 11.exd5 cxd5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.f4 f6 14.0-0 Ne7 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.Qf2 Qd6 17.Re1 Kf7 18.c4 Rac8 19.Bf4 Qb6 20.c5 Qb7 21.Bd6 Rce8 22.b4 Nc8 23.Bf4 Qxb4 24.Rec1 Bc6 25.a4 1-0 Macias Pino,D (2433)-Perez Guerra,R (2231) ESP-ch U18 Salobrena 2023 (6)]
11.Bxf4± Qxf4 12.0-0 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 Dodges c4 **14.Bd3 0-0 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Rad1** 0.60/20
[16.c4± 0.96/20]
16...Be8 0.99/19
[16...Qa4± 0.60/20 is superior.]
17.c4! c5 18.g3 Qh6 19.f4 Rd4 1.30/24
[Black should try 19...g6 0.72/23]
20.Bc2 Rad8 21.Rxd4 Rxd4 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1
[23.Bxd1 g5±]
23...g5 24.f5 0.49/26
[24.Ng4± 0.91/27 Nxg4 25.Qxg4]
24...exf5 0.85/26
[24...g4± 0.49/26 25.Nxg4 Qg5 26.Nxf6+ Qxf6]
25.Bxf5 g4 26.Qe1 Prevents Qe3+. White has more active pieces. **26...Qg5** 1.39/25
[⌓26...Kf8 0.86/23]

(Diagram)

27.Nxg4! Deflection **27...Nxg4**
28.Qxe8+ **Kg7** **29.Bxg4**
Remove Defender **29...Qxg4**

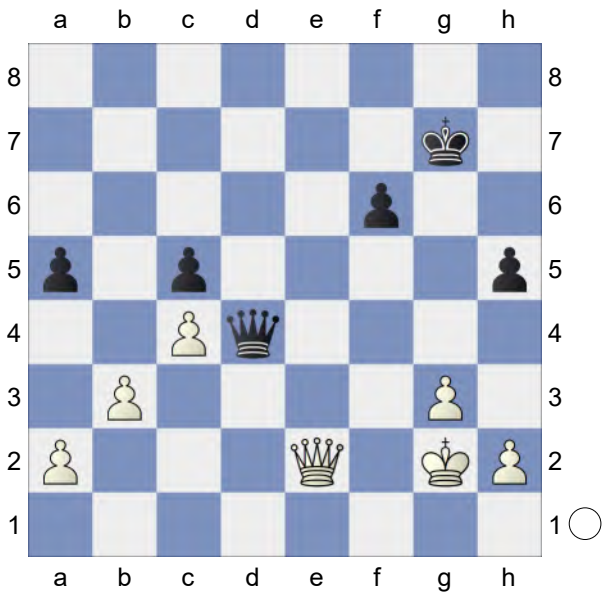


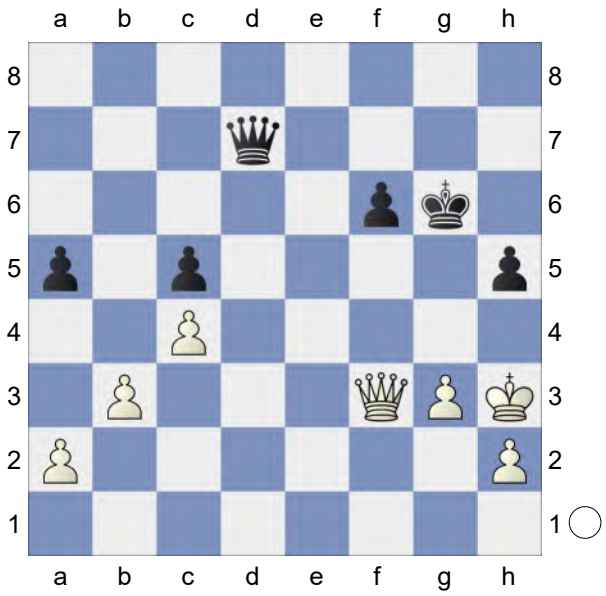
Endgame. KQ-KQ **30.Qe5+ Kg6 31.Qd6+?** 0.28/21
[31.Qxc5+- 1.79/24 Hoping for Qd6+. Qd1+ 32.Kg2]
31...f6!= 32.Qd3+ Kg7 33.b3 Qe6 0.60/28
[33...h5= 0.20/29]
34.Kg2 h5 35.Qf3 Kg6 36.Kf2 Qe5 37.Qd3+ Kg7 38.Kf3 a5 39.Qe4 Strongly threatening Qxe5. **39...Qb2 40.Qe2 Qa1 41.Kg2** 0.23/29 Dodges Qg1+
[41.g4± 0.59/26]
41...Qd4 0.81/26
[41...Qb1= 0.23/29]

(Diagram)

42.Kh3!±
[42.Qxh5 Qd2+ 43.Kh3 Qxa2=]
42...Kg6 43.Qf3 0.15/28
[43.g4± 0.92/23]
43...Qd7+ 1.29/24
[43...Qd2= 0.15/28 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



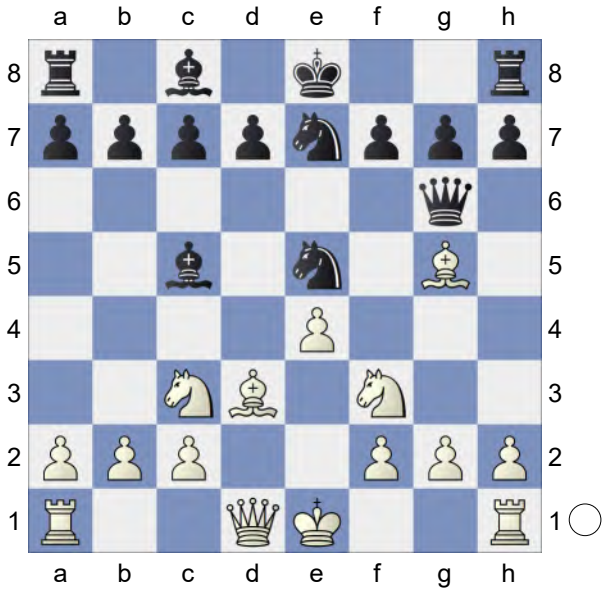


44.g4 0.34/22
[44.Kh4!± 1.29/24 Qd4+ 45.g4]
44...Qe6±
[44...hxg4+? 45.Qxg4+ Qxg4+ 46.Kxg4+-]
45.a4 0.00/42
[45.Kg3± 0.39/24 was preferrable. Qe1+ 46.Kg2 Qd2+ 47.Kg3 h4+ 48.Kh3]
45...Kg7 46.Kg3 Qe1+ 47.Kg2 Qd2+ 48.Kh3 hxg4+ 49.Qxg4+ Kh6 50.Qe4 Qc3+ 51.Kg4 Threatens to win with Kf5.
51...Qxb3 52.Kf5 Qxa4 53.Qh4+

[53.Kxf6!? Qa1+□ 54.Ke6=]
53...Kg7 ...Qd7+ would now be deadly. **54.Qxf6+ Kh7 55.Qe7+ Kh8 56.Qxc5** Black must now prevent Kf6. **56...Qd7+ 57.Ke4** And now Qd4+ would win. **57...Qg4+** 0.61/23
[Black should play 57...Qb7+!= 0.01/25 58.Qd5 Qb1+ 59.Qd3 Qa2]
58.Kd5 0.00/25
[58.Kd3!± 0.61/23 Qh3+ 59.Kd4]
58...Qd7+ The position is equal. **59.Ke5 a4 60.Qb4 Qa7 61.Qf8+ Kh7 62.Qf5+ Kg8 63.Qg4+ Kf8** aiming for ...Qc5+. **64.Qf3+ Kg8 65.Qg3+ Kf8 66.Qa3+ Kf7**
[Inferior is 66...Qe7+ 67.Qxe7+ Kxe7 68.Kd4 Kf6 69.h4 a3 70.Kc3 Kf7 71.Kb3]
67.c5 Qb8+ 68.Kd4 Qxh2 69.Qf3+
[69.Qxa4 leads to mate. Qf4+ 70.Kd5 Qxa4 71.Ke5 Qc4 *(71...Qd7 gets mated. 72.Kf4 Ke6 73.Ke4 Qd5+ 74.Ke3 Qxc5+ 75.Ke4 Qc3 76.Kf4 Qd3 77.Kg4 Ke5 78.Kh5 Qg3 79.Kh6 Kf6 80.Kh7 Qg7#)* 72.c6 Qxc6 73.Kd4 Ke6 74.Ke3 Qc3+ 75.Kf2 Kf5 76.Kg1 Kf4 77.Kg2 Qc2+ 78.Kg1 Kg3 79.Kh1 Qh2#]
69...Ke7 70.Qe4+ Kd8 71.Kc4 Kc7 72.Qe7+ Kc6 73.Qe6+ Kc7 74.Qb6+ Kc8 75.Qa6+ Kc7 76.Qb6+ Kc8 77.Qe6+ Kc7 (→ ...Qa2+) **78.Qe7+ Kc6 79.Qe4+ Kc7 80.Kb5 Qb2+ 81.Ka6** Qe7+ would kill now. **81...Qf6+ 82.Ka7 Qc6 83.Qf4+ Kc8 84.Qf8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

C45
□ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** **2445**
■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.16) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C45: Scotch Game **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qf6 5.Nf3 Bc5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Bg5 Qg6 8.Bd3** Threatens to win with Nd5. White is slightly better. **8...Ne5**

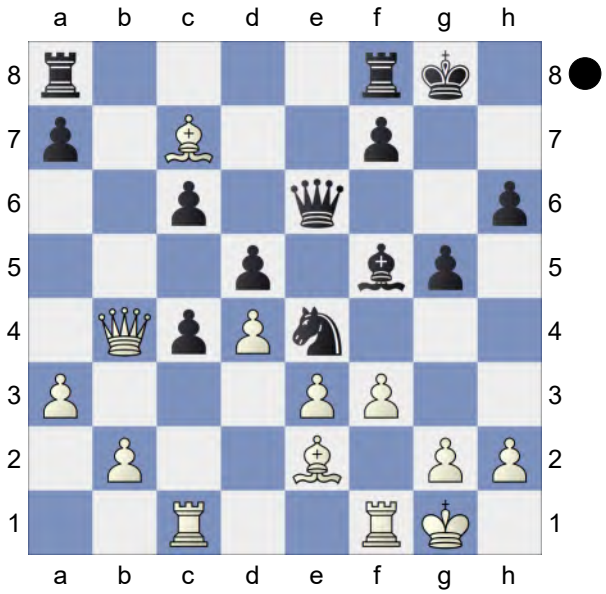


aiming for ...Nxf3+. Deflection **9.Qd2**
[9.Nxe5? too greedy. Qxg5 10.Nc4 Qxg2-+]
9...Nxd3+ 10.cxd3N -0.27/22
[10.Qxd3± 0.40/25 f6 11.Nb5 Bb6 12.Be3 Ba5+ 13.Bd2 Bb6 14.0-0-0 a6 15.Qa3 #2 Chapter 19: Scotch: 4...Qf6-5...Bc5]
10...h6 0.33/21
[10...f6= -0.27/22 11.Nb5 0-0 *(11...fxg5 12.Nxc7+ Kd8 13.Nxa8±)*]
11.Bxe7 Bxe7 12.Nd5 Bd8 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rac1 -0.10/23
[⌓14.Nf4 0.27/22 Qf6 15.Rfe1]
14...c6= **15.Nf4** A dynamic duo of knights. **15...Qf6 16.Nh5 Qg6 17.Nf4 Qf6 18.Nh5 Qg6 19.Nf4 Qf6 20.Nh5**

Qg6 21.Nf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

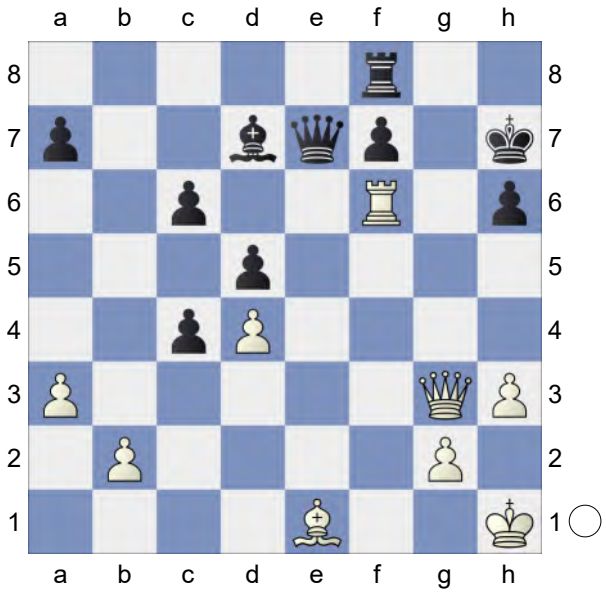
D38
□ **Mamedov,Edgar 2441**
■ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar 2578**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.17) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.e3 Bf5 9.Be2 Nbd7** The position is equal. **10.Qb3** Dodges c6 **10...Qe7 11.0-0 c6 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3**
[13.bxc3 b5 14.a4 a6 15.Ra3 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rfa1 Rxa3 19.Qxa3 Qxa3 20.Rxa3 Rc8 21.Ne1 Nb6 22.f3 Nd2 23.Nd3 Na4 24.Nb4 Nb1 25.Ra1 Nbxc3 26.Bf1 c5 27.dxc5 Nxc5 1-0 Ferri,S (2731)-Grube,J (2764) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (3.1)]
13...g5! 14.Bg3 Ne4 15.Qb4
[15.Qc1 h5 16.Nd2 h4 17.Nxe4 Bxe4 18.Bc7 Nb6 19.Bxb6 axb6 20.f4 f6 21.Qd2 b5 22.Bd3 Rae8 23.Rae1 Kg7 24.Rf2 Kh6 25.Ref1 g4 26.Re1 f5 27.Bxe4 Qxe4 28.Rfe2 h3 29.g3 Rf6 ½-½ Dragun,K (2553)-Duda,J (2732) Speed Chess Poland Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (2.14)]
15...Qe6N 0.40/22
[15...Qxb4= -0.27/24 16.axb4 a6 17.Rfd1 Rae8 18.Nd2 Nxg3 19.hxg3 Nb6 20.Rdc1 Nc8 21.Nb3 Kg7 22.Nc5 Re7 23.Rc3 Rfe8 24.Kf1 Nd6 25.Raa3 Bg6 26.Ke1 Nf5 27.Nb3 ½-½ Burdalev,K (2357)-Simek,P (2323) CZE-chT 2223 Czech Republic 2022 (9.6)]
16.Rac1 -0.12/20
[White should try 16.Bc7± 0.40/22]
16...b5 0.61/23
[16...Nxg3= -0.12/20 17.hxg3 b6]
17.Bc7
[17.Qa5 simplifies Nxg3 18.hxg3 Rfb8 19.Bd1]
17...Nb6 18.Ne5 White is more active.
18...Nc4 19.Nxc4 -0.01/21
[Better is 19.f3± 0.70/20 a5 20.Bxa5]
19...bxc4= 20.f3⇄

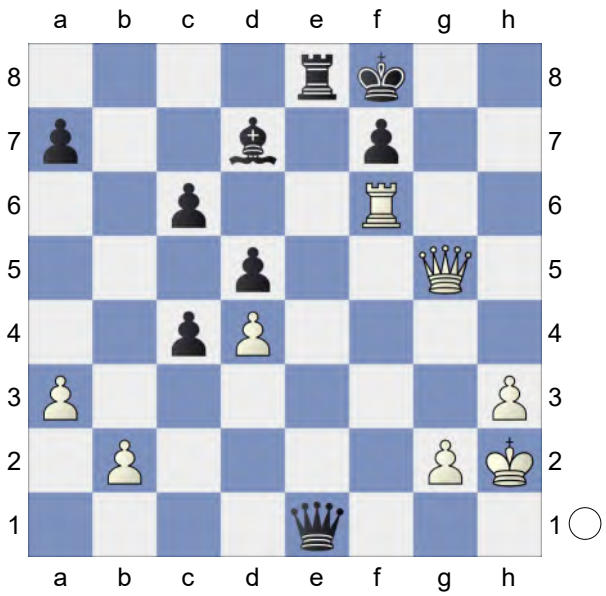


White puts up resistance **20...Ng3** 0.40/23 **21.Bxg3** e4! is the strong threat. **21...Qxe3+ 22.Kh1 Qxe2 23.Rce1 Qd3 24.Qd6 Be6 25.f4** Black must now prevent fxg5. **25...Qg6 26.Qe5** 0.17/22 Black is weak on the dark squares
[26.fxg5± 0.79/20 Strongly threatening Rf6. hxg5 27.Kg1]
26...gxf4
[26...Bf5 keeps more tension. 27.fxg5 Be4 28.gxh6 Rae8]
27.Rxf4 Rae8 28.Rf6 Bd7 29.Qd6
[Much weaker is 29.Rxg6+ fxg6∓]

29...Rxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Qe4 31.Qg3+ Kh7 1.95/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[31...Qg4± 0.72/22 was worth a try.]
32.h3+- Threatens to win with Bd2.
32...Qe7? 4.61/22
[32...Rg8 1.92/18 33.Rxf7+ Kh8]



33.Qf4! Qxe1+ 34.Kh2 Kg8 35.Qxh6 Qg5+ would kill now. **35...Re8** #7/26
[35...Qe6+- 4.32/23 36.Rxe6 Bxe6]
36.Qg5+ Kf8



37.Rh6! Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.59
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E48
□ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**
■ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.18) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E48: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 including 6 Ne2, but excluding 6 a3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.a3 Bd6 8.Qc2 c6 Repels Nb5 **9.Nge2 b6N**
[9...Re8 10.Bd2
A) 10...Nbd7 11.f3 c5 12.0-0-0 *(12.h4 h5 13.0-0-0 a6 14.g4 hxg4 15.fxg4 Nxg4 16.h5 Ndf6 17.h6 Nxh6 18.Rdg1 Bg4 19.Kb1 Rc8 20.Qc1 Qd7 21.Qf1 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Nd5 Re6 24.Rxg4 Nxg4 25.Qf5 Nh2 26.Nb6 Qb5* Chapter 13 - 5...d5 6. cxd5-6...exd5 7.a3 Bd6 - Part 4 2023) 12...g6 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.g4 Bd7 15.Nd4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Qb6 17.g5 Nh5 18.Nxd5 Qd8 19.Bb5 Be5 20.Bc3 Bxd4 21.Bxd7 Nxd7 22.Rxd4 Qxg5 23.Rdd1 Qh4 24.Rhg1 Qh3 25.Qa4 1-0 Bluebaum,M (2642)-Kuzubov,Y (2639) European Individual Chess Championship 2022 (7.1);
B) 10...b6 11.f3 *(11.0-0 Ba6 12.Kh1 c5 13.Rad1 g6 14.Qb1 Bb7 15.Nf4 Nbd7 16.f3 Nf8 17.b4 cxd4 18.exd4 Bxf4 19.Bxf4 Nh5 20.Be5 f6 21.Bg3 Nxg3+ 22.hxg3 Qc7 23.Ne2 Re3 24.Qa2 Rae8 25.Qd2 Qd6* 1-0 C 06/32 (2772)-4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2727) Polska 31/96 1981 *26.Rc1 R3e7 27.Bb5*

Rc8 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.Qf4 Qxf4 30.Nxf4 Bb7 31.Kg1 Kf7 32.Kf2 Ne6 33.Rh1 h5 34.Bd3 Nxf4 35.gxf4 Rc7 36.f5 g5 37.Rxh5 Kg7 38.Rh1 Rc3 39.Ke2 Bc6 40.Ra1 Bd7 0-1 Aronian,L (2522)-Sulskis,S (2501) 81/2 Cappelle la Grande 2001*)* 11...c5 12.g4 c4 13.Bf5 Bxf5 14.Qxf5 g6 15.Qc2 Nc6 16.h4 Na5 17.g5 Nb3 18.Kf2 Nxa1 19.Rxa1 Nh5 20.Nxd5 b5 21.e4 Chapter 12 - 5...d5 6.cxd5-6...exd5 7.a3 Bd6 - Part 3 2023]

10.f3 -0.37/18

[10.e4= 0.30/18 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4]

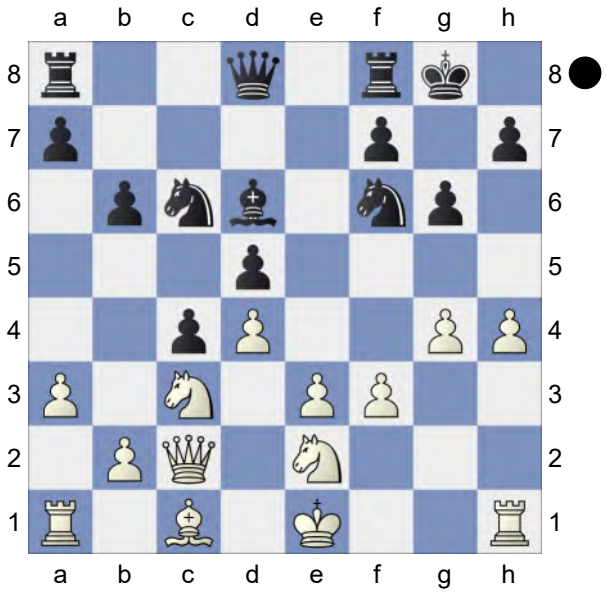
10...c5∓ 11.g4 c4 0.06/17

[11...g6∓ -0.37/19 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bb7]

12.Bf5= Bxf5 13.Qxf5 g6 14.Qc2 -0.28/20

[⌓14.Qg5 0.10/22]

14...Nc6 15.h4



b5! Decoy **16.Nxb5 Qa5+** 0.73/20

[16...Na5!= -0.18/20 keeps the balance.]

17.Nbc3± Nb4 18.axb4 Qxa1 19.g5 Nh5 20.Nxd5 Qa6 1.51/18

[⌓20...Rab8 0.82/21]

21.Kf2 0.53/17

[21.e4± 1.51/18]

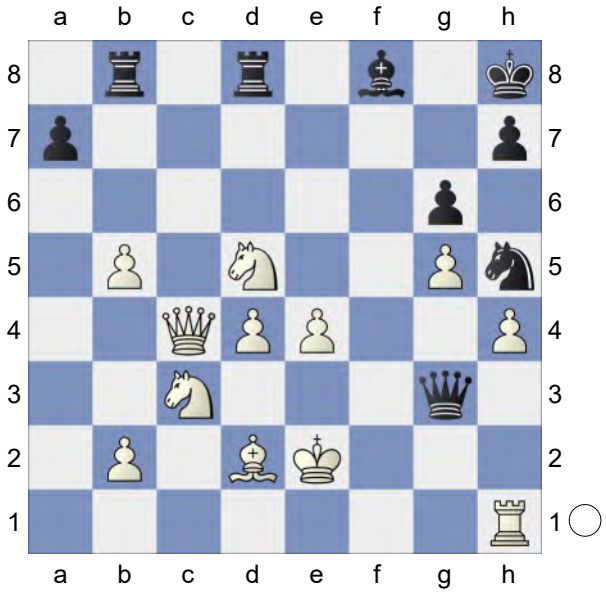
21...f5!± 22.Bd2 Rac8 23.Nec3 A dynamic duo of knights. **23...Qb7 24.Qa4** -0.09/19

[24.b5± 0.52/21]

24...Rfd8= Hoping for ...Bg3+. **25.Kg2 Bf8 26.e4 fxe4 27.fxe4 Rb8** Black is weak on the dark squares **28.b5 Qd7** And now ...Qg4+ would win. **29.Qxc4→** White attacks. Active counter play! **29...Qg4+ 30.Kf2 Qg3+** 0.67/19

[30...Kh8!= 0.08/24 31.Qd3 Bg7]

31.Ke2!± White threatens Nf6+ and mate. **31...Kh8**



White must now prevent ...Qg2+. **32.Re1!** Threatens to win with Qd3. **32...Qxh4** 1.38/21

[32...Qg4+± 0.60/18 33.Kd3 Rbc8]

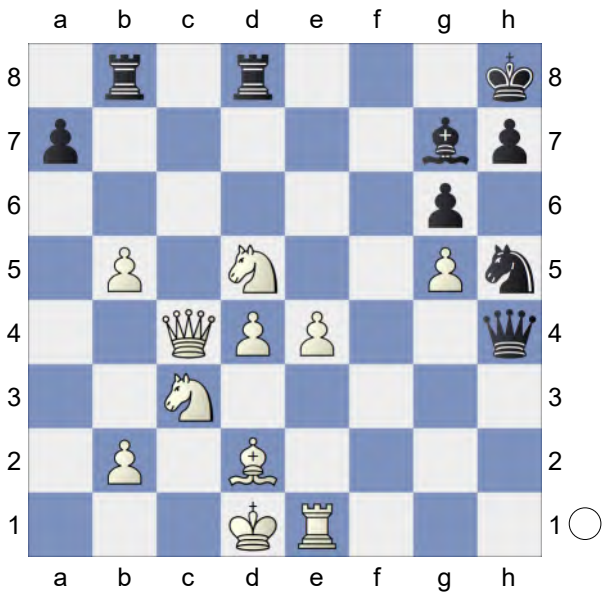
33.Kd1± Bg7

(Diagram)

34.Qd3! Qg4+ 35.Kc2 Qd7 3.05/19

[35...Rbc8 1.92/18 might work better. 36.Kb1 Qe6]

36.Kb1 Qe6 37.Kc2 Rbc8 1.48/19



[37...Rb7+- 1.97/20 38.Ra1 Rf7]

38.Ra1 Ng3 39.Rxa7? -0.02/19

[39.Qxg3 Qxe4+ 40.Kd1 *(40.Kb3 Qxd4 41.Qe3 Rxd5∓)* 40...Qxd4∓ *(40...Qh1+ 41.Qe1=)*]

[39.Nf6+- 1.94/23]

39...Nxe4= The position is equal. **40.Re7** Really sharp! **40...Qxd5 41.Qxe4 Qxe4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)

[41...Qxb5? is the wrong capture. 42.Rxg7 Kxg7 *(42...Rxc3+? 43.Bxc3 Qd5 44.Qxd5+-)* 43.Qe7+ Kg8 44.Qxd8+ Rxd8 45.Nxb5+-]

[41...Bxd4? loses. 42.Re8+ Kg7 43.Qxd5 Pin Rxc3+ 44.bxc3+-]

½-½

B46

□ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.19) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B46: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 a6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3**

[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]

5...a6N

[5...Qc7 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 ½-½ Sarbay-Leuthold_H/Schlumpf_H 107/(248) Bischwiller 2009 Bd7 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966 Rg8 36.Qf7 Ref8 37.Qe6 Re8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969]

6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.0-0 Bb7 0.78/23

[8...Nf6± 0.42/21]

9.Qe2 0.33/21

[White should play 9.Qf3± 0.78/23]

9...Nf6 10.e5 Nd7 White has an edge. **11.f4** With the idea f5. **11...g6 12.Na4 c5** aiming for ...c4. **13.c4 d4** 0.19/27

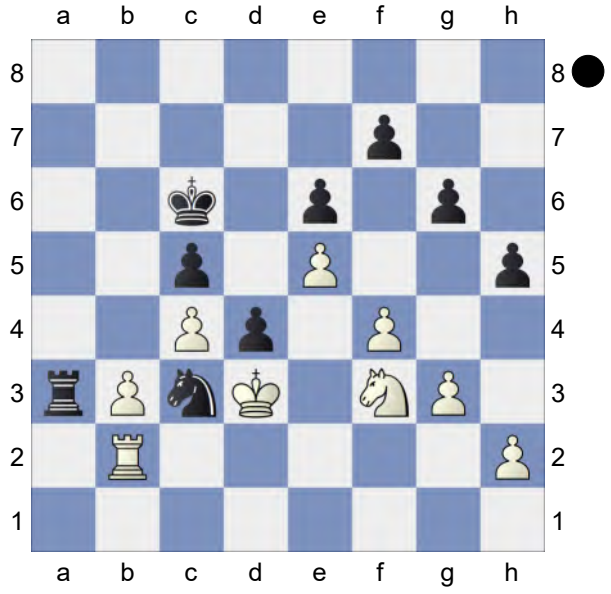
[13...Nb6 -0.19/25 was preferrable. 14.Nxb6 Qxb6]

14.Be4 Qc7 15.b3 Be7 16.Bd2 Bc6 17.Ba5 Deflection **17...Qb7 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 19.Rae1 h5 20.g3 Bd8 21.Bxd8 Kxd8 22.Qe4 Qxe4**

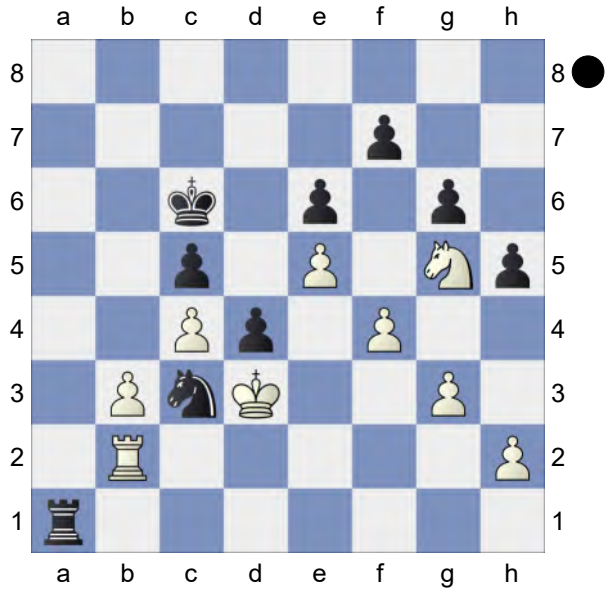
[22...Kc7 is interesting. 23.Nb2 a5 24.Nd3 Nb6]

23.Rxe4 a5 24.Nb2 Kc7 25.Nd3 Rhb8 26.Rb1 Rb6 27.Re2 a4 28.Reb2 axb3 29.axb3 Rba6 30.Kg2 Ra2 31.Kf3 Rxb2 32.Rxb2= Endgame. KRN-KRN **32...Kc6 33.Ke4**

Nb6 34.Ne1 Ra1 35.Nf3 Ra3 White must now prevent ...Na4! **36.Kd3?** -2.31/28 Loses the game.
[36.Rb1∓ -0.76/25]
36...Na4-+ 37.Rb1 Nc3 38.Rb2 Nd1 39.Rb1 Nc3 40.Rb2



Ra1! 41.Ng5 -2.50/26
[41.Rd2 -1.89/23 was worth a try.]



41...Re1! 42.Kd2 -4.99/24
[42.Rd2 -2.76/25 is a better defense. Re3+ 43.Kc2]
42...Re3 Black is clearly winning.
[Not 42...Re2+ 43.Kc1 Re3 *(43...Re1+ 44.Kd2∓)* 44.Nxf7∓]
43.Rc2 Nb1+ 44.Kd1 Rxb3 Threatens to win with ...Na3. **45.Ra2 Na3 46.Nxf7 Nxc4** Strongly threatening ...d3. **47.Ra6+ Kd5** (→ ...d3) **48.Nd6 d3 49.Nxc4 Kxc4 50.Kd2 Rb2+ 51.Ke3 Re2+ 52.Kf3 Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

D35
□ **Tahbaz,Arash 2432**
■ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
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[Kitty Kat]

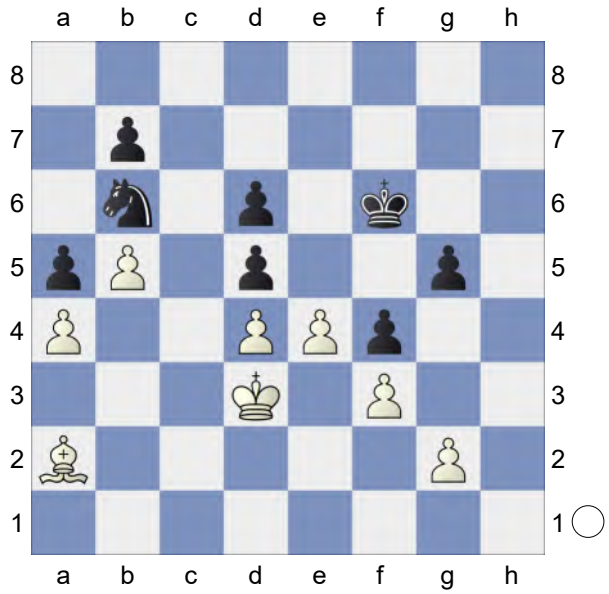
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) This game was played between GM Marco Baldauf & GM Yuriy Kryvoruchko in the Gukesh QGD variation. In the game, Black plays out a lot of typical plans in the reverse Carlsbad structures. **1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Bb4 6.Nf3 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Qb3 Qd6 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 0-0 11.e3 Bf5 12.Qb4N**
[12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nd7 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Rfc1 c6 16.Nd2 Qd7 17.Rc3 Rad8 18.Rd1 Rfe8 19.h3 Re7 20.Qc2 Rde8 21.Nb3 Nc4 22.Nc5 Qc8 23.a4 Nd6 24.Qe2 g6 25.Qg4 Qd8 26.h4 Ne4 Model Games-Baldauf,M]
[12.Be2 Nd7 13.0-0 c6 14.b4 a6 15.Rfc1 Nf6 16.a4 Ne4 17.Qb2 Rfe8 18.Ne5 Qe7 19.Bd3 Nd6 20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Rxa1 23.Qxa1 cxb5 24.Qb1 Nd6 25.Qb3 Nc4 26.Qxb5 Nxe5

½-½ Deuer,M (2303)-Richter,N (2328) Eberstadt 2022 (2)]

12...Nc6 13.Qxd6

[13.Qxb7? Rfb8 14.Qa6 Rxb2∓]

13...cxd6 14.b4 Rac8 15.Kd2 a5 16.b5 Nb8 17.Bd3 Inhibits Rc2+. **17...Be4 18.Rhc1 Nd7 19.Be2 Nb6** The position is equal. **20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rc1** Inhibits Rc2+. **21...Rxc1 22.Kxc1 Bxf3 23.Bxf3=** Endgame. KB-KN **23...g6 24.Bd1 Kf8 25.Bb3 Ke7 26.Kc2 f5 27.Kd3 Kf6 28.h3 Ke6 29.f3 Kf6 30.Ba2 Ke6 31.e4 f4 32.h4 g5 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.a4 Kf6**



...dxe4+ would now be deadly. **35.Bxd5 Nxd5 36.exd5** Strongly threatening b6. **36...b6 37.Ke2** Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

[37.Ke4!?]

½-½

B91

□ **Shuvalova,Polina 2504**

■ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas 2410**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.21) 9.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B91: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 g3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e5N**

[6...e6 7.Bg2 Be7 *(7...Qc7 8.0-0 Be7 9.a4 Nc6 10.Nb3 b6 11.f4 Rb8 12.Be3 0-0 13.g4 Nd7 14.g5 Re8 15.Qh5 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.f5 g6 18.Qh3 Bf8 19.Rf4 b4 20.Rh4 h5 21.fxg6 fxg6 22.Ne2* 0-1 Kagan,S-Csom,I 16/454 Sao Paulo 1973 *e5 23.Rxh5 gxh5 24.Qxh5 Re7 25.Rf1 Ba6 26.Ng3 Bxf1 27.Bxf1 Rh7 28.Qg4 Ne7 29.g6 Nxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.Nd2 Nb6 32.Nf3 Qg7 33.Qe6 Be7 34.Bxb6 Rxb6 35.Bc4 Rb8 36.Kg2 Rf8 37.Bd5* 0-1 Zagrebina,M-Dubinski,M Match Spielmann-Leonhardt +6-4=5 Munich 1906 *)* 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 *(9.a4 Nc6 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.a5 Nd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Na4 e5 17.Nb6 exf4 18.Nxa8 Nd4 19.gxf4 Nxc2 20.Rad1 Nd4 21.Nb6 Bg4 22.f3 Be6 23.f5 Bb3* 0-1 Safarli,E (2579)-Korobov,A (2699) 151/74 Sitges 2021*)* 9...Nc6 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Nf3 b5 12.Re2 Bb7 13.Be1 Rfd8 14.Nb1 e5 15.Bc3 b4 16.Bd2 a5 17.c3 bxc3 18.Nxc3 Ba6 19.Re1 Nb4 20.Bf1 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 0-1 Toro,S (1138)-Orden,J (1068) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1)]

[6...Bd7 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 e6 9.Be3 Be7 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.a4 0-0 12.a5 Nd7 13.Na4 f5 14.Nb6 Nxb6 15.Bxb6 Qd7 16.Qd3 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Bd8 19.Bd4 Bf6

20.Rad1 d5 21.Qe3 ½-½ Ahnert (2722)-Coll Sola,J (2712) Rilton Cup Stockholm SWE 1998]

7.Nb3 Be7 8.Bg2 Be6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.a4 Rc8 White has an edge. **11.Re1 h6 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nf1 Re8 14.Ne3 Bf8 15.Ncd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 g6 17.a5 Nh7 18.Qg4** -0.46/21

[18.Ra4± 0.48/23]

18...e4!∓ 19.Ra4 -1.00/25

[19.Bxe4? Nhf6 20.Qf3 Rxe4-+]

[19.h4∓ -0.37/23]

19...h5 -0.34/25

[19...Ne5!∓ -1.00/25 20.Qd1 *(20.Qxe4 Ng5∓)* 20...f5]

20.Qd1 f5 21.Nc4 Ne5 0.01/22

[21...Ng5∓ -0.46/22 was preferrable.]

22.Nxe5!= dxe5 23.c4 Nf6 0.54/22

[23...h4= -0.15/20]

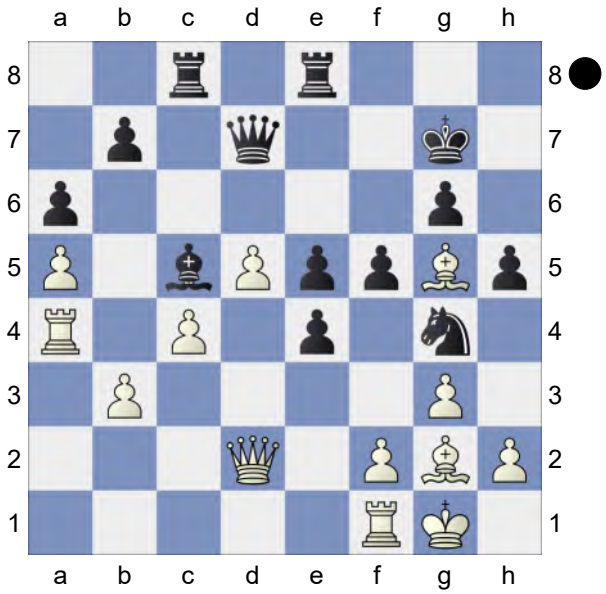
24.Bg5 Kg7 25.Qd2 Bc5 26.Rc1 -0.84/21

[26.h3= 0.23/20]

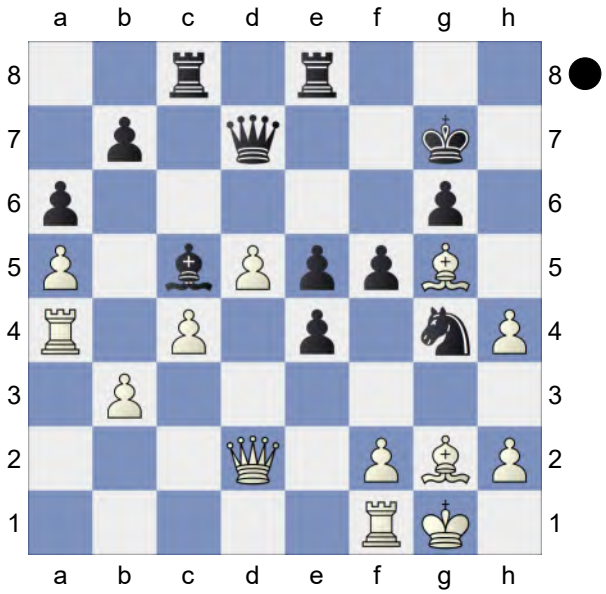
26...Qd7∓ 27.b3 -2.68/20

[27.b4∓ -0.79/21 e3 *(27...Qxa4 28.bxc5 Rxc5 29.Rb1=)* 28.fxe3 Qxa4 29.bxc5]

27...Ng4-+ 28.Rf1



h4? -0.75/20 **29.gxh4∓**



e3! 30.fxe3

[30.Bxe3 Nxe3]

30...f4 31.Kh1 Nxe3 0.00/23

[31...Bxe3?! 32.Qd3±]

[31...fxe3∓ -0.72/25 32.Qe2 Rf8]

32.Re1 -1.38/21

[32.Rf3= 0.00/23 remains equal.]

32...Qf5 Black has strong compensation.

33.Bf3 -2.01/24

[33.Raa1∓ -1.14/20]

33...e4 34.Be2 Be7 0.00/25

[34...Kh7-+ -1.87/23 Threatens to win with ...Qh3. 35.b4 Qh3 *(35...Be7 36.Bxe7 Rxe7 37.d6=)*]

35.Rg1= Chess con chili. **35...Bd6 36.h5 Rh8** 0.51/21

[36...Rc7= -0.01/22]

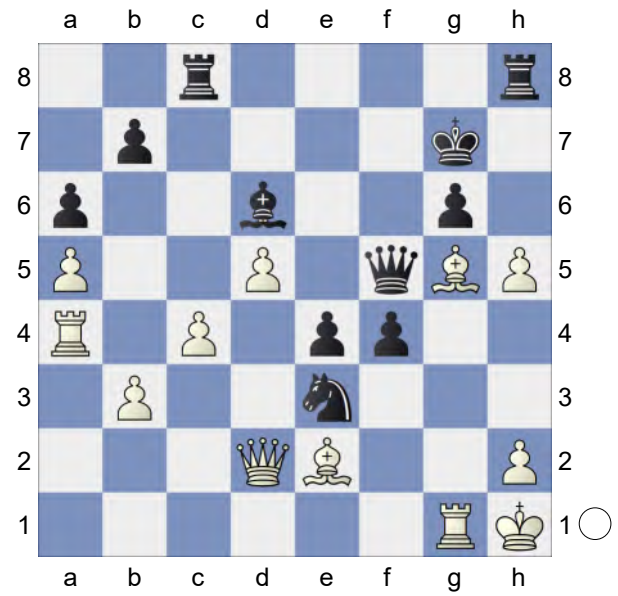
(Diagram)

37.Rb4 0.00/24 **f3**

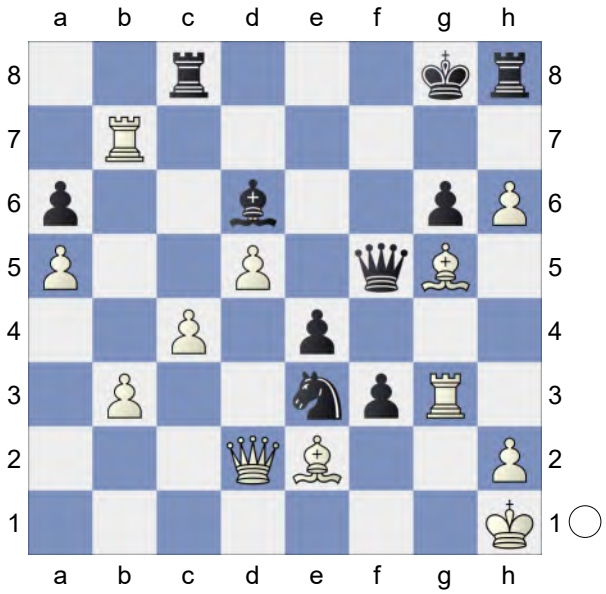
[37...Bxb4 38.Qxb4 Rce8 39.Qxb7+ Qf7 *(39...Kg8? 40.Bxf4+-)* 40.Qxf7+ *(40.Qxa6 f3+-)* 40...Kxf7 41.hxg6+ *(41.Bxf4 Nf5+-)* 41...Kg7 42.Bxf4+-]

38.Rxb7+

[38.Bxe3 Qxh5 39.Qc3+ Kg8]



38...Kg8 39.h6
[39.Bxe3? Qxh5-+ *(39...fxe2? 40.Rxg6++-; 39...fxe2? 40.Rxg6++-)*]
[39.Qxe3? Rxh5 *(39...fxe2? 40.h6+-)* 40.Qf2 Rxh2+ *(40...Rxg5? 41.Rxg5 Qxg5 42.Bxf3-+; 40...fxe2? 41.Bh4-+)* 41.Qxh2 Bxh2 42.Kxh2 fxe2-+]
39...Qh3? 5.16/19 **40.Rg3+-**
[40.Qxe3? Qxh2#]
[40.Bd3 Rxh6 41.Bxh6 *(41.Qxe3? Qxh2#)* 41...Qxh6 42.Bxe4 Ng4 43.Rxg4 *(43.Rg7+? Kf8-+)* 43...Qxd2 44.Rxg6+ Kf8 *(44...Kh8? 45.Rh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 46.Rg2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kh6 47.Rxd2+-)* 45.Rf6+ Kg8 46.Rg6+ Kf8 *(46...Kh8? 47.Rh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 48.Rg2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kh8 49.Rxd2+-)* 47.Rf6+ Kg8 48.Rg6+=]
40...Qf5 10.48/22
[40...Bxg3 41.Rg7+ *(41.Qxe3? Qxh2#)* 41...Kf8 42.Qb4+ *(42.Qxe3? Qxh2#; 42.Qxe3? Qxh2#)*]
[⌓40...Rxh6 4.84/19 41.Rxh3 Rxh3 42.Bxf3 *(42.Qxe3 Rxh2+ 43.Kg1 Rg2+ 44.Kf1 Bc5+-)* 42...Nf1]



41.Qc3! Qe5
[41...Rc7 42.Rxc7]
42.Bf4 Discovered Attack **42...Rxc4**
43.Rxg6+ Kf8 44.Bxe5 17.89/18
[⌓44.Rxd6 #5/17 Rc7 45.Rxc7 *(45.Qxe5?* is a self mate. *Rc1+; 45.Rd8+ Kf7 46.Qxe5 Rxd8 47.Rxc7+ Rd7 48.Rxd7+ Kg8 49.Qg7#)* 45...Rh7 46.Rd8+ *(46.Qxe5 Rxc7 47.Rd8+* Discovered Attack *Kf7 48.Qg7#; 46.Bxe5 Re7 47.Bg3 Rxc7 48.Qxc7 fxe2 49.Rd8#)* 46...Qe8 47.Qf6+ Deflection, Double Attack Kg8 48.Rxe8#]
44...Rxc3 45.Bxc3 What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

B51
□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
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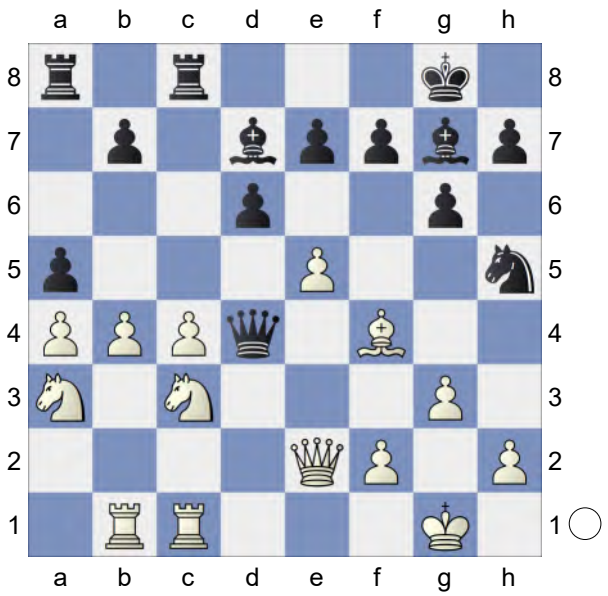
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.c4 Ngf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bg7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Bxd7 Bxd7 10.Rb1** -0.28/23
[10.Qd3⩲ 0.40/21]
10...Qb6 Threatens to win with ...Nxe4!
11.Nc2 a6 12.a4 Qa5 13.Qe2 Rfc8
[13...Bxa4? 14.b4 Qc7 15.Nxa4+-]
14.Bd2
[14.Ne3!?]
14...Qe5
[14...Bxa4? 15.Ra1+-]
15.Na3 Ng4 16.g3 -0.76/23
[16.f4!= -0.14/24 keeps the balance. Qc5+ 17.Kh1]
16...Nf6 -0.20/22
[16...Qh5∓ -0.76/23 17.f3 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Ne5]
17.Bf4 Qc5 18.b4 Qd4
[18...Qc6 simplifies 19.a5 b5 20.axb6 Qxb6 21.Rfc1 h5]
19.Rfc1 a5 20.e5 -0.63/24
[Better is 20.Nd5= -0.10/23 Nxd5 *(20...Nxe4 21.Nxe7+ Kf8 22.Nxc8⩱)* 21.exd5]
20...Nh5? 1.18/22
[20...Bg4∓ -0.63/24 keeps the upper hand. 21.Nab5 Bxe2 *(21...Qxc4? 22.Qxc4 Rxc4 23.exf6+-)* 22.Nxd4 dxe5 *(22...Bxc4 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Ndb5+-)* 23.Ndxe2 exf4 24.gxf4 Rxc4 25.bxa5 Ra7 *(25...Rxa5 26.Rxb7 Bh6 27.Ra1∓)*]

(Diagram)

21.Nd5!↑ And now Rd1 would win. White has strong initiative. **21...Nxf4**
[21...Bxa4? 22.Rd1 *(22.exd6 Nxf4 23.gxf4 exd6=; 22.Nxe7+ Kh8+-)* 22...Bxd1 23.Rxd1+-]
22.gxf4 Re8 1.96/20
[22...axb4⩱ 1.12/22 was called for. 23.Rd1 *(23.Nxe7+ Kf8=)* 23...Qxd5 24.cxd5 *(24.Rxd5 bxa3 25.Rxb7*



Bxa4=) 24...bxa3]

23.Nb5? -0.22/19

[White must play 23.Rd1+- 1.96/20 Qa7 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.axb5]

23...Bxb5= 24.axb5 Rac8? 1.75/23

[24...dxe5 25.Rd1 Qa7 26.b6+- *(26.fxe5 Rad8+-)*]

[24...axb4!= -0.21/22 25.e6 *(25.Rd1 Qc5=)* 25...fxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kh8]

25.Rd1 Qxc4 26.Qxc4 Rxc4 27.exd6 0.33/28

[White has to play 27.bxa5+- 1.64/29 aiming for Rbc1. dxe5 28.a6 bxa6 29.bxa6]

27...exd6 0.89/22

[27...axb4± 0.33/28 28.Nc7 Deflection *(28.Nxe7+ Kh8∓; 28.dxe7 f5=)* 28...Rf8]

28.bxa5± Strongly threatening Rdc1.

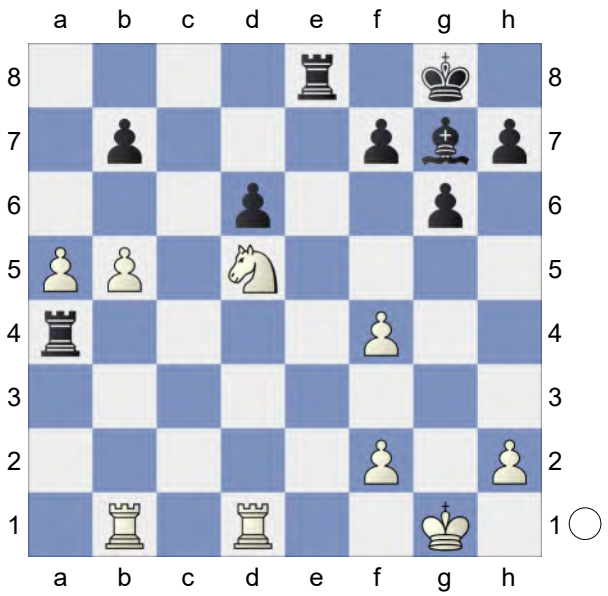
28...Ra4? 3.73/25

[28...Kf8± 0.78/21]

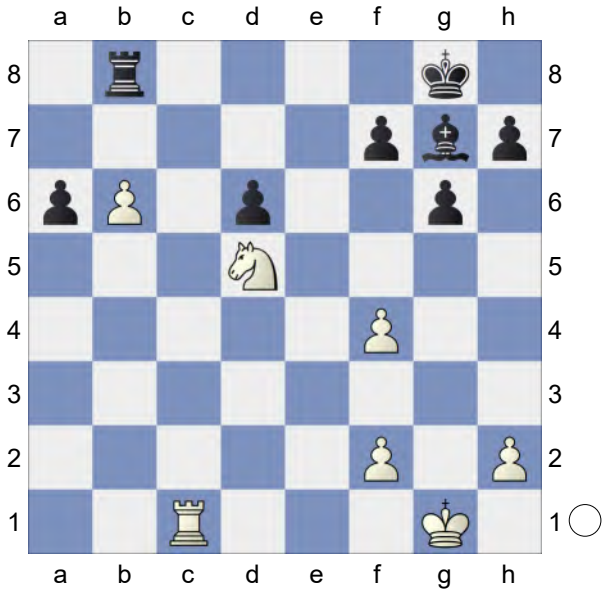
(Diagram)

29.a6!+- bxa6 30.b6 Rc4 31.Rdc1 White is clearly winning.

[Less strong is 31.b7 Rb8+-]



31...Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rb8



33.Rc8+!! Decoy, Promotion **33...Rxc8**

34.Ne7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.60

1-0

B42

□ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
■ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
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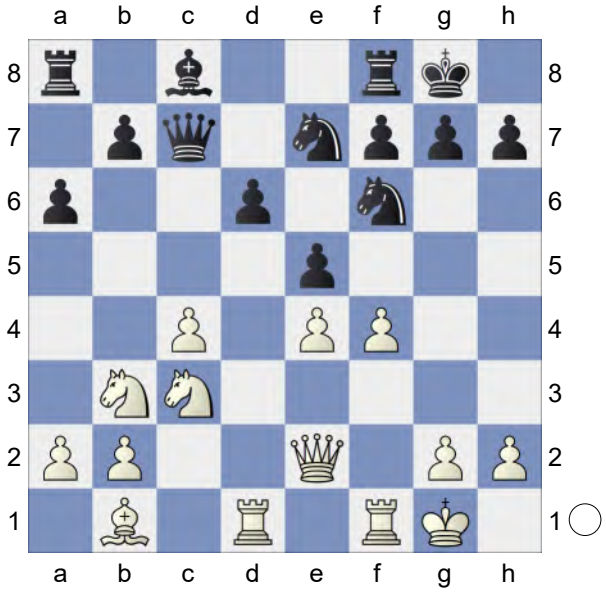
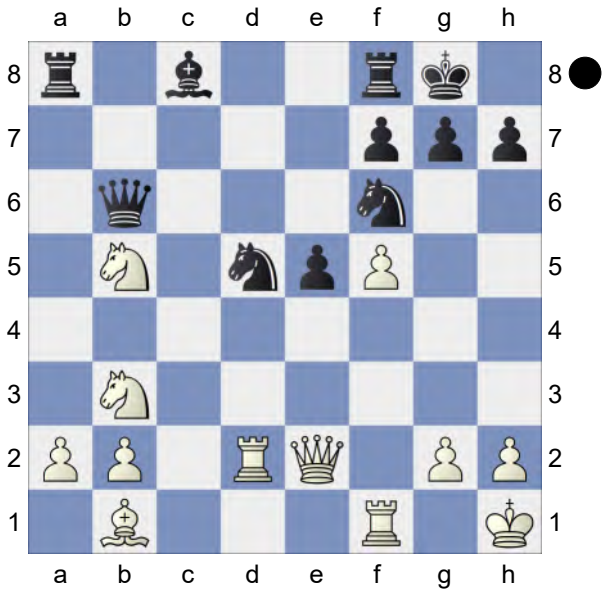
[Kitty Kat]

B42: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Bd3 This game is quite a mismatch, as the player with the White pieces isn't such a strong player while the player with Black is an extremely strong GM. Still, such games help us to understand better the motifs in a position like this. B42: Défense sicilienne (variante Paulsen avec 5.Fd3)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Qe2 Ne7 8.c4 0-0 9.Nc3 Nbc6 White has an edge. **10.0-0 d6 11.Be3 Ne5N** 0.90/23
[11...Bxe3± 0.51/23 might be stronger. 12.Qxe3 e5]
[11...e5
A) 12.Rad1 Be6 13.Nd5 *(13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.Qe3 b6 15.Rd2 Qb8 16.Rfd1 42/13 2002)* 13...a5 14.a4 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Nb4 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Nc1 Qc7 18.b3 Qc5 19.Qd2 Nc6 20.Bc2 Bg4 21.Qxd6 Qb6 22.Rd5 Rfd8 23.Qc5 Qxc5 24.Rxc5 Rd2 25.Bb1 Rad8 26.Rd5 Be6 Vit Spelar Sgf3 (2713)-Wohl,R (2735) EU/FSM/51 corr ICCF 1994;
B) 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Qe3 Be6 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 b6 16.Rac1 f5 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Qe4 Nce7 19.Nd5 Ng6 20.g3 Raf7 21.Rd2 a5 22.Bg2 a4 23.Na1 Nd4 24.Ne3 Bh3 25.Bxh3 Nf3+ 26.Kh1 Nxd2 0-1 Polgar,S (2392)-Feldstein,R (2563) 107/(200) Ukraine 2009 (4);
C) 12.Rfd1 Be6 13.Nd5 a5 14.a4 *(14.c5 a4 15.cxd6 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Nc5 Qxd6 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Ne4 Qb4 21.Ng5 Be4 22.a3 Qc4 23.Rac1 Bc2 24.Bxa7 Rxa7 25.Re1 Qd3 26.g4 f6 27.Ne6 Qh7 28.Rxc2 Qxc2* 0-1 Acs,P-Balogh,C Hongrie (54eme championnat) Budapest 2004 (8.4)) 14...Ng6 15.g3 Re8 16.Qd2 Nf8 17.Be2 Nd7 18.Bxa7 Rxa7 19.Qe3 b6 20.Nc3 Nc5 21.Nb5 Rd7 22.Rd2 Qe7 23.Kg2 h6 24.h3 Red8 25.Kh2 Qf6 26.Rad1 0-1 Jonker,M-Landa,K (2584) NED-chT 0607 Netherlands 2006]
12.Rad1 Bxe3 1.00/25
[12...b5± 0.63/22]
13.Qxe3± Qc7 14.f4 Ng4 15.Qe2 Nf6 16.Bb1 0.39/21
[16.h3± 0.75/21]
16...e5 0.80/21
[16...b5!± 0.39/21 deserves consideration.]



17.f5 0.15/20
[17.fxe5!± 0.80/21 dxe5 18.h3]
17...b5= 18.cxb5 axb5 19.Nxb5

-0.52/21
[19.Kh1= -0.13/25]
19...Qb6+∓ 20.Kh1 d5 21.exd5 -1.98/20 This move loses the game for White.
[White should try 21.Rfe1∓ -0.56/21]
21...Nexd5-+ Strongly threatening ... Bb7. **22.Rd2**



Bb7! 23.Nc3 Ba6 Prevents Qb5. **24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Qxe5 Bxf1** Black is clearly winning. **26.Qxd5 Rad8 27.Qf3 Bc4 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bc2 Re8 30.Qg3** Wards off Re1+ **30...Qe3 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.h3 Re2 33.Bb1 Bxb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.12 (very precise)
0-1

B22
□ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
■ **George Samir,David** **2272**
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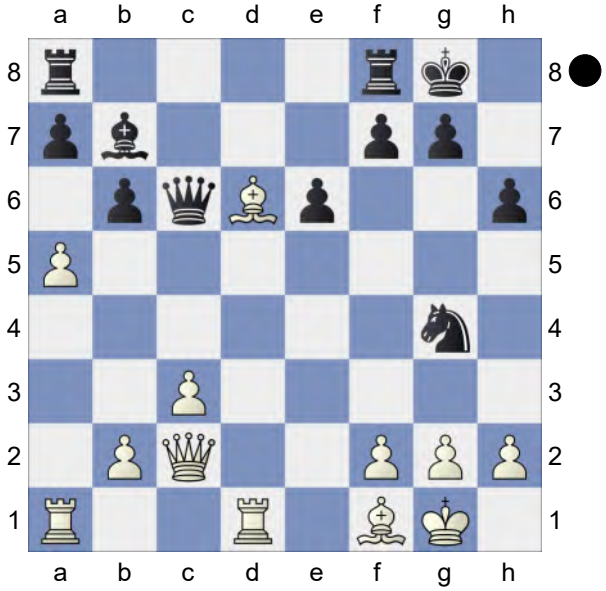
[Kitty Kat]

C10: French with 3 Nc3: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...dxe4 **1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Na3 Nf6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nb5 Qd8 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4**
[9...Nd5 10.Bg5 *(10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.Bd3 Qxb2 13.0-0 Qa3 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Nc4 Qc5 16.Bc1 Nxc3 17.Qc2 Nb5 18.Be3 Bxh2+ 19.Kxh2 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 0-0 21.Be4 Ba6 22.Rfe1 Nc7 23.Bxc6 Rac8 24.Bf3 Qh4* 1-0 Koepke,C (2298)-Brumen,D (2302) AUT-chT2W 2425 Austria 2024 (1.3)*)* 10...f6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd2 e5 13.Qc2 Be6 14.Bd3 g6 15.h4 Qd7 16.0-0-0 Bc5 17.c4 Bxf2 18.Kb1 Rb8 19.h5 Ne7 20.Bc3 Bf5 21.g4 Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Qxg4 23.Qxf2 Qxc4 24.Rhd1 ½-½ Fridman,D (2667)-Adams,M (2725) Grenke Chess Classic 1st Baden-Baden 2013 (8)]
10.Bxd4N
[10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 a6 12.Ne5 Be7 13.g3 0-0 14.Bg2 Rb8 15.0-0-0 Re8 16.Rhe1 g6 17.Nc4 Nd7 18.Ba7 Ra8 19.Be3 a5 20.Nd6 Bxd6 21.Rxd6 a4 22.Red1 Nf6 23.Rd8 Kf8 24.Bc5+ Kg7 1-0 Li,H (2344)-Wang,L (2330) CHN-chT 4th Chiva 2008 (16) 25.Rxe8 Nxe8 26.Rd8 Nc7 27.Bd6 Nb5 28.Bc5 Nc7 29.Bd4+ f6 30.Bxb7 Bxb7 31.Rd7+ Kg8 32.Rxc7 Be4 33.Bxf6 h5 34.h4 Ra5 35.b4 axb3 36.axb3 Ra2 37.Bd4 Kf8 38.b4 Bd3 39.Kd1 Ke8 1-0 Wrba,K (2344)-Nassif,J (2330) 56/498 Debrecen 1992 (16)]
[10.Nxd4 a6 11.Be2 Be7 12.Qc2 Qc7 13.Bf3 Nd5 14.Bxd5 exd5 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.h3 b5 17.g4 Bb7 18.Rhe1 Rac8 19.Nf5 Rfe8 20.Bd4 Bf8 21.Qd2 f6 22.g5 fxg5 23.Qxg5 Qd8 24.Nh6+ 1-0 Konoplev,K (1250)-Igumnov,N (1520) St Petersburg

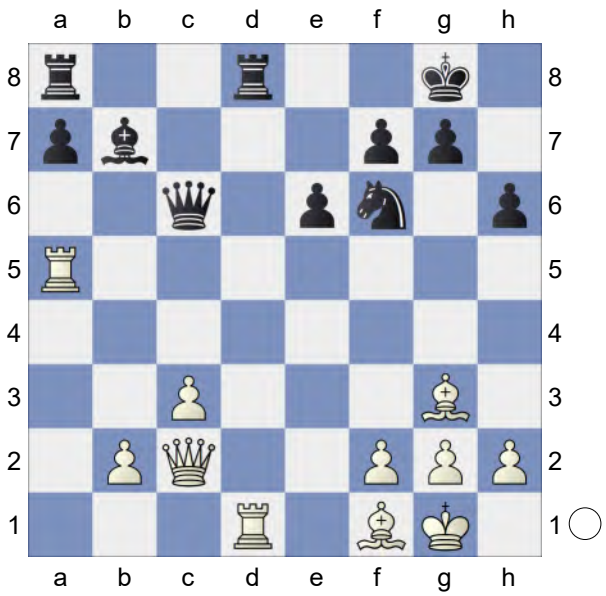
Korchnoi Memorial op 2023 (9)]
10...Be7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.Qc2 h6
White is slightly better. **13.0-0** 0.40/21
White is more active.
[13.0-0-0± 0.81/16 Bxf6 would now be deadly. Qc7 14.c4]
13...b6 14.Rfd1 Qe8! 15.a4 Bb7 16.Ne5 Bd6 17.a5 Bxe5 1.17/23
Black is on the road to losing.
[Better is 17...Rc8± 0.48/18]
18.Bxe5± a6 is the strong threat.
18...Ng4 19.Bd6 Qc6 20.Bf1
[20.Bxf8? Qxg2#]



Black must now prevent a6. This pair of bishops is nice. **20...Rfd8 21.Bg3** aiming for a6.
[But not 21.a6?! Bxa6 *(21...Rxd6? loses. 22.axb7 Rb8 23.Rxa7+-)* 22.Rxa6 Rxd6∓]
21...bxa5 22.Rxa5 Nf6 2.32/20
[22...a6± 1.26/20]

(Diagram)

23.Rxa7!!+- Deflection **23...Ne4**
[23...Rac8 24.Rxd8+]



24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Bf4 f5 26.Be3 Ng5 27.Bxg5 hxg5 28.b4 Qb6 29.Qd2 g4 30.c4 Ra4? 6.53/18
[30...Qc7 3.46/18 31.Qe3 Kf7]
31.Qd7 White threatens Qe8+ and mate.
31...Rxb4 32.Qe8+ White mates.
32...Kh7 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Rd7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.63
1-0

C47
□ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
■ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.25) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3 The Field liv (27 Dec1879) p868 B. W. Fisher-J. I. Minchin corr game in BCA tournament, which was 1873 (rd 1) though Steinitz doesn't say so, More notes in The Field
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.Bd2 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Re1N

[12.Qe2 Re8 *(12...Bf5 13.Qe3 h6 14.Qf4 Qg5 15.Qxc7 Rac8 16.Qg3 Qxg3 17.hxg3 Rfd8 18.Rfe1 Rd5 19.Re2 Rcd8 20.f3 exf3 21.gxf3 h5 22.Rae1 f6 23.Re8+ Rxe8 24.Rxe8+ Kf7 25.Re2 Rd1+ 26.Re1 Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1* ½-½ Paehtz,E (2479)-Korobov,A (2652) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor Linares 2023 (6.4)*)* 13.Rad1 *(13.Rfe1 Qg5 14.Bd2 Qg6 15.Qe3 Rb8 16.Qc3 h5 17.Bf4 h4 18.h3 Rb5 19.Kh2 Rf5 20.Be3 Rd5 21.Bxa7 Rg5 22.Rg1 Qd6+ 23.Kh1 c5 24.Rad1 Qe7 25.a3 e3 26.fxe3 Bb7 27.b4 Rg3* 1-0 Debray,C (2356)-Kvashyna,T (1912) Syre Memorial op 36th Issy les Moulineaux 2013 (3)*)* 13...Qg5 14.Qe3 Qg6 15.Rd4 Bg4 16.Qg3 Rad8 17.Qxc7 Rxd4 18.Bxd4 a6 19.b4 Bh3 20.Qg3 Qxg3 21.hxg3 Be6 22.a3 f5 23.Rd1 Rd8 24.Kf1 Kf7 25.Ke2 g5 26.Ke3 h5 ½-½ Szente Varga,F (2071)-Havanecz,B (2202) HUN-ch (Women) 70th Budapest 2022 (3)]

[12.Qh5 Qd5 13.Qe5 *(13.Qh4 Qf5 14.Rfe1 Re8 15.Rad1 Qg4 16.Qe7 Be6 17.Qxc7 Bd5 18.h3 Qh5 19.Rd4 Re6 20.Re3 Rg6 21.Bb4 Qg5 22.g3 f5 23.Be7 Qh6 24.Kh2 Re8 25.c4 Bf7 26.Bd6 Rge6 27.Ra3 g5* 1-0 Fisher,B-Minchin,J British Chess Association tourney rd1 corr 1873 *)* 13...Qxe5 14.Bxe5 Rb8 15.b3 Rb7 16.Rad1 f6 17.Bf4 g5 18.Be3 Rb5 19.Rd4 Re5 20.Re1 a6 21.Rc4 Re6 22.Rd1 Kf7 23.g4 Kg6 24.Rdd4 Rfe8 25.h3 h5 26.Kg2 hxg4 ½-½ Minority Attack (2100)-Lamech,L (2371) SLO-chT sf Skofja Loka 1997 (9)]

12...Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Bf5 14.Rd4 White has compensation. **14...Rfd8 15.Rc4 Rd6 16.Be5 Rd2 17.h3 e3 18.Rxe3 Rxc2 19.Rxc2 Bxc2** The position is equal. **20.Bxc7=** Endgame. KRB-KRB **20...Bb1 21.a3 Ba2 22.Re7 f6 23.b4 Bf7 24.Ba5 a6 25.Rc7 Bd5 26.f3 Re8 27.Kf2 h5 28.Bb6 Re6 29.h4 Bc4 30.Be3 Bb5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

B73

☐	**Nandhidhaa,P V**	**2339**
■	**Goutham Krishna H**	**2466**

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[Kitty Kat]

B73: Sicilian Dragon: Classical System without 9 Nb3 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bd7 10.Nb3**

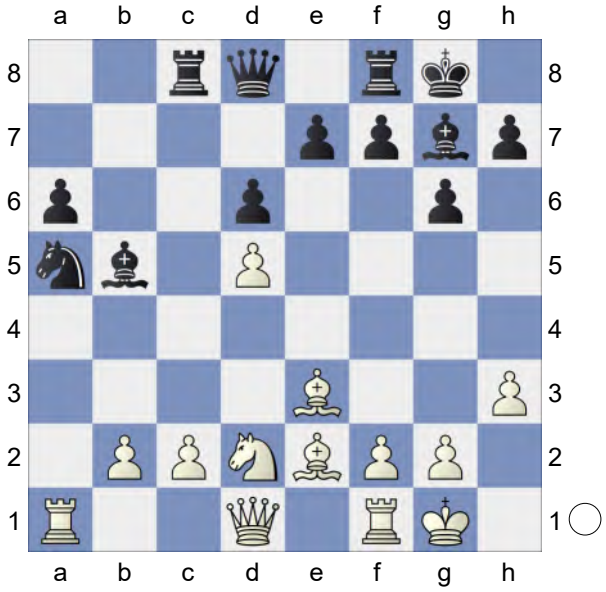
[10.f4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Qd3 b5 13.a3 a5 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Nd7 16.Qe3 b4 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.Na7 Bd5 19.axb4 axb4 20.Ra5 e6 21.Rxd5 exd5 22.Nc6 Qe8 23.Bf3 Nb6 24.Nxb4 Nc4 ½-½ Posizione (2474)-De Souza,R (2514) Chapter D50 Game 5 (2.3)]

[10.Qd2 Rc8 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bd3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.f4 Rfd8 16.Rfb1 Bb5 17.Bxb5 Qxd2 18.Bxd2 Rxd2 19.Bd3 Rd8 20.Rd1 Bxb2 21.Rxd2 Bxa1 22.g3 Bd4+ 23.Kg2 Bc5 24.Re2 Kg7 0-1 Goltsev,D (2170)-Zvjaginsev,V (2559) 77th ch-RUS HL 2024 Nizhny Novgorod RUS (4.16)]

10...a6N

[10...a5 11.a4 Nb4 12.Bf3 Be6 13.Nd4 Bc4 14.Re1 Rc8

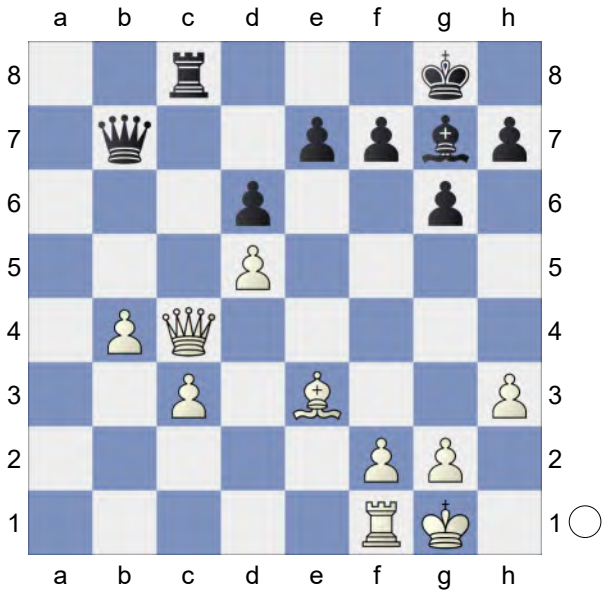
73/02 2000]
11.a4 Na5 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.Nd5 Nxd5 White is slightly better. **14.exd5** And now b4! would win. **14...b5** 1.06/25
[Black should play 14...f5!± 0.49/25]
15.axb5± Bxb5



16.c3 0.51/21
[16.Ra2!± 1.07/25]
16...Qc7!± 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Qe2 Rb8
[18...Nc4 19.Ra7 Qb8 20.Nxc4 *(20.Rxe7 Nxe3 21.Rxe3 b4±)* 20...bxc4 21.Rxe7]
19.b4 Nc4 aiming for ...Nxe3. **20.Ra7**
[20.Nxc4 simplifies Qxc4 21.Qxc4 bxc4 22.Bd2]
20...Rb7 21.Rxb7 Qxb7 22.Nxc4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rc8

(Diagram)

Repels Qc6. Deflection **24.Qa2** Black must now prevent Rb1. **24...Bxc3 25.Rb1** b5 is the strong threat. **25...Qb5!**
[25...Bxb4? loses. 26.Qb3+-]
26.Rc1 Threatens to win with Rxc3!
26...Qxb4 27.Bd2 Hoping for Bxc3.
27...Qd4 28.Qc2 Bxd2 29.Qxc8+= Endgame. KQR-KQB **29...Kg7 30.Rd1**



Qb2 Dodges Qc2
[30...Qxd5? too greedy. 31.Qc2+-]
31.Qc4 Bc3 32.Kf1 Be5 33.Qe2 Qb3 34.g3 h5 35.h4 Qa4 36.Kg2 Qb3 37.Qf3 Qc4 38.Rb1 Bf6 39.Rb7 Qd4 40.Rb8 Be5 41.Rb7 Bf6 42.Rb8 Qc4 43.Rb7 Qd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

C45
□ **Al Hosani,Omran** **2239**
■ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
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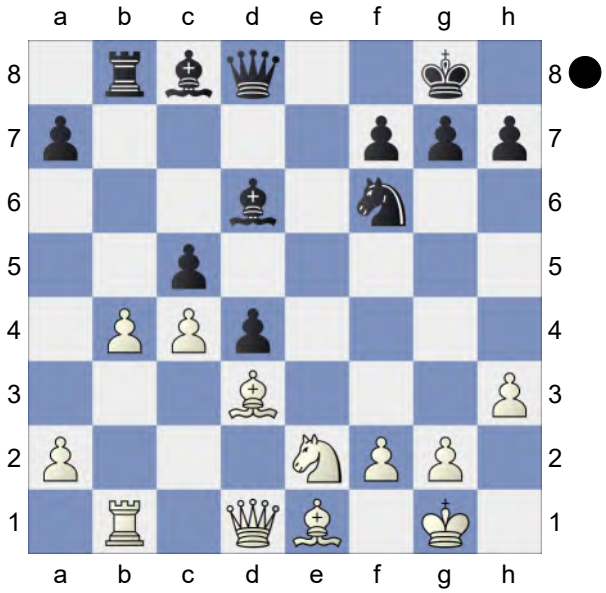
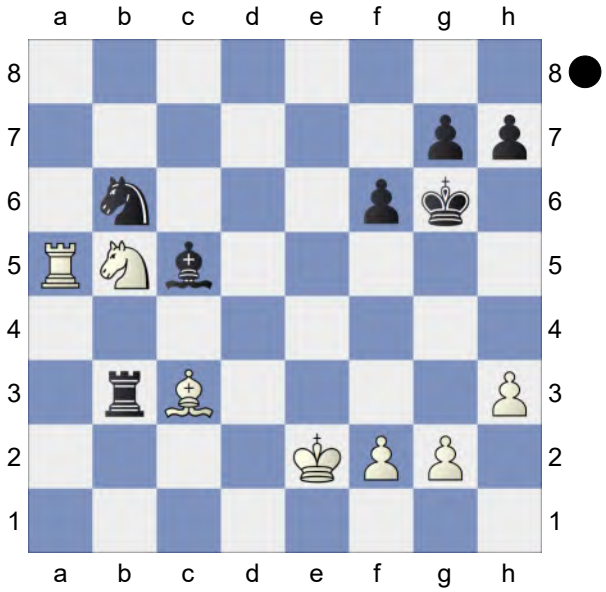
[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3 The year is 1972, Olga had taken an interest in correspondence chess. This game was part of the first International Correspondence Chess Federation's women's world correspondence chess championship. As you can see from the following game, Olga has not lost her penchant for tactics and aggression. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3**

Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.Bd2N
[8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Nb5 Be7 12.Nd4 Re8 13.Bb5 Rf8 14.Nc6 Qd6 15.Qd4 Kh8 16.Rfe1 Qc5 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qh4 Rg8 19.Bd3 Rg7 20.Nxe7 Qxe7 21.Re5 Qd8 22.Rh5 f5 1-0 5) Olga The Fourth-Rubtsova,O Queens of the Chess Board 2023]
8...Rb8 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 The position is equal. **10...Re8 11.exd5 Rxe1+ 12.Bxe1 cxd5 13.Rb1 c6 14.h3 Bd6 15.Ne2 c5**
[15...Nh5 is interesting. 16.Bd2 Qf6 17.Nd4 g6]
16.c4 d4 17.b4



Deflection **17...cxb4 18.Nxd4 Bd7** Prevents Nc6 **19.Bf5** -0.60/21
[19.Qf3= -0.18/21]
19...a5∓ 20.Bxd7 -0.90/21
[20.Qf3∓ -0.45/22 is more appropriate.]
20...Qxd7∓ 21.Nb5 Bc5 22.Qxd7 Nxd7 23.a3 -1.81/32 **bxa3-+** Strongly threatening ...Nb6. **24.Ra1 a4 25.Nxa3 Rb3 26.Nb5 Nb6** -0.01/26 Black is more active.
[26...a3∓ -1.37/26 White must now prevent ...Ne5. 27.Bc3 Bf8]
27.Bc3 -0.50/23
[27.Nc3!= -0.01/26]
27...f6
[27...Nxc4 28.Rxa4 Nb6 29.Ra5∓]
28.Kf1! Kf7 29.Ke2! Kg6 30.Ra2? -3.27/20 White does not recover from this.
[30.Kd3= -0.04/22]
30...Nxc4 31.Rxa4 Nb6 32.Ra5



Nd5! 33.Kd3 -4.34/18
[⌓33.Bd2 -3.08/20 Bb6 34.Nd4 Nf4+ *(34...Bxd4 35.Rxd5 Ba7 36.Rd7=)* 35.Bxf4 Rb2+ *(35...Bxd4 36.Ra2=)* 36.Kf3 Bxa5 37.Bc1]
33...Nxc3
[33...Bxf2 34.Kc4 Rxc3+ 35.Kxd5-+ *(35.Nxc3? perishes. Nxc3 36.Kd3 Bg3-+)*]
34.Nxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **34...Bb4**
[Less strong is 34...Bxf2 35.Rb5 Rxb5 36.Nxb5∓]
35.Kc4 Bxc3 KRB-KR. Black is clearly winning. **36.Ra4 Rb2 37.Kxc3 Rxf2** KR-KR **38.Rg4+ Kf7** And now ...g5 would win. **39.Kd3 h5 40.Rg3 g5** Threatens to win with ...Kg6. **41.h4 g4**

42.Ke3 Ra2 43.Ke4 Kg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

D38
□ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto 2564**
■ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
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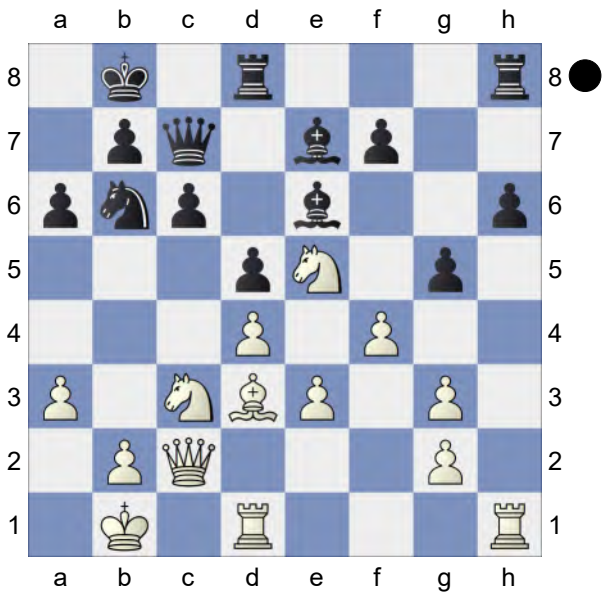
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Ne4 9.Nd2 Nxg3 10.hxg3 c6 11.Qc2 Nd7 12.a3 Be7** White is slightly better. **13.e3 Nb6 14.Bd3 Be6 15.0-0-0 Qc7 16.f4** -0.22/19
[16.Bf5 0.19/19 feels stronger.]
16...0-0-0= 17.Nf3N
[17.Rh5 Kb8 18.Rdh1 c5 19.Nf3 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Bf6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Rxh6 Rc8 23.fxg5 Rxh6 24.gxh6 Qxg3 25.Kb1 Nd7 26.h7 Ne5 27.Rh3 Qg7 28.Bf1 Nf7 29.Rh1 Rh8 30.Ka2 Nh6 *(30...a6 31.Na4 Nd6 32.Bd3 Rc8 33.Qd2 Qc7 34.Qb4 Ka7 35.Rh6 Bh8 36.Rxe6 Nc4 37.Re7 Qc6 38.Bxc4 dxc4 39.Nc5 c3 40.Rxb7+ Ka8 41.Rb6 Qd5+ 42.Nb3 Ka7 43.Rd6 Qb7 44.Qxb7+ Kxb7 45.Na5+* 1-0 Rodshtein,M (2609)-Golod,V (2584) (ch) 104/260 Israel 2008*)* 31.Bd3 Ng4 1-0 Semi Slav Cxd5 (2609)-Guerra,J (2584) BRA-ch 52th Brasilia 1985]
17...Kb8 18.Kb1 a6 19.Ne5

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening f5. **19...Bd6 20.Rc1 f6 21.Nf3 Bg4 22.Ka1 Rde8 23.Rhe1 Bxf3 24.gxf3 c5** -0.16/21
[24...h5∓ -0.82/18]
25.Nb5 axb5 26.dxc5 gxf4 27.gxf4
[27.cxb6 Qxc2 28.Rxc2 fxg3 *(28...Rxe3 29.Rxe3 fxe3 30.f4∓)* 29.Bxb5 Rc8∓]
27...Bxf4 28.exf4
[28.cxb6 Qxc2 29.Rxc2 Bxe3 30.Bxb5 Re5∓]
28...Nc4 Hoping for ...Rxe1. **29.Bxc4 Rxe1 30.Rxe1** The position is equal. **30...bxc4** Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.Qf5 Qxc5 32.Qxf6 Rc8 33.Qe5+ Ka7 34.Rd1 c3 35.Qxc3**
[35.Rxd5? perishes. cxb2+ 36.Qxb2 Qxd5-+]
35...Qxc3 36.bxc3 Rxc3 37.Rxd5 Rxf3 38.Ra5+ Kb8 39.f5 b6 40.Rb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

A30
□ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
■ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
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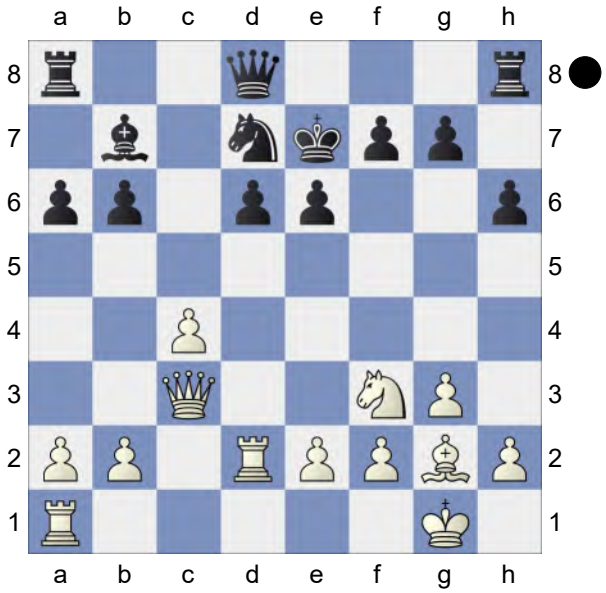
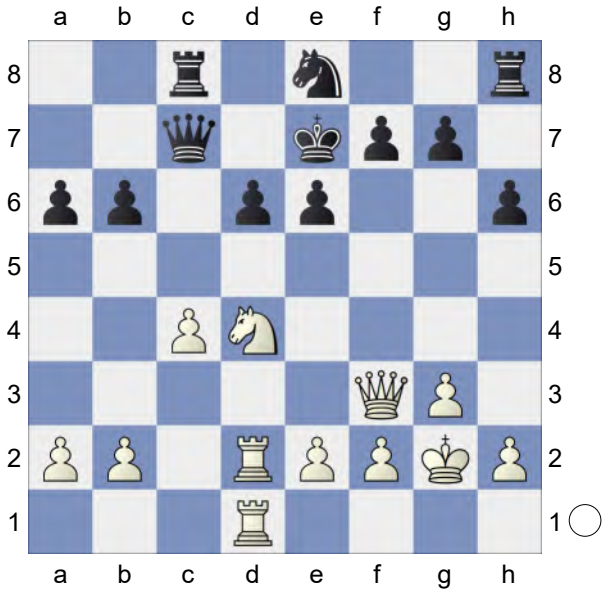
[Kitty Kat]

A30: Symmetrical English: Double Fianchetto and Hedgehog Nona's opponent is a rising 24-year-old who would go on to become a legendary grandmaster. An original player who liked uncommon openings and creative play, Oleg Romanishin won many prestigious tournaments dating back to the 1970s. You may recognize his name from the Kasparov-Romanishin variation in the Nimzo-Indian and other lines. Romanishin and Nona's battle is a clash of titans. **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6**
[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]
4.Bg2 Bb7 5.0-0 c5 6.Nc3N
[6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 d5 9.Rc1 d4 10.Na4 Nbd7 11.d3 Qc7 12.e3 e5 13.exd4 exd4 14.Rb1 Bd6 15.Bc1 Rab8 16.Bd2 Rfe8 17.Re1 Rxe1+ 18.Bxe1 Re8 19.h3 Bc6 20.Bd2 Qb7 0-1 6) Nona The Fifth-Romanishin,O Queens of the Chess Board 2023]
6...Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Qf4 a6 1.26/24 Against Nb5
[11...Bxc3= 0.12/20 12.bxc3 g5]
12.Rfd1 Ke7 13.Qe3 aiming for Nd5+. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **13...Nd7 14.Rd2 Bxc3** 1.95/24
[14...Re8± 1.30/17 15.Ne4 Bxe4]
15.Qxc3+-



Strongly threatening Rad1. **15...Nf6 16.Rad1↑** Rxd6 would now be deadly. White is on the roll. **16...Ne8** 2.47/20
[16...Qc7 1.89/20 is a better defense.]
17.Nd4 1.42/19
[17.b4+- 2.47/20]
17...Bxg2± 18.Kxg2 Qc7 2.34/19 Inhibits Nc6+.
[⌓18...Qd7 1.62/18 19.Qe3 Kf8]
19.Qf3+- Rc8



20.b4! a5? 3.87/20
[20...Nf6 2.30/20 was worth a try. 21.b5 axb5]
21.bxa5 bxa5 22.Rb1 Dodges Qb6. White is clearly winning. **22...Qxc4 23.Rb7+** Skewer **23...Rc7 24.Rc2 Qxd4 25.Rcxc7+ Nxc7 26.Rxc7+ Kd8 27.Rb7 Re8 28.Qxf7 Qe4+ 29.Kg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.56
1-0

C89
□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
■ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**
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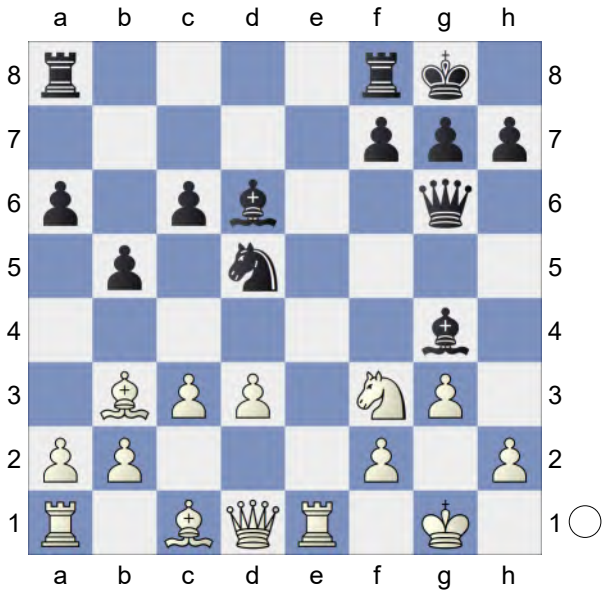
[Kitty Kat]

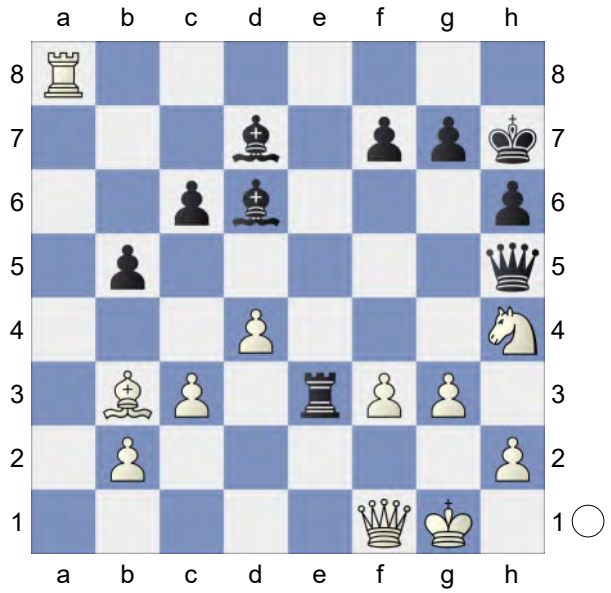
C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack Inf 103/236 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d3 Bd6 13.Re1 Bf5 14.g3** -0.07/19 Prevents Qh4.
[14.Nd2± 0.34/19]
[14.Qf3 Qh4 15.g3 Qh3 16.Bxd5 *(16.Nd2 Rae8 17.Ne4 Bg4 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 f5 20.Bf4 Bxf4 21.gxf4 fxe4 22.dxe4 Bf3+ 23.Kxf3 Rxf4+ 24.Kg3 Rfxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.f3 Re2 27.c4 bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxb2 29.Bxa6 g5 30.a4 Kg7* ½-½ Deac,B (2690)-Sargsyan,S (2637) Bucharest Grand Prix op rapid 2024 (9) *)* 16...cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qg2 Qxg2+ 19.Kxg2 Bxd3 20.Be3 Be4+ 21.f3 Bc6 22.Nd2 Rfe8 23.Bd4 h5 24.Kf2 f6 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Nf1 Kf7 27.Ne3 Rd8 28.a3 Bc7 Leko,P (2741)-Aronian,L (2763) Yerevan (m/1-rapid) 103/236 2008]

14...Qf6N 0.67/19
[14...Re8!= -0.07/19 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.a4 b4 17.d4 Bh3 18.cxb4 Qe4 19.f3 Qg6 20.Qe2 Bxg3 21.hxg3 Qxg3+ 22.Kh1 Nf6 23.Ra3 Re8 24.Be3 Ng4 25.fxg4 Bxg4 26.Bxf7+ Kxf7 27.Bd2 Rxe2 28.Rxg3 Bf5 1 Chapter-Games Chapter - 23 Game -]
[14...Qd7 15.Bxd5 cxd5 16.Qf3 Rae8 17.Be3 Bxd3 18.Nd2 Qf5 19.Qxf5 Bxf5 20.Bd4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 f6 22.f3 Kf7 23.Nf1 Re8 24.Ne3 Be6 25.Rd1 Bc7 26.f4 f5 27.Kf2 g6 28.Nc2 a5 29.Bc5 ½-½ Riechenberg,S (1655)-Seitz,M (1791) GER-ch U25-A Willingen 2023 (6) Rb8 30.Nd4 Bb6 31.Bxb6 Rxb6 32.Re1 Bc8 33.Nf3 ½-½ Jacob,T (1655)-Suljakow (1791) Jugoslavija 63/502 1995 (6)]
15.Nd2!± Qg6 16.Nf3 Strongly threatening Nh4. White is slightly better.
16...Bg4
[16...Bxd3? 17.Nh4+-]



White must now prevent ...Qh5. **17.Nh4!** f3 would now be deadly. **17...Qh5 18.f3**

Bh3 19.a4 -0.06/22
[19.Ng2± 0.46/18]
19...Rae8 0.60/20
[19...b4!= -0.06/22]
20.axb5 axb5 21.Ra6↑ White is pushing. **21...Bd7 22.Re4** 0.27/19
[22.d4± 0.64/20 should be considered.]
22...Nf6 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.d4 Nd5 25.Bd2 h6 26.Qf1 Ne3 1.09/20
[26...Bf4= 0.15/19 keeps the balance. 27.Bxf4 *(27.Bxd5 Bxd2 28.Be4 f5∓)* 27...Nxf4]
27.Bxe3± Rxe3 28.Ra8+ 0.55/20
[28.Kf2± 1.56/18 Qg5 29.Ra8+ Re8 30.f4 *(30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Qe2 Qd8±)*]
28...Kh7? 5.08/18
[28...Re8!± 0.55/20 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
29.Qb1++- g6 30.Bxf7 Kg7 White is clearly winning. **31.Bxg6 Qg5 32.Bh7 Be6** Prevents Rg8+ **33.Kf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

A07
□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid 2466**
■ **Balajayeva,Khanim 2362**
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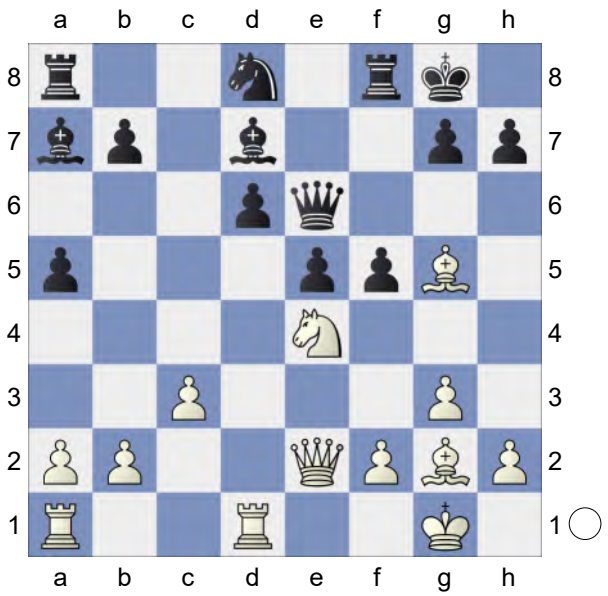
[Kitty Kat]

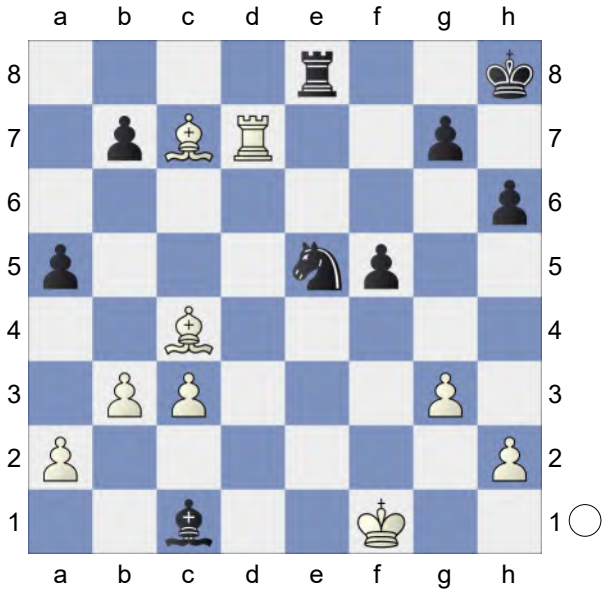
A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Qe2** -0.24/26
[⌓9.Nc4 0.21/22]
9...Bc5 10.c3 a5! 11.Nc4 Qe7 The position is equal. **12.Ne3 Be6N** Wards off Nd5
[12...Nxe4? 13.Nd5 Qd8 14.Qxe4+-]
[12...Bxe3 13.Qxe3 a4 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Nf5 ½-½ Edouard,R (2514)-Gozzoli,Y (2564) FRA-ch 96th Huy L'Alpe d 2023 (4.1)]
[12...Re8 13.Nh4 g6 14.Nf3 Nd8 15.a4 c6 16.Nc4 Nd7 17.Ne1 Nb6 18.Ne3 Be6 19.Nd3 Bd6 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 f5 22.e5 Bc7 23.Qc2 Nd7 24.c4 Bb6 25.Kh1 Nc5 26.Nxc5 Qxc5 27.b3 1-0 Huang,Q (2431)-Du,Y (1929) CHN-chT DivA Fuling 2023 (3.2)]
13.Ng5 Bd7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nd8 16.Ne4 Ba7 17.Rd1 f5 18.d6! cxd6 19.Bg5 Qe6

(Diagram)

20.Nc5↑ Discovered Attack, Double Attack. White is more active.
[20.Rxd6?! fxe4 21.Rxe6 Rxf2 22.Qxf2 *(22.Qxe4? Nxe6 23.Be3 Rxg2+* Deflection *24.Qxg2 Bxe3+ 25.Kf1 Bb5+ 26.Ke1 Rf8-+)* 22...Bxf2+ 23.Kxf2 Nxe6=]
20...Qe8 1.84/21



[20...dxc5? 21.Bd5 Nf7 22.Bxe6 Bxe6 23.Be3+-]
[Better is 20...Bxc5± 0.63/25 21.Bd5 Pin f4 *(21...Bxf2+? 22.Qxf2 Bc6 23.Bxe6++- Discovered Attack)*]
21.Nxd7+- Qxd7 22.Qxe5 dxe5 2.49/19
[22...Nf7 1.66/21 was necessary. 23.Qd5 *(23.Qxa5? Bxf2+* Discovered Attack *24.Kxf2 Rxa5-+)* 23...Rae8]
23.Rxd7 aiming for Rad1! **23...e4 24.Bf1 h6 25.Bc4+ Kh8 26.Be7 Re8 27.Rad1 Nc6 28.Bd6 Rad8 29.Bc7** 1.00/21 White is more active. This pair of bishops is nice.
[⌓29.Rxb7 1.41/24 Strongly threatening Rd5. Bc5 30.Rc7 *(30.Bf7 Re7∓)* 30...Rxd6 31.Rxd6 Remove Defender Bxd6 32.Rxc6]
29...Rxd7± 30.Rxd7 e3 31.fxe3 Threatens to win with Bb5. **31...Bxe3+ 32.Kf1** Black must now prevent Bb5.
32...Bc1 1.93/23
[32...Ne5± 0.97/25 keeps fighting. 33.Bxe5 Discovered Attack Rxe5]
33.b3 1.48/21
[33.Bf7+- 1.93/23 Rf8 34.Bd5]
33...Ne5 2.12/22
[33...Bb2± 1.48/21]



34.Bf7!+-
[34.Bxe5 Rxe5 35.Bf7 *(35.Rxb7 Bd2±)* 35...g5±]
34...Nxf7 35.Rxf7 Endgame. KRB-KRB
35...a4 2.74/23
[35...Bd2± 1.53/20]
36.Bb6
[36.bxa4 Bd2±]
[36.Rxf5?! Bb2 37.c4 *(37.bxa4 Bxc3 38.Rc5 Bd2±)* 37...Bc3 38.bxa4 Re4+-]
36...axb3 37.axb3
[37.Rxf5? bxa2 38.Ra5 Re6 39.Rxa2 *(39.Bd4? Ra6-+)* 39...Rxb6-+]
37...g5 38.Bd4+
[38.Rxf5 Re6+-]
38...Kg8 39.Rg7+
[39.Rxf5 Be3 40.Re5 Rxe5 41.Bxe5 Bb6+-]
39...Kf8 40.Rxb7 Bd2 41.Rb6 Re1+ 42.Kf2 Rb1 4.53/21
[42...Rc1 3.16/20 is a better defense. 43.Rxh6 Bxc3]
43.Ke2

[Not 43.Rxh6 Rxb3 44.Rc6 *(44.Rf6+ Ke7±)* 44...Rb2±]

43...Rb2 44.Kd3

[44.Rxh6 Bxc3+ 45.Kd3 Bxd4 46.Kxd4 Rxb3=]

44...f4 45.c4

[Don't play 45.Rxh6 fxg3 46.hxg3 Be1 47.Rf6+ Ke7+-]

45...Ra2 46.Rxh6 Ke8 47.gxf4 Bxf4 48.h4 gxh4 49.Rxh4 Bg3 50.Re4+ Kd7 51.c5 Kc6 52.Kc4 Rc2+ 53.Bc3 Bf2 54.b4 Kc7 55.Re7+ Kd8 56.Rf7 Kc8 57.Kd3 Ra2 58.Be5 Intending c6 and mate. **58...Bg1 59.Kc4 Re2 60.Kd5 Kd8 61.Rf8+ Ke7 62.Bd6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.31

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E49

□ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
■ **Zhu,Hengyi** **2361**
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[Kitty Kat]

E49: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 5 Bd3 d5 6 a3 Bxc3+ 7 bxc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Ne2 Qc7 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.f4** -0.24/22

[11.0-0 0.16/23 feels stronger.]

11...b6 12.0-0! Bb7 13.Ng3 Black has an edge. **13...Na5** 0.31/19

[13...Ne7= -0.16/21 14.e4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Qc3 16.Ra2 Qxd4+ 17.Kh1 Rfd8 18.Rd2 Qc5 19.Bb2 Ne8 20.Qe2 Rac8 21.h3 f6 22.Rfd1 Kh8 23.Kh2 Ng6 24.Qf3 Qe7 25.Nh5 Rd7 26.Bb1 Rxd2 27.Rxd2 Rd8 28.Qe3 Rxd2 1-0 Salem,A (2677)-Grischuk,A (2745) World Blitz 2022 Almaty KAZ (21.10)]

[13...Rfd8 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Bb2 Ne7 16.e4 Ng6 17.Qd2 cxd4 18.cxd4 b5 19.f5 exf5 20.Rxf5 Re8 21.Rxf6 gxf6 22.Nh5 Kh8 23.Qh6 Rg8 24.d5 Qb6+ 25.Kh1 Ne5 26.Nxf6 Rg7 27.Bxe5 1-0 Olsen,F (2441)-Storme,I (2443) 61st TCh-DEN Ex 2023-24 Denmark DEN (5.5)]

14.e4N -0.14/20

[14.Rb1± 0.31/19 is more appropriate.]

14...cxd4= 15.cxd4 Qc3! 16.Ra2 Threatens to win with Raf2.

[16.Be3 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Qxe3+ 18.Kh1 Nxe4 19.Nxe4 Qxe4∓]

16...Qxd4+ 17.Kh1! Nc4

[17...Bxe4 18.Bxe4 Qxd1 19.Rxd1 Nxe4 20.Nxe4+-]

18.Qe2 Rac8 19.Rc2 -0.86/19

[19.Rd1∓ -0.49/20 is superior. Kh8 20.Rc2]

19...b5∓ Black is much more active.

20.e5 -1.48/20

[⌓20.f5 -0.89/20]

20...Nd5↑ Black is in control. Excellent horsemanship. **21.Rf3** -2.64/20 Prevents Nde3

[21.Be4∓ -1.47/17 was worth a try.]

21...Rfd8-+ 22.Ne4? -3.86/21

[22.Be4∓ -1.48/18]

(Diagram)

This move loses the game for White.

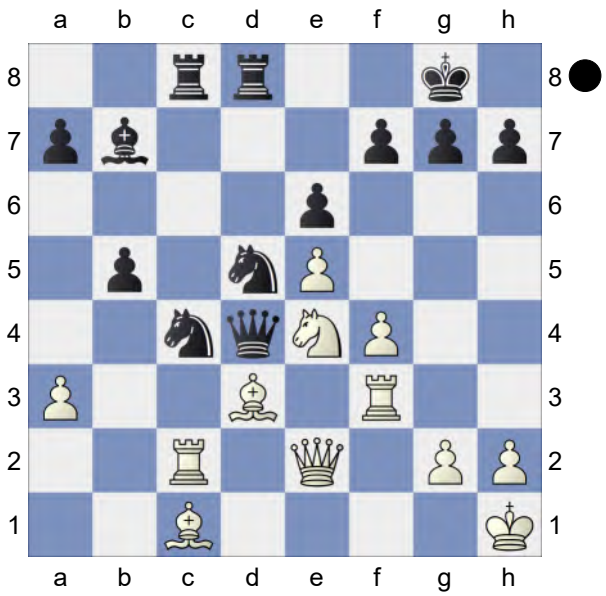
22...Nxf4! 23.Bxf4

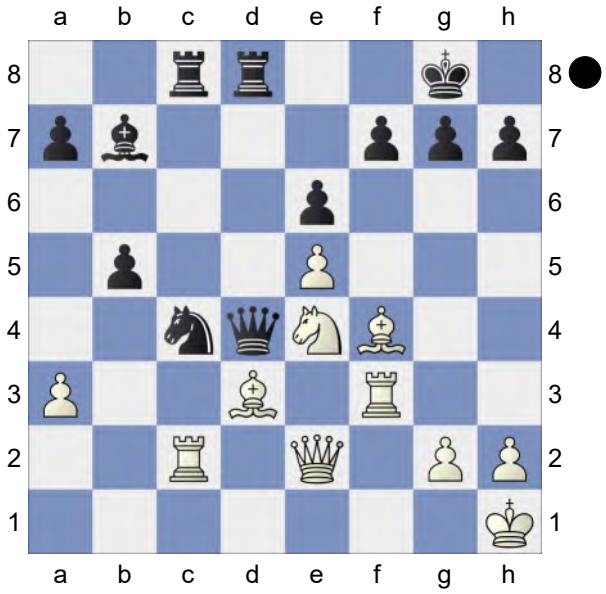
(Diagram)

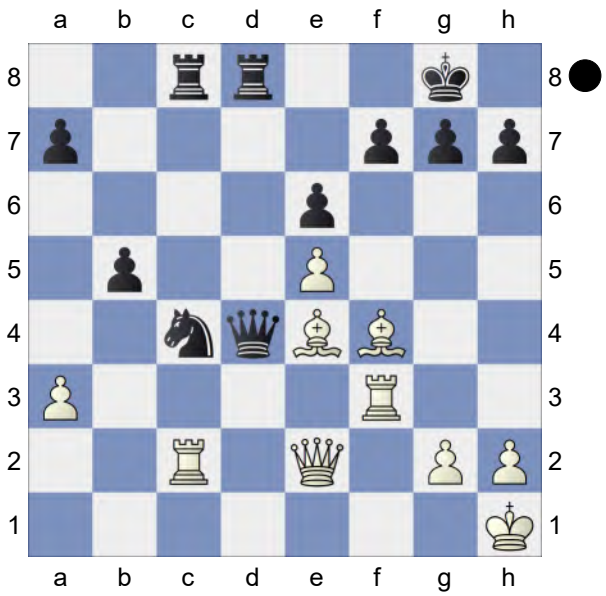
Bxe4!

[Worse is 23...Nxe5 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rf1=]

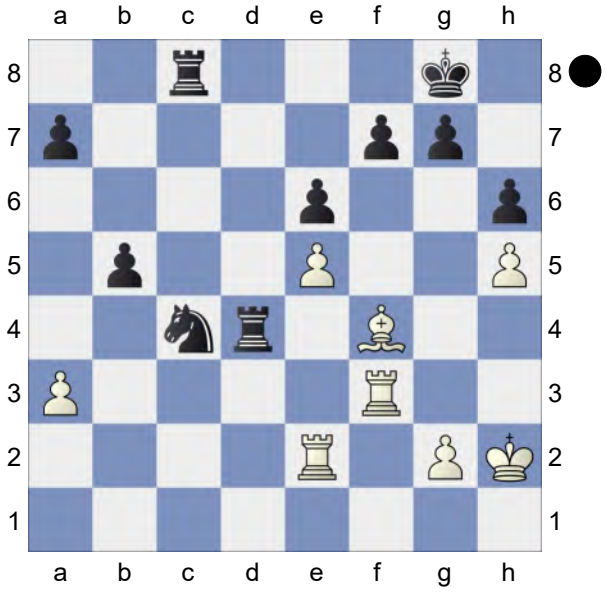
24.Bxe4





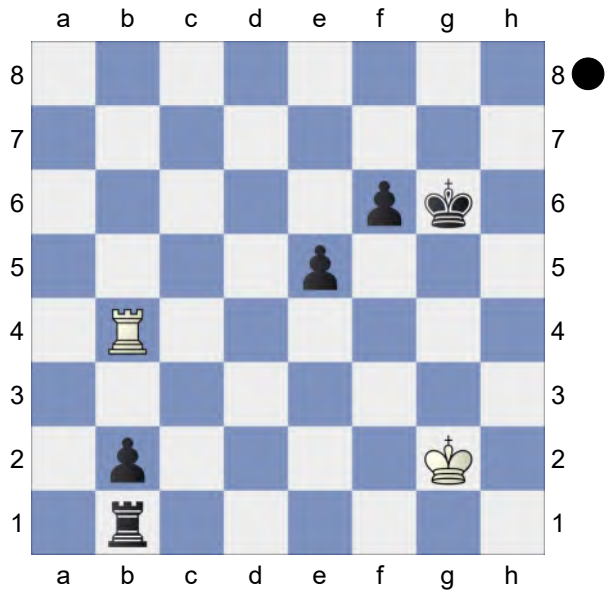


Qxe4 Back Rank **25.h4**
[25.h3 Qxe2]
25...Qxe2 26.Rxe2 Rd4 27.h5 h6 28.Kh2



Nxa3! Deflection **29.Bxh6**
[29.Rxa3 Rxf4]
29...gxh6 30.Rxa3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **30...Rc7 31.Rea2 Rh4+ 32.Kg3 Rxh5 33.Kf4 Rc4+ 34.Kf3 Rf5+**
[34...Rxe5 35.Rxa7 Rc3+ 36.Kf2]
35.Kg3 Rc7
[Don't play 35...Rxe5 36.Rxa7 Rg5+ 37.Kf2-+]

36.Rxa7 -6.63/20
[⩲36.Rb3 -4.26/17 Rxe5 37.Kf2]
36...Rxa7 37.Rxa7 Rxe5 KR-KR **38.Rb7 Kg7 39.Kf4 Rd5 40.Rb8 h5 41.g3 Kf6 42.Ke4 Rg5 43.Kf3 Rc5 44.Rb7 Rc3+ 45.Kg2 Rb3 46.Kh3 Rb1 47.Kh2 b4 48.Rb5 e5 49.Rb6+ Kg7 50.Kh3 f6 51.g4 hxg4+ 52.Kxg4 Kg6 53.Kf3 b3** Strongly threatening ... b2. **54.Kg2 b2** ...e4 is the strong threat. **55.Rb4**



e4! And now ...e3 would win. **56.Rb3**
[56.Rb6 e3]
56...f5 White must now prevent ...e3! **57.Rb6+ Kg5 58.Rb3 f4** (→ ...f3+) **59.Rb5+ Kg4 60.Rb4 e3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

D37
□ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
■ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**
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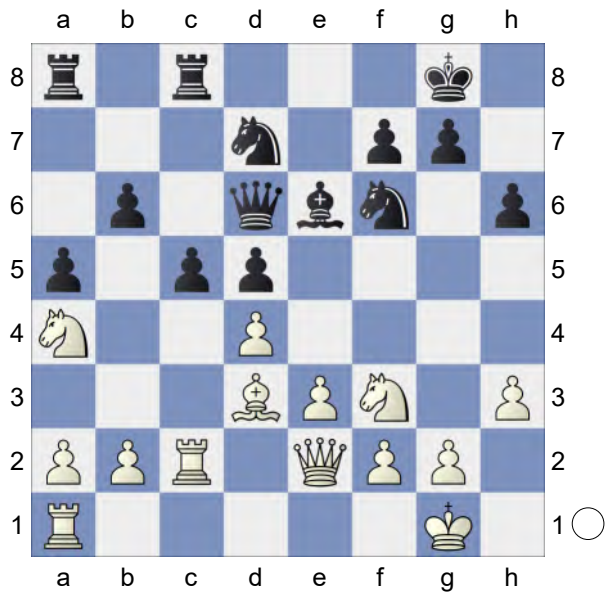
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.h3 c6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qc2 h6
[13...Rfe8 14.a3 Rac8 15.b4 b5 16.Qb2 Nb6 17.Ne5 Nc4 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Rfd1 Ra8 20.e4 a5 21.f4 axb4 22.Qxb4 Qxb4 23.axb4 Nd7 24.Nxc6 f6 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.d5 Bf7 27.e5 fxe5 28.fxe5 1-0 Vaisman,V (2586)-Ludwig,A (2276) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2005 (1)]
14.Rfc1N
[14.b4 b5 15.Rfb1 Nb6 16.a4 Nc4 17.Ne2 Rfe8 18.Nf4 Bd7 19.Nd2 Nb6 20.a5 Nc4 21.Nb3 Rad8 22.Nc5 Bc8 23.Bf5 Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Ra8 25.Re1 Ne4 26.Nfd3 Nf6 27.Re2 g6 28.Qf3 Ne4 1-0 Sivenkov,O (2668)-Antal,T (2539) (ol) 97/207 Torino 2006 (3)]
14...Rfc8 15.Na4 b6 16.Qe2 a5 17.Rc2 c5

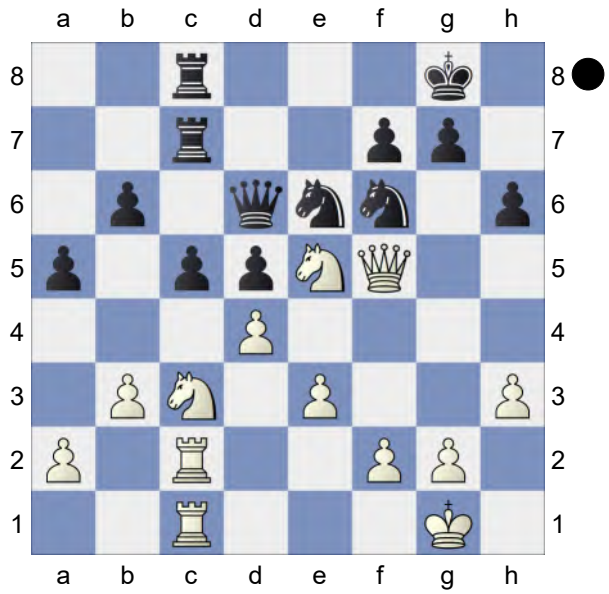
(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...c4. **18.b3 Rab8** Strongly threatening ...c4! **19.Nb2 Ne4 20.Rac1 Ndf6 21.Ba6 Rc7 22.Ne5 Bf5** White must now prevent ...Nxf2! **23.Na4 Ng5 24.Bd3**
[24.dxc5? too greedy. Qxe5 25.f4 Qe6 *(25...Nxh3+? 26.gxh3 Qe6 27.Bd3-+)* 26.fxg5 Bxc2 *(26...hxg5 27.Bd3∓)* 27.Rxc2 *(27.cxb6? is the wrong capture. Rxb6-+)*



27...Nd7-+ *(27...hxg5 28.cxb6 Rxc2 29.Qxc2∓)*]

24...Bxd3 25.Qxd3 Ne6 26.Qf5 Rbc8 27.Nc3



And now Nb5 would win. **27...Qe7 28.Nb5 Rb7 29.a4 g6 30.Qd3 Kg7 31.Qc3 Ne4 32.Qb2 Kh7 33.Rd1 f6 34.Nf3 Rd8 35.Qc1 Kg7 36.Rd3 h5 37.Qe1 Rbd7 38.Rd1 Ra8 39.Rdc1 Kf7 40.Qe2 Kg7 41.Rd1 Rad8 42.Rdc1 Kf7 43.Ne1** White is slightly better. **43...Nd6 44.Nf3 Ne4 45.Qd3 Kg7 46.Nh4 Qf7 47.Nf3** -0.01/20

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

[47.Kh2± 0.62/21]

½-½

C65

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■ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**

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C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3**

[7.Nbd2!?]

7...Bb6 8.Re1 Ne7 9.d4 d5 The position is equal. **10.Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nd2 Nd6 12.Bd3 f6 13.Nef3 Bf5 14.Nb3**

[14.Nf1 Ng6 15.Ng3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qd7 ½-½ Nikolin,Z (2394)-Hedman,J (2405) Oakham 2000 (3)]

14...Ng6N

[14...Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Ng6 16.Nc5 Re8 17.Bd2 c6 18.b3 Qc7 19.Rxe8+ Rxe8 20.Re1 Rxe1+ 21.Nxe1 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Ne4 23.b4 Ne5 24.Qc2 Nc4 25.Nf3 Ncxd2 26.Nxd2 Qe5 27.Nxe4 Qxe4 28.Qd1 Qc4 29.Qg4 0-1 Grischuk,A (2766)-So,W (2778) Leuven (rapid) 137/113 2018 Qxg4 30.hxg4 Kf7 31.Kf1 f5 32.gxf5 h5 33.Ke2 Kf6 34.Ke3 Kxf5 35.Kf3 g6 36.a4 a6 37.g3 g5 38.g4+ hxg4+ 39.Kg3 Ke4 40.Kxg4 Kd3 41.Kxg5 Kxc3 42.f4 d4 43.f5 d3 44.f6 0-1 Ernst,H (2766)-Sudgen,J (2778) TUR-chT Kigali 2008 d2 45.f7 d1Q 46.f8Q Qg1+ 47.Kh6 Qh2+ 48.Kg6 Qg3+ 49.Kh6 Qh4+ 50.Kg6 Qg4+ 51.Kh6 Qe6+ 52.Kg7 Qe5+

53.Kg6 Kxb4 54.Qf7 Qg3+ 55.Kh6 Qe3+ 56.Kg7 Qc3+ 57.Kh7 Qc2+ 58.Kh6 Qc1+ 59.Kg7 7 Chapter C50-Games Chapter C50 Game]

15.Nc5 Strongly threatening Bxf5. **15...Qc8 16.Bxf5 Nxf5 17.Qd3** aiming for Ne6. **17...Nd6 18.b3 c6 19.Ba3 Bxc5 20.Bxc5 Qd7 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qf5 Rfe8**

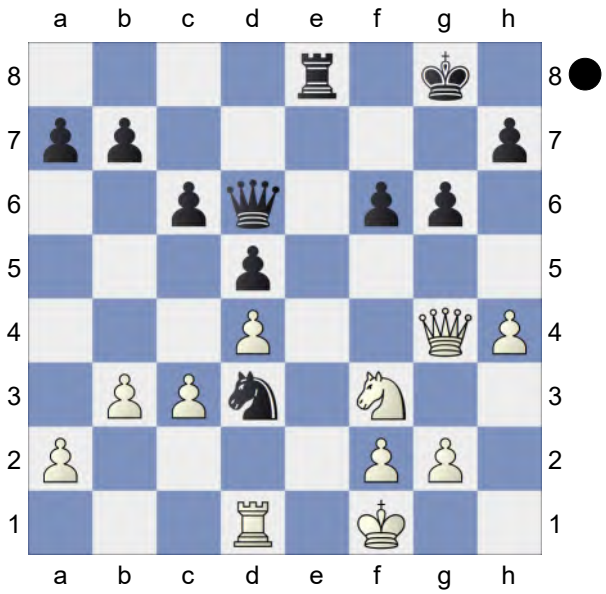
[22...Rad8 simplifies 23.Qg4 Qd7 24.a4 Qxg4 25.hxg4 h6]

23.h4 Nf4 24.Kf1 Prevents Ne2 **24...g6**

[24...Rxe1+ simplifies 25.Rxe1 g6 26.Qg4 Nh5]

25.Qg4 Nd3 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rd1? -1.87/26

[27.h5= 0.00/24 and White is okay.]



27...Qe7!-+ ...Qe2+ is the strong threat. Black is clearly better. **28.Rxd3 Qe2+ 29.Kg1 Qxd3 30.Qd7 Qb1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

B66

□ **Khamdamova,Afruza 2354**

■ **Aaditya,Dhingra 2448**

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B63: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...Be7 and unusual Black 7th moves Gofshtein, Leonid D: 'Although this game had a tragic ending, White's opening looked good.' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.h4 0-0 10.f3 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Qc7**

[11...b5 12.h5 h6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.g4 Nd7 15.Kb1 Rc8 16.g5 hxg5 17.h6 Bf6 18.Qxd6 Ne5 19.hxg7 Qxd6 20.Rxd6 Kxg7 21.Be2 Rfd8 22.Rxd8 Bxd8 23.Rg1 f6 24.Bd4 Ng6 25.Be3 Bc7 26.Rd1 0-1 Maljutin, E (2199)-Karpati (2411) 112/101 Philadelphia 2011 (2)]

12.g4

[12.Kb1 b5 13.Qd2 b4 14.Ne2 Rb8 15.g4 a5 16.Nd4 a4 17.Bd3 e5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.gxf5 a3 20.b3 d5 21.Rhg1 Kh8 22.h5 Rfd8 23.h6 g6 24.Qe1 Rb6 25.Rg2 gxf5 26.exf5 e4 0-1 Benjamin,J (2577)-Gulko,B (2643) (ch) 79/168 United States 2000]

12...b5 13.Be3N

[13.a3 Rb8 14.h5 h6 15.Bh4 Qb6 16.Qxb6 Rxb6 17.g5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Re8 19.Rd2 Nd7 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Rg1 Nf6 22.Rdg2 Ne8 23.f4 b4 24.axb4 Rxb4 25.f5 Kh7 26.Bd3 Kh6 27.fxe6 Bxe6 ½-½ Quesada Perez,Y (2522)-Gulko,B (2589) American Continental 03rd Buenos Aires 2005 (11) 28.b3 Rc7 29.Kd2 Rc5 30.Ne2 a5 31.Nf4 Re5 32.Rg3 Rb7 33.Ra1 ½-½ 17.♗g5 h6_22365

(2522)-Sivanandan,B (2589) WT/M/498 corr ICCF 1991 (11)]

13...Rb8 14.Qd2 -0.97/20
[14.g5= 0.00/23 Nh5 15.Bh3]

14...b4∓ 15.Ne2 Bb7 -0.07/24
[15...d5!∓ -0.99/19 16.e5 Nd7 *(16...Qxe5? 17.Bf4+-* Skewer *)*]

16.Nd4=
[16.Qxb4? Bxe4 17.Qd2 Bxf3-+]

16...d5 17.e5 Nd7
[17...Qxe5? 18.Bf4+-]

18.f4 Nc5 19.Bd3 Ne4 20.Qh2 a5 21.f5
[21.Kb1 looks sharper. a4 22.f5 b3 23.cxb3 axb3 24.Nxb3 Ra8 25.f6]

21...Bc5 0.77/21
[21...b3= 0.06/20 22.axb3 *(22.Nxb3? a4-+)* 22...Bc5]

22.Rhe1 -0.56/20
[22.fxe6 fxe6 23.g5 a4∓ *(23...Qb6 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Rhe1∓)*]
[22.Kb1± 0.77/21]

22...a4∓ 23.Bxe4 -1.20/20
[Better is 23.fxe6∓ -0.61/20 Bc8 24.exf7+ Rxf7 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Qg2]

23...dxe4∓ 24.Kb1 Bd5 aiming for ...b3. **25.b3 Rfc8 26.h5 Bf8** 0.15/18
[26...Ra8∓ -1.08/20 White must now prevent ...Qa5. 27.h6 Bxd4 28.Bxd4 Qc6]

27.g5!= exf5 28.Nxf5 Be6 29.Nd6 Rd8 30.h6 0.07/23
[30.Bc1!± 0.52/21]

30...g6 0.51/21
[30...Ra8= 0.07/23 is more appropriate.]

31.Qf4 -0.49/22
[31.bxa4 Qc6 *(31...Qa5? 32.Re2-+)* 32.Kc1 Qxa4-+]
[31.Nxe4 axb3 32.axb3 Qa5 33.Rxd8 Rxd8=]
[31.Bc1± 0.51/21]

31...Be7 0.73/23
[31...Ra8!∓ -0.49/22 stays ahead. 32.Re2 *(32.Qxe4? axb3 33.cxb3 Qa5-+)* 32...Qa5]

32.Qxe4 0.13/22
[32.Nxe4 Rxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Rc8∓]
[32.Bc1± 0.73/23]

32...Qa5 0.72/24
[32...axb3= 0.13/22 33.axb3 Ra8 34.Qxb4 Qc6]

33.Qd4 0.18/25 White is much more active.
[33.Nc4± 0.72/24 Qa6 34.Rxd8+ Rxd8 35.Nb6]

33...Ra8 34.Qb2 Rd7 0.57/27
[34...axb3= 0.07/22 35.axb3 Rd7]

35.Rd2 0.00/29
[35.Nc4± 0.57/27 Rxd1+ 36.Rxd1]

35...Rc7 36.Rf2 -1.04/24
[36.Ne4= 0.00/25 remains equal.]

36...Rc3 37.Bd2 -1.41/23
[⌓37.Ne4 -0.97/22]

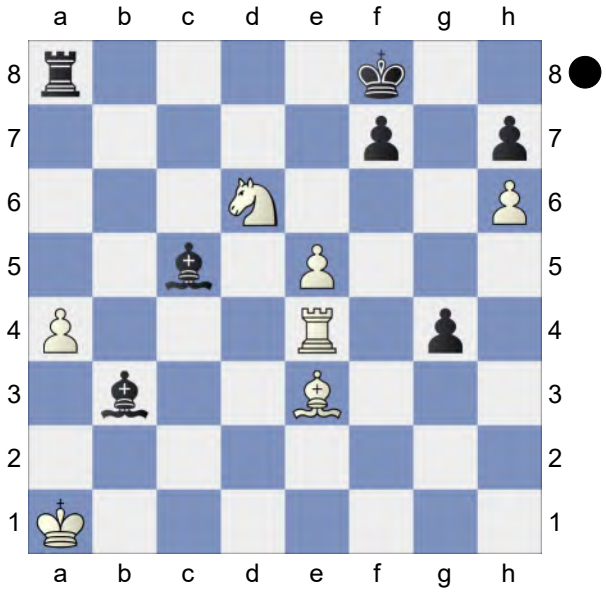
37...axb3 -0.39/21
[37...Qb6!∓ -1.41/23 38.Ne4 *(38.Bxc3? bxc3 39.Qxc3 Qxf2-+)* 38...Rd8]

38.cxb3∓
[38.axb3? Rxc2 39.Kxc2 Qc5+ 40.Kb1 Qxf2-+]

38...Rd3 39.Bc1! Rc3 Black has compensation. **40.Bd2 Rd3** ...Qd5! is the strong threat. **41.Bc1! Qd5** 0.00/20
[41...Qa6!∓ -0.76/19]

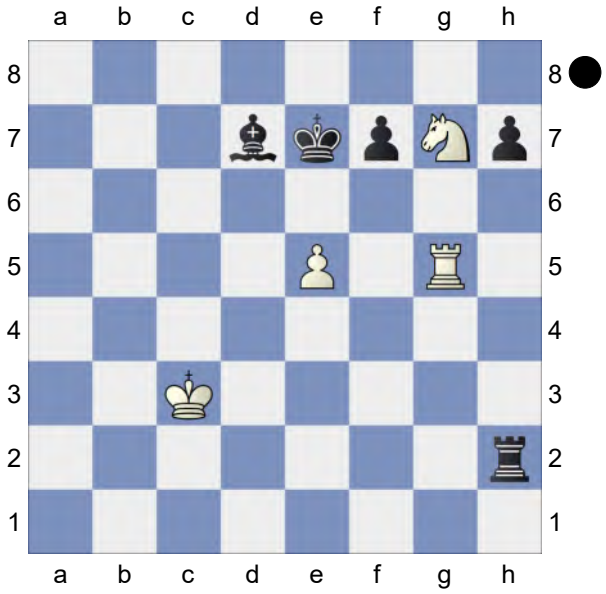
42.Nc4? -2.10/19
[42.Rxf7!= 0.00/20 Bxf7 43.e6 Rxb3 44.axb3 *(44.Qxb3 Qxb3+ 45.axb3 Bxd6∓; 44.exf7+ Qxf7 45.Nxf7 Rxb2+ 46.Bxb2 Kxf7∓)* 44...Qd3+ 45.Qc2 Qxc2+ *(45...Qxd6 46.exf7+ Kf8 47.Bb2+-; 45...Ra1+ 46.Kxa1 Qxc2 47.exf7+ Kf8 48.Bb2=)* 46.Kxc2 Bxd6 47.exf7+ Kxf7 48.Rf1+ Ke8 49.Re1+ Kd7 50.Kd3]

42...Bc5↑ Keeping White busy. White is weak on the light squares **43.Rf4 Rf3?** -0.25/25
[43...Rg3-+ -1.96/19 Hoping for ... Rg2! 44.Qd2 Bf5+ *(44...Rxg5 45.Qxd5 Bxd5 46.Rxf7=)* 45.Rxf5 Qxd2 46.Bxd2 gxf5]
44.Rxf3= Qxf3 45.Be3? -2.58/23
[Only move: 45.Nd6!∓ -0.63/20]
45...Be7? -0.79/22
[45...Qf5+!-+ -2.58/23 is more deadly. 46.Ka1 Bxe3 47.Rxe3 Qxg5]
46.Nd6∓ Qg3 47.Qf2 -1.03/27
[47.Qd2∓ -0.36/22]
47...Qxf2 Deflection
[47...Qxe5 keeps more tension. 48.Bc5 Qd5 49.Qb2 f6]
48.Bxf2 Bxg5 49.Be3 Bh4 -0.05/24 A strong pair of Bishops.
[49...Bxe3!∓ -0.75/24 50.Rxe3 Kf8]
50.Rc1= Bg3 51.Rc5 Be1 0.25/30
[⌓51...f6 -0.13/25 52.Bd4 Bf4]
52.Bf4 Kf8 0.52/25
[52...Bc3= 0.13/26 deserves consideration.]
53.Rc7 0.00/24
[White should play 53.Bg5± 0.52/25]
53...Bh4 54.Rb7 g5 55.Bd2 -1.48/22
[55.Be3!= 0.00/24]
55...g4∓ ...Bf2 would now be deadly.
56.Rxb4 -1.99/22
[56.Be3∓ -1.37/19]
56...Bf2!-+ And now ...g3 would win.
57.Ne4 Bf5 -1.09/22
[57...g3-+ -1.96/25 58.Nxf2 g2]
58.Ka1? -2.86/24
[58.Kb2∓ -1.09/22 was the only chance. g3 59.Nxf2]
58...Bg1? 0.00/25
[58...Bxe4-+ -2.86/24 59.Rxe4 g3]
59.Bf4 Prevents g3. **59...Rd8** Strongly threatening ...Bd4+. **60.Nd6! Be6 61.Bg3** -1.31/22 Dodges Bf2
[61.Kb2= 0.16/24]
61...Be3!∓
[61...Bc5?! 62.Re4=]
62.a4 -1.78/23
[62.Bh4∓ -1.03/23 Ra8 63.Kb2]
62...Ra8 -1.32/22
[62...Bxh6-+ -1.78/23 63.Kb2 Bd2]
63.Bf4 -2.16/25
[63.Kb2∓ -1.32/22]
63...Bc5-+
[63...Bxf4 64.Rxf4 g3 *(64...Bxb3 65.Rxg4 Rxa4+ 66.Rxa4=)* 65.Rf1∓]
64.Re4 Bxb3 -1.37/20
[64...Bd5-+ -2.41/22 65.Re1 Bf2 *(65...Bxb3? 66.Kb2-+)*]
65.Be3? -4.18/29
[65.Bg3∓ -1.37/20]



65...Bxe3!
[65...Rxa4+? loses. 66.Rxa4 Bxa4 67.Bxc5+-]
[Worse is 65...f5 66.Nxf5 Bxe3 67.Nxe3= *(67.Kb2? Rb8-+)*]
66.Rxe3 Bxa4 Endgame. KRB-KRN
67.Kb2 Bd7 68.Ne4 Bf5 69.Nf6 Ke7 70.Nd5+ Kf8 71.Kc3 -3.51/23
[⌓71.Nf6 -2.49/21]
71...Rd8 -1.78/23

[⌓71...Ra2 -3.51/23 72.Re1 Rh2]
72.Nf6 Ke7 73.Nh5 -2.92/22
[73.Kc4 -1.91/22 was worth a try.]
73...Rg8 -1.59/18
[Black should try 73...Rd5-+ -2.92/22 74.Ng7 Bg6]
74.Ng7 -2.19/20
[74.Kd4∓ -1.59/18]
74...Bd7 75.Re4? -3.47/21
[75.Kd2 -1.83/20 was necessary.]
75...g3 76.Re3 -5.14/21
[⌓76.Re1 -3.50/19 g2 77.Rg1]
76...Ra8 77.Kb2 g2 78.Rg3 Ra6? -2.17/20
[78...Rb8+ -5.57/23 79.Kc2 Ba4+ 80.Kc1 Bc6 81.Nf5+ Kf8]
79.Rxg2 Rxh6 80.Rg5 Rh2+ 81.Kc3



h6! 82.Rg1 h5 -2.02/22
[⌓82...Kf8 -4.24/22 83.e6 fxe6 *(83...Bxe6? 84.Nxe6+ fxe6 85.Kd4-+)*]
83.Rg5 h4? -2.37/19
[83...Bg4= -0.07/19]
84.Nf5+? -6.24/23
[84.Nh5 -2.37/19]
84...Bxf5 85.Rxf5 KR-KR **85...Ke6 86.Rh5 h3** Threatens to win with ...Rh1.
87.Kd4 Rd2+? -0.06/44
[87...Rh1-+ -5.64/34 88.Kc3 h2]
88.Ke3= The position is equal. **88...Ra2 89.Ke4**
[Don't go for 89.Rh6+? Kxe5 90.Rh4 Rb2-+]
89...Ra4+ 90.Kf3 Kd5 91.Kg3 Ra3+ 92.Kf4 Kd4 93.Rh7 Ra1 94.Rxh3 Rf1+ 95.Kg4 Kxe5 96.Re3+ Kd4 97.Re8 Rf6 98.Re7 Rf1 99.Kg3 f5 100.Re8 Kd3 101.Re7 Rg1+ 102.Kf4 Rf1+ 103.Kg3 Kd4 104.Re8 Kd5 105.Re7 Kd6 106.Re8 Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.37
½-½

C50
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■ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
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C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W Chess.com INT 2023 (6.2)]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 ½-½ Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Juegos Univers 31st (Women) op Pereira

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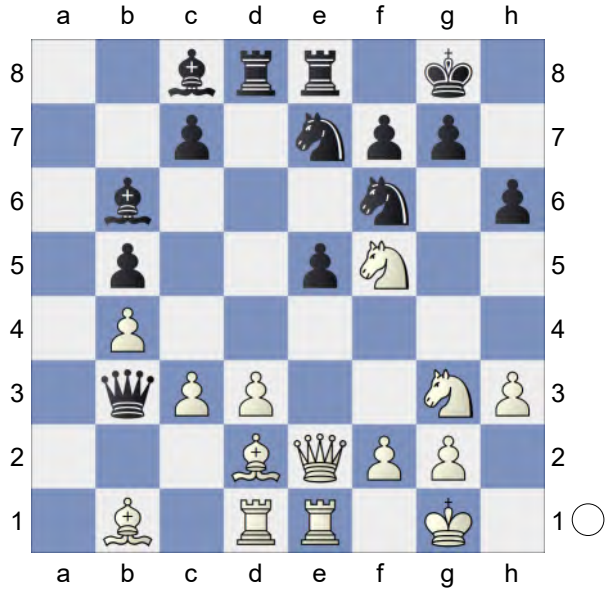
[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 0-1 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott, G (2110) 145/77 Biel 2020 (3)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 9 Part Chapter-Games Part 5 Chapter 2 Game]

6...a6 7.Bb3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bc2
[12.Be3 simplifies Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Bxb3 14.Qxb3 Qd7 15.a4]
12...d5 13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ng3 White has an edge. **14...Rad8 15.b4 Bc8 16.a4 b5 17.Bd2 Qd6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qe2 Bb6 20.Rad1 Qe6 21.Nh4 Qa2 22.Bb1 Qb3 23.Nhf5 Ne7**



24.Nxg7 Kxg7

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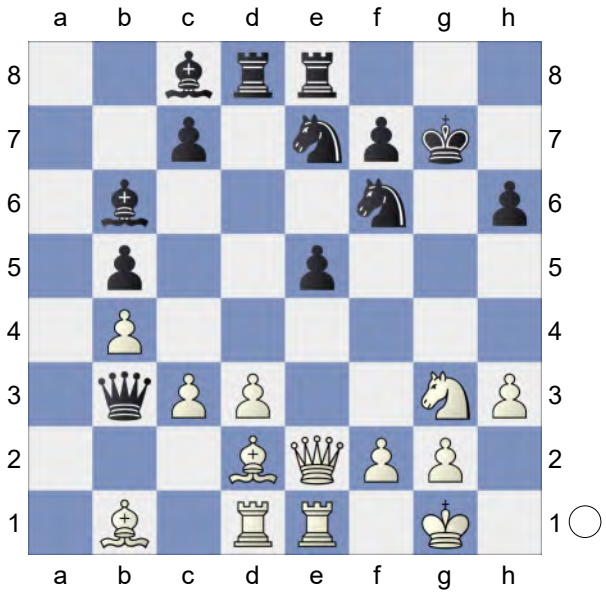
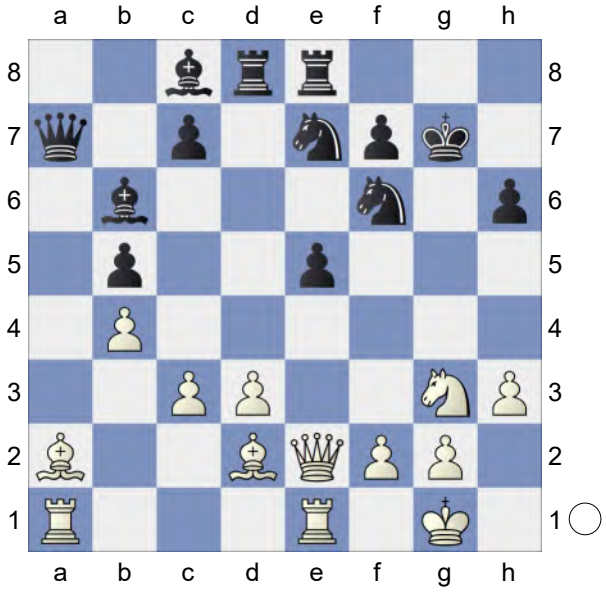
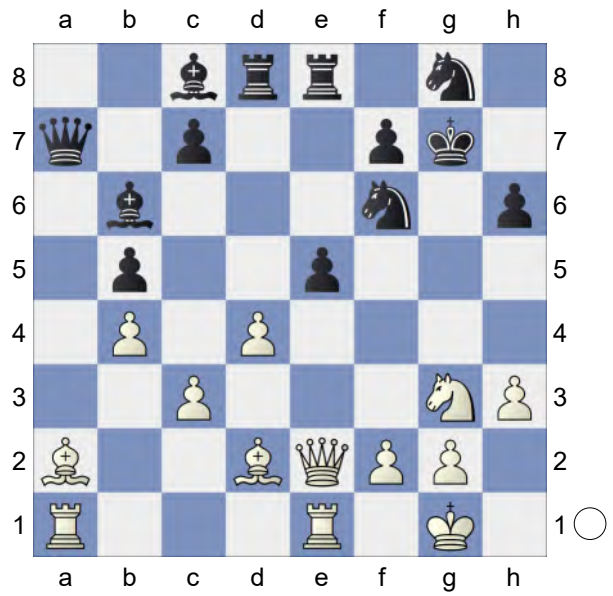


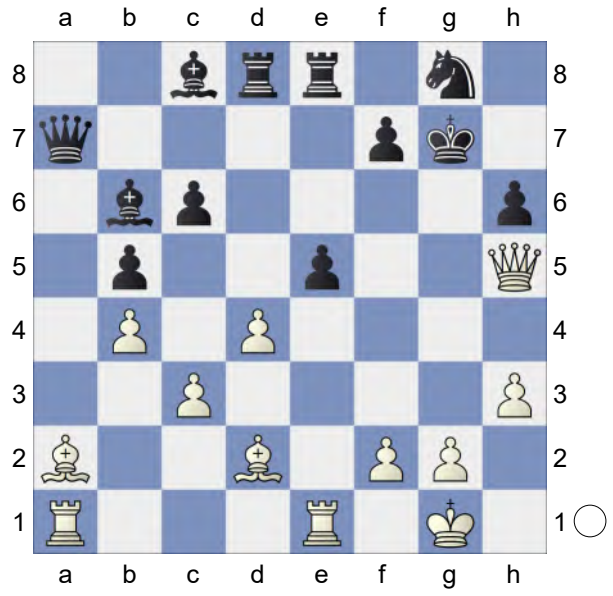
25.Ba2! Qa3 ...Ng6 would now be deadly.
[25...Qxa2 26.Bxh6+]
26.Ra1 And now Nh5+ would win. Some like it hot **26...Qa7?** 3.34/21
[26...Qa8± 0.74/21]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
27.d4!+- Discovered Attack **27...Neg8**
[27...exd4 28.Nh5+ Nxh5 29.Qxh5+-]
[27...Bxd4 28.cxd4]



28.Nh5+!
[28.dxe5? Bxf2+ 29.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rxd2+-+]
[28.Bxf7 Kxf7 29.Rxa7 *(29.dxe5? Bxf2+ 30.Kh2 Qb6-+)* 29...exd4+-]
28...Nxh5 29.Qxh5 c6



30.Bxh6+! Remove Defender. White is clearly winning. **30...Nxh6 31.Qg5+**
[31.dxe5? too greedy. Bxf2+ 32.Kh1 Qe7-+ *(32...Bxe1 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qxh6+ Kg8 35.Qg5+ Kf8 36.Qh6+ Ke7 37.Qf6+ Kf8 38.Qh6+ Kg8 39.Qg6+ Kf8 40.Qh6+=)*]
31...Kh7 32.Bb1+ Discovered Attack
[32.dxe5? loses. Bf5 *(32...Bxf2+? 33.Kf1-+)* 33.Bb1 Rxe5 *(33...Qxa1?* perishes. *34.Bxf5+ Nxf5 35.Qxf5+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Rxa1+-; 33...Bxf2+? 34.Kf1-+)* 34.Bxf5+ Rxf5-+]
32...f5 33.Rxa7+ Bxa7 34.Rxe5 Rxe5 35.Qxd8 Re1+ 36.Kh2 Bb8+ 37.g3 Be6 aiming for ...Bd5! **38.Qe7+ Kg6 39.Ba2 Bxa2 40.Qxe1 Kf7 41.Qd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

B42
□ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl 2308**
■ **Shyaam Nikhil P 2445**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.37) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B42: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Bd3
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Ba7 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Be3 Nge7 9.0-0 d6 10.a4
[10.f4 0-0 11.Nc3 b5 12.Rae1 b4 13.Nd1 a5 14.Qf2 a4 15.Nd2 d5 16.Bxa7 Rxa7 17.Ne3 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Qd4 19.b3 Ba6 20.bxa4 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Rxa4 22.Re2 Ra3 23.Nc4 Rxd3 24.Qxd4 Nxd4 0-1 Piffer,U (2384)-Balobaev,A (2500) Oslo m 1994 (2) 0-1 (47) Piffer,U (2384)-Balobaev,A (2500) Oslo m 1994 (2)]
10...0-0N
[10...Bxe3 11.Qxe3 b6 12.N1d2 0-0 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Nc4 Rb8 15.Qg3 e5 16.Bf1 Rd8 17.Ne3 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rd2 Be6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.exd5 Nb4 22.Qf3 Rb6 23.c3 Na6 24.Rdd1 Qb8 25.Na5 1-0 Yebelin,V (2475)-Bezold,M (2515) FS FebGM

Budapest 1994 (11)1-0 (59) Yebelin, V (2475)-Bezold,M (2515) FS FebGM Budapest 1994 (11) Nc7 26.b4 Ne8 27.Nc6 Nxc6 28.dxc6 Qc7 29.c4 bxc4 30.Bxc4 Rxb4 31.Rab1 Rdb8 32.Rxb4 Rxb4 33.Qd5 g6 34.h4 Nf6 35.Qxd6 Qxd6 36.Rxd6 Rxc4 37.Rxf6 Rxh4 38.f4 Kg7 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.c7 1-0 Scotch,O (2475)-Various 4th Moves 6.cxd5 (2515) Alekhine Memorial Paris/St Petersburg FRA/RUS 2013 (11) 1-0 (59) Scotch,O (2475)-Various 4th Moves 6.cxd5 (2515) Alekhine Memorial 2013 (11) Rxf4 41.c8Q h5 42.Qh8 Ke6 43.Qg7 Rg4 44.Qg8+ Kf6 45.Qd5 Rd4 46.Qc6+ Kf5 47.Kf2 Rf4+ 48.Ke3 Rg4 49.Qd5 Kf6 50.Qd6+ Kf5 51.Kf2 Rf4+ 52.Kg1 Rd4 53.Qe7 Rg4 54.Qf7+ Kg5 55.Qe6 1-0 Yemelin,V (2475)-Bezold,M (2515) Budapest FS02 GM 1994 (11) 1-0 (59) Yemelin,V (2475)-Bezold,M (2515) Budapest FS02 GM 1994 (11)]

11.Nc3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 b6 0.58/23

[12...e5= 0.04/22]

13.f4 Nb4 14.f5 White is slightly better.

14...Nec6

(Diagram)

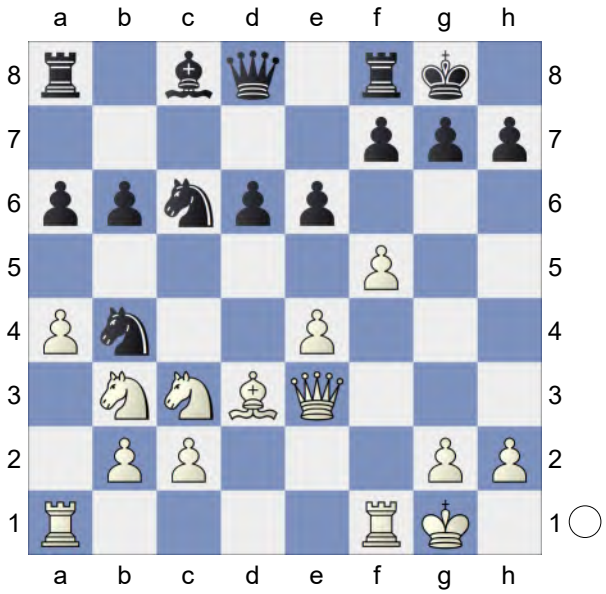
15.f6 0.26/22 **gxf6= 16.Rf3 Kh8! 17.e5** -1.17/21 **f5!∓**

[17...fxe5? 18.Bxh7 Qh4 *(18...Kxh7 19.Rh3+ Kg6 20.Qh6+ Kf5 21.Rf3+ Kg4 22.h3#)* 19.Rh3 Qxh7 20.Rxh7+ Kxh7

A) 21.Qxb6 d5+- *(21...f6+-)*;

B) 21.Qh3+ Kg6 22.Ne4+- *(22.Qg4+ Kf6 23.Qh4+ Kg7 24.Qg5+ Kh7 25.Rf1+-)*]

[17...Nxe5? 18.Rh3 Nbxd3



19.Qh6+-]

[17...dxe5 18.Qh6 e4 *(18...Nxd3 19.Rh3)* 19.Rh3 *(19.Nxe4 Rg8 20.Nxf6 Rxg2+* Decoy *21.Kxg2 Qg8+ 22.Nxg8* Discovered Attack *Nxd3 23.Qf6+ Kxg8 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qf8#; 19.Nxe4 Rg8 20.Nxf6 Rxg2+* Decoy *21.Kxg2 Qg8+ 22.Nxg8* Discovered Attack *Nxd3 23.Qf6+ Kxg8 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Qf8#)*]

18.Rh3 White threatens Qh6 and mate. Threatening mate with Qh6.

[18.exd6 f6 19.Rh3 Qxd6-+]

18...f6

[18...Nxe5? 19.Qh6+-]

19.exd6 Ne5

[19...Qxd6 20.Re1∓]

20.Bf1 Qxd6 21.Rd1 Qc7 22.Qh6 -1.71/22

[22.Qd2∓ -1.17/22 was called for.]

22...Rf7 -0.79/22

[⌓22...Qe7!-+ -1.26/23 23.Qd2 *(23.Qh4 Ng4)* 23...Rg8]

23.Qf4 -1.23/20

[⌓23.Qh4 -0.79/22 Ng4 *(23...Nxc2? 24.Rd2+-)* 24.Be2]

23...Nbc6!

[23...Nxc2? perishes. too greedy. 24.Rc1+-]

24.Be2 -1.73/22

[24.Ne2∓ -1.20/21]

24...Bb7-+ 25.Nd4 -2.35/20

[25.Rg3∓ -1.50/20 is a better defense.]

25...Nxd4-+ 26.Rxd4 -3.08/23

[⩲26.Qxd4 -1.90/23 Rg8 27.Rg3]

26...Qc5 27.b4 -2.58/20

[⩲27.Qf2 -1.90/20]

27...Qc7 -1.43/21

[Black should try 27...Qc6-+ -2.58/20 28.Rg3 Rg7 29.Rxg7 Remove Defender Kxg7 30.Qg3+ Kh8]

28.Rg3 -2.30/22

[28.Qh6∓ -1.60/21 was worth a try.]

28...Rc8 -1.23/23

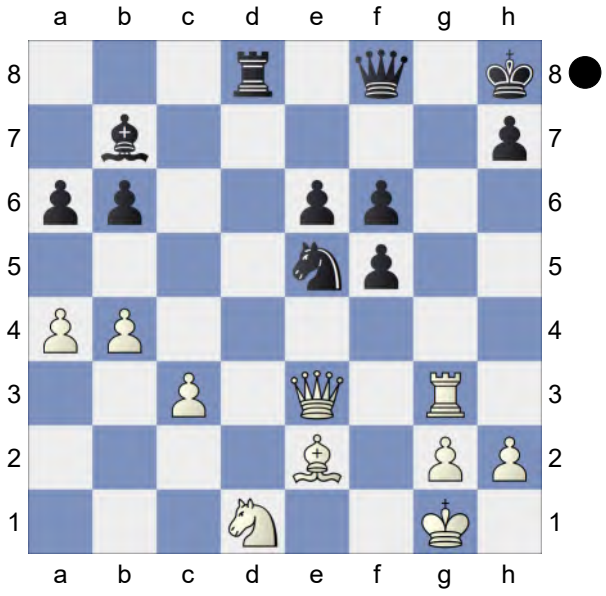
[28...Rg7-+ -1.74/21 29.Nd1 Qxc2]

[28...Nf3+-+ -2.30/22 29.Bxf3 *(29.gxf3?* loses. *e5-+)* 29...e5]

29.Qh6 Qe7 30.Qd2 Rff8 31.Nd1 Rfd8 32.c3 Rxd4 33.Qxd4 Rd8 34.Qe3 Qd6 aiming for ...Qd2. **35.Qh6** -1.81/22

[35.Nb2∓ -1.40/22]

35...Qf8 Active counter play! **36.Qe3**



Rd7 -0.71/21

[36...a5!-+ -1.83/21 is more deadly. 37.Qxb6 Qe7 *(37...f4? 38.Rh3∓)* 38.bxa5 *(38.Qxa5? f4-+)* 38...f4]

37.Nf2 -1.20/19

[⩲37.Nb2 -0.71/21]

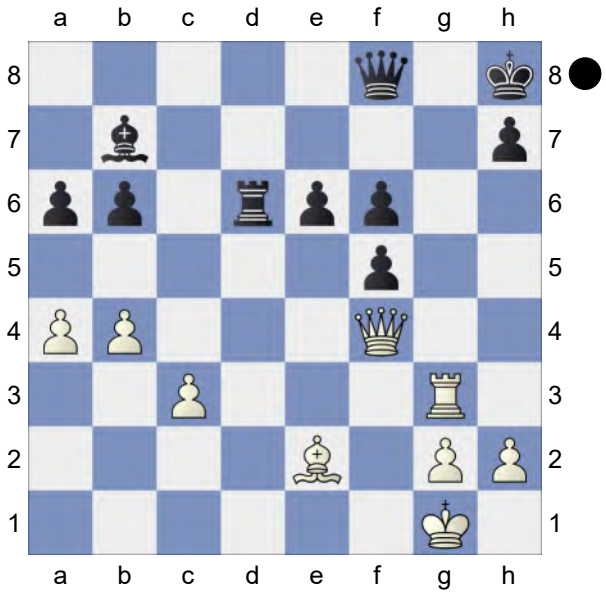
37...Rd6!∓ 38.Nh3 -1.43/22

[⩲38.Nd3 -0.87/21 Nf7 39.Qf4]

38...Ng6 -0.96/19

[Better is ⩲38...Nf7! -1.43/22 Threatens to win with ...e5. 39.Qf4 *(39.c4 e5)* 39...a5]

39.Nf4∓ Nxf4 40.Qxf4



a5 -0.04/23

[40...Be4!∓ -0.68/21 Hoping for ...e5. 41.Qh4 a5]

41.h3 -0.55/23

[Better is 41.h4!= -0.04/23]

41...Be4 ...e5 would now be deadly.

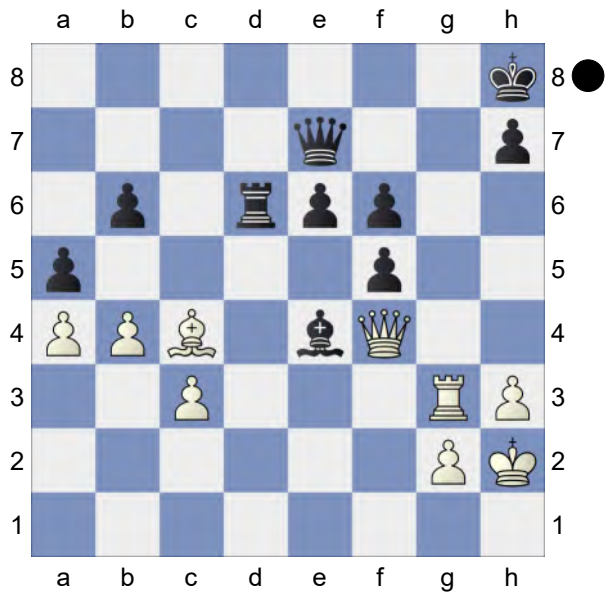
42.Bc4! Qe7 0.00/25

[Black should try 42...Bc2∓ -0.46/23 is more appropriate.]

43.Kh2? -1.61/20

[43.Qh6!= 0.00/25 and White is okay. and White has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)



[#] Black continues to play with concentration. **43...Rd8!-+** Strongly threatening ...e5. **44.Re3?** -3.04/20 This move loses the game for White.
[44.Qh6∓ -1.48/18 was necessary.]
[44.Qh4∓ -1.54/24]
44...Qd6
[44...axb4 45.cxb4 e5 *(45...Rf8 46.b5∓)* 46.Qh4∓]
45.Qxd6 Rxd6 Endgame. KRB-KRB Endgame. KRB-KRB **46.Re2** -4.02/22
[⌓46.g3 -2.87/21]
46...Rc6 47.Ba2 e5
[47...Rxc3? 48.bxa5 bxa5 49.Bxe6∓]
48.Re3 -5.68/21
[⌓48.bxa5 -3.85/20 bxa5 *(48...Rxc3? loses. 49.axb6 Bc6 50.Rd2+-)* 49.Re3]
48...axb4 Black is clearly winning.
49.Rg3 Rc8 Inhibits Rg8+. Against Rg8+
[Not Weaker is 49...Rxc3 50.Rg8#]
50.cxb4 f4 51.Ra3 Rc2 52.Kg1 Rxg2+ 53.Kf1 Rg3 54.Rxg3 fxg3 KB-KB **55.a5 bxa5 56.bxa5 f5 57.Bc4 f4 58.a6 f3** ...Ba8 is the strong threat. **59.a7 Ba8** ...e4 would now be deadly. (→ ...e4) **60.Ke1 e4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.20 (precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/Black=0.17 (very precise)
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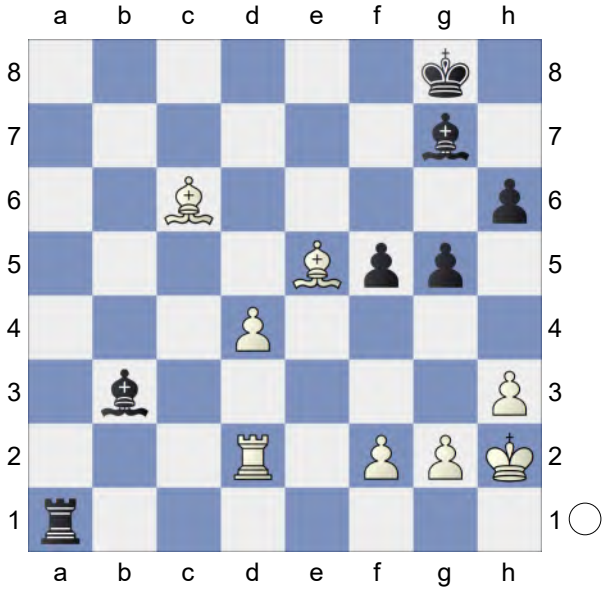
C84
□ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
■ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.38) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.a4
[9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 c4 13.b4 cxb3 14.axb3 Nb7 15.b4 Nd7 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Nbd2 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Qc2 Rff8 21.Qd3 Rfc8 22.Ra2 Na4 23.Rc2 a5 1-0 Adams,M (2661)-Yang, C (2121) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (1.9) 1-0 (41) Adams,M (2661)-Yang, C (2121) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (1.9)]
9...Bd7 10.Bc2N
[10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Bc2 c5 12.Re1
A) 12...Re8 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ne3 b4 15.h3 *(15.Bb3 Na5 16.Ba2 Rb8 17.d4 exd4 18.cxd4 Nxe4 19.Nd5 Bf8 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bg5 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Qe8* Spanish 5.0-0 Le7 6.d3 2010Spanish 5.0-0 Le7 6.d3 2010*)* 15...Rb8 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Bb3 h6 18.Be3 bxc3 19.bxc3 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Qc2 e4 22.dxe4 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxb3 24.Qxb3 Na5 25.Nxa5 Bxb3 26.Nxb3 Qb6 27.Nbd2

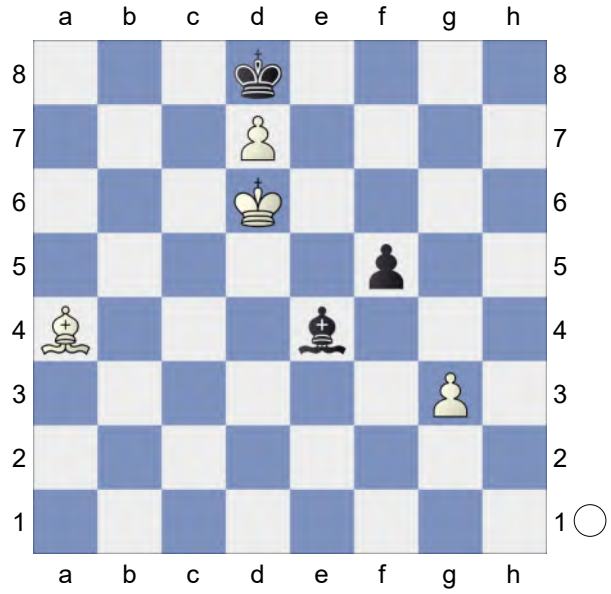
0-1 McShane,L (2713)-Aronian,L (2815) 4th London Chess Classic London ENG 2012 (4.3)0-1 (76) McShane,L (2713)-Aronian,L (2815) 4th London Chess Classic 2012 (4.3);
B) 12...Qb6 13.Nf1 b4 14.Ne3 Rfe8 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 b3 17.Bb1 exd4 18.Nxd4 Bf8 19.Nef5 d5 #10 A9) RL – 6.d3 Modern Line â-6.d3 Modern Line – 8.a4 A9) RL – 6.d3 Modern Line â-6.d3 Modern Line – 8.a4 #10]

10...Re8 11.Re1 The position is equal. **11...h6 12.h3 Bf8 13.Nbd2 d5 14.d4** aiming for exd5. **14...dxe4 15.Nxe4** aiming for axb5. **15...exd4 16.axb5 Nxe4 17.Bxe4**
[17.bxc6 keeps more tension. with more complications. Bxc6 18.Nxd4 Qf6 19.Be3]
17...axb5 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Nxd4 b4! 20.Bf4 Black must now prevent cxb4. **20...bxc3 21.bxc3 Qa6** Dodges c4 **22.Nf3↑** White is more active. **22...Qc8 23.Qd3 Nb8** 0.82/23
[23...Re6= 0.22/23]
24.Rb1 White is much more active.
[24.Ne5 is interesting. keeps more tension. Be6 25.Qg3 Bf5 26.Bxh6 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Qf5 *(27...Qa6 28.Bf4)* 28.Re3]
24...Qa6 1.07/23
[24...Qd8± 0.54/22]
25.Bxc7 0.51/20
[Better is 25.Bh7+± 1.07/23 Kh8 26.Bxc7]
25...Qxd3± 26.Bxd3 Nc6 27.Rd1 Rc8 0.78/24
[27...Be6± 0.41/24 feels stronger.]
28.Bf4 0.37/22
[28.Bh7+!?± 0.78/24 Kxh7 29.Rxd7±]
28...Be6 29.Ba6 Ra8 30.Bb7 Ra4 And now ...Na5 would win. ...Na5 would now be deadly. **31.Nd4 Nxd4 32.cxd4 Bb3 33.Rd2 f6 34.Bc6 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 g5 36.Bg3 f5** 1.29/22
[36...Rc1± 0.42/23 37.d5 Kf7]
[Black should try 36...Bf7± 0.36/23]
37.Be5± Rb2 is the strong threat. Hoping for Rb2. **37...Bg7**



38.Bxg7 0.19/20
[38.f4!± 1.12/20 And now d5 would win. gxf4 39.Bxf4]
38...Kxg7 Endgame. KRB-KRB Endgame. KRB-KRB **39.d5** Strongly threatening d6. d6 is the strong threat. **39...Rd1 40.Rxd1 Bxd1=** KB-KB **41.d6 Kf6 42.h4 Ke6 43.d7 Ke7 44.f3 Bb3**
[44...gxh4? perishes. too greedy. 45.Bb5+- *(45.Kh3 Be2+-)* 45...Bb3 46.Kh3+-]
45.hxg5 hxg5 46.Kg3 Bc4 47.f4 gxf4+ 48.Kxf4
[48.Kf3!?]
48...Bf1 49.g3 Bd3 50.Ke5 Bc2 51.Bb5 Bb1 52.Ba4 Bd3 53.Kd4 Bb1 54.Bb5 Bc2 55.Kc5 Be4 56.Ba4 Bd3 57.Kc6 White wants to mate with Kc7. **57...Kd8 58.Kd6 Be4?** 48.37/36

[58...f4= 0.00/39]



59.Bb3!+- Threatening mate with Be6. **59...Bf3 60.Be6 Bg4 61.Ke5 Bh3 62.Bxf5** White mates. **62...Bf1 63.Kf6** Threatening mate with g4. **63...Be2 64.g4** White mates. **64...Bd1 65.g5 Bb3 66.g6 Bc4 67.g7 Bg8 68.Be6 Bh7 69.Kf7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

[And not 69.g8R+ Bxg8 70.Bxg8 Kxd7=]

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B57

□ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**
■ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F** **2296**
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[Kitty Kat]

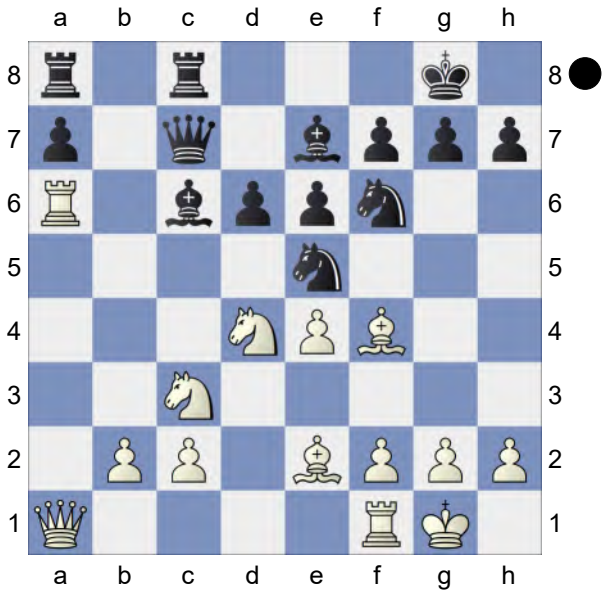
B57: Classical Sicilian: Sozin with 6... Qb6
White hasn't been making any headway by kicking the Q with Be3. It's a passive Scheveningen with the N on b3. RR: 'Inf 77/(196)' B57: Classical Sicilian: Sozin with 6...Qb6 White hasn't been making any headway by kicking the Q with Be3. It's a passive Scheveningen with the N on b3. RR: 'Inf 77/(196)' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a4 0-0 10.Be2 Bd7 11.Bf4** 0.05/22

[11.Be3± 0.45/22 Qc7 12.f4]

11...Ne5 12.a5 White has an edge. The position is equal. **12...Qc7 13.a6 bxa6N**

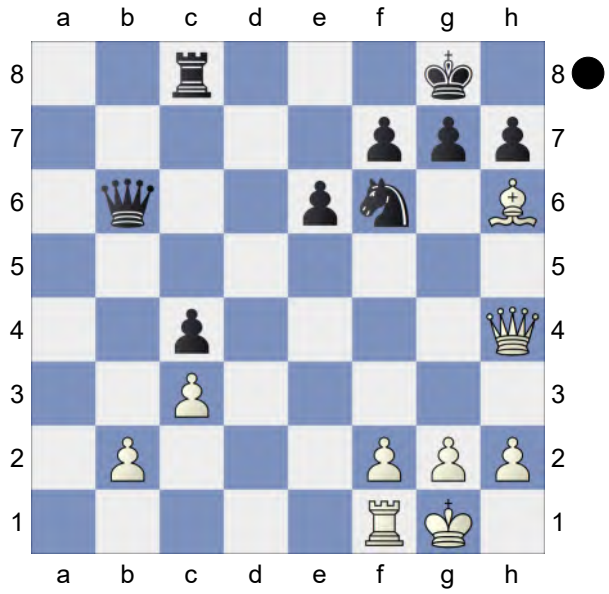
[13...Rfb8 14.axb7 Rxb7 15.Be3 Rb4 16.f3 a5 17.Ra2 a4 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Qa1 Rc8 21.Rd1 e5 22.Nde2 Bc6 23.Nc1 Bd7 24.Nd3 Rbb8 25.Rd2 Ra8 26.Ra3 h6 27.Ra2 Bd8 28.Ra3 ½-½ Levano Loayza,A (2658)-Henzler, S (2655) Schachbundesliga 2018 (7) ½-½ (31) Levano Loayza,A (2658)-Henzler,S (2655) Schachbundesliga 2018 (7) Ba5 29.Rf2 Bd8 ½-½ Polgar,J (2658)-Timman,J (2655) Corus Wijk aan Zee NED 2000 (7) ½-½ (31) Polgar,J (2658)-Timman,J (2655) Corus Wijk aan Zee NED 2000 (7)]

14.Rxa6 Rfc8 15.Qa1 Bc6 16.Nd4



Bxe5 would now be deadly. [#] Strongly

threatening Bxe5. **16...Bxe4**
[16...Nxe4? is the wrong capture. 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 18.Nxe4+-]
17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.c3 Qb7 19.Nb5 Nc4 Excellent horsemanship. **20.Rxa7 Rxa7 21.Qxa7 Qxb5 22.Qxe7 d5 23.Bc1 Qb6 24.Bxc4 dxc4 25.Qh4 Nf6 26.Bh6**



Strongly threatening Bxg7! Deflection [#] Threatens to win with Bxg7! Deflection
26...Ne8
[Don't play Much worse is 26...Qxb2?! 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Qg5+ Kf8 29.Qxf6±]
27.Bc1 Qd8 28.Qg3 Qd5 29.h3 Rd8 30.Re1 f6 31.Qg4 e5 32.Be3 Nc7 33.Bb6 Qc6 0.92/24
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
[Black should play 33...Rd7!± 0.39/24]
½-½

D31
□ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
■ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**
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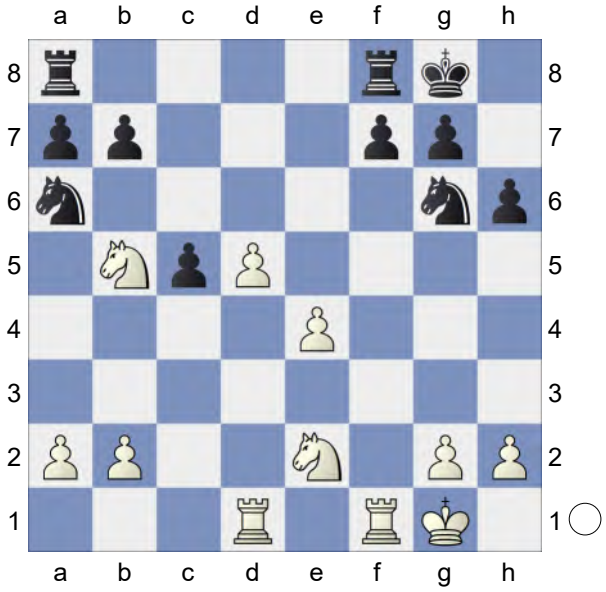
[Kitty Kat]

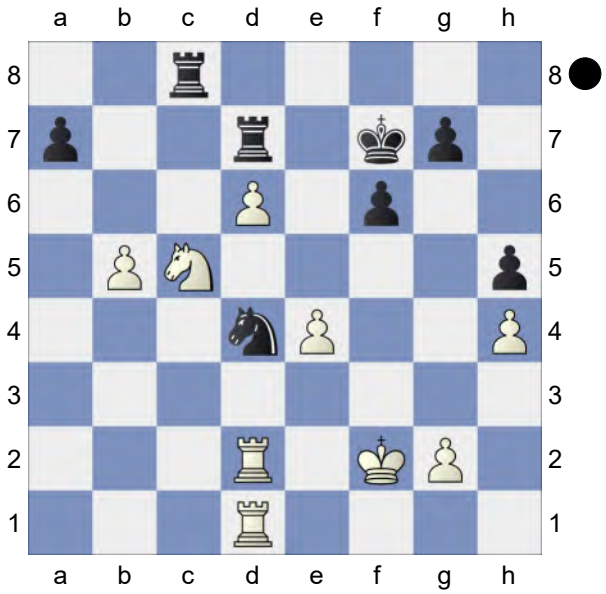
D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 h6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.f3
[7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Bd6 9.Nge2 Ne7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f3 Bxf4 12.Nxf4 Qb6 Beginner Guide Sarin Queen'-Sarin Queen'S Gambit Mainlin 1... e6 Against Everything 2024Beginner Guide Sarin Queen'-Sarin Queen'S Gambit Mainlin 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
7...Bh7N
[7...Nf6 8.g4 Bh7 9.h4 Bd6 10.Nge2 Qe7 11.Kf2 28) QGD: 3rd Move Sidelines-QGD 3rd Move Sidelines: 3...h Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 202328) QGD: 3rd Move Sidelines-QGD 3rd Move Sidelines: 3...h Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023 Na6 12.Ng3 Nc7 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Bxf4 15.exf4 0-0-0 16.Nce2 15) Queen's Gambit Declined-Queen'S Gambit Declined 15) Queen's Gambit Declined-Queen'S Gambit Declined]
[7...Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.e4 Bh7 10.e5 Qb4 11.Qd2 28) QGD: 3rd Move Sidelines-QGD 3rd Move Sidelines: 3...h Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 202328) QGD: 3rd Move Sidelines-QGD 3rd Move Sidelines: 3...h Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
8.Bd3 White is slightly better. **8...Bxd3**

9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nge2 Ne7 12.0-0 Na6 13.Rad1 0-0 14.e4 c5 0.55/21
[14...Rad8= 0.13/22]
15.Qb5 And now dxc5 would win. dxc5 is the strong threat. **15...dxe4 16.fxe4 Qc6 17.d5 Qxb5 18.Nxb5 Ng6**



19.Rf5 0.27/21 Inhibits Ne5. White is much more active.
[19.Nf4!± 0.93/23 Strongly threatening Nxg6. Nxf4 20.Rxf4]
19...Rfd8= 20.Nec3 f6 The position is equal. **21.d6 Rd7 22.Rfd5 Ne5 23.b3 b6 24.R5d2 Nb4 25.Nc7 Rad8 26.Ne6 Re8 27.Nc7 Red8 28.Ne6 Rc8 29.Nb5 Nbc6 30.Kf2 Nf7 31.h4 Nfd8**
[31...h5 seems wilder. 32.Ke3 Nfe5 33.g3 Kf7]
32.Nec7 Kf7 33.a3 Ne6 34.b4 Ned4 35.bxc5 bxc5
[35...Nb3 is interesting. is more complex. 36.cxb6 Nxd2 37.e5 fxe5 38.bxa7 Ne4+]
36.a4 h5 37.Na6 Nxb5 38.axb5 Nd4 39.Nxc5

(Diagram)



Remove Defender **39...Rxc5 40.Rxd4 Rxb5 41.Rd5 Rxd5 42.Rxd5=** Endgame. KR-KR Endgame. KR-KR **42...Ke6 43.Rxh5 Kxd6 44.g4 Kc6 45.g5 fxg5 46.Rxg5 Kb6 47.h5 a5 48.h6 gxh6 49.Rg6+ Kb5 50.Rxh6 a4 51.Ke3 a3 52.Rh1 Kc4 53.e5 a2 54.Ra1 Rd3+ 55.Ke4 Rd2 56.e6 Kb3 57.Ke5 Kb2 58.Rxa2+ Kxa2 59.e7 Kb3 60.Ke6 Re2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

C77
□ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**
■ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
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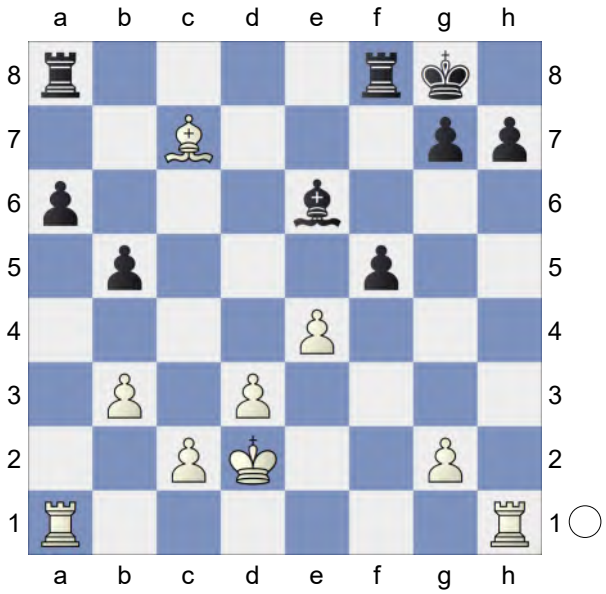
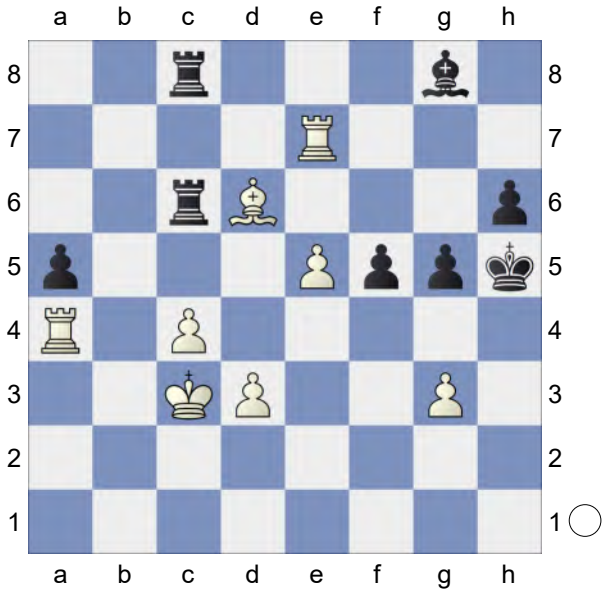
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 And now Nf3 would win. **7...Bxf2+**

Decoy **8.Kxf2** Strongly threatening Nf3. The position is equal. **8...Qd4+ 9.Ke1 Qxe5 10.d3 Ng4N**
[10...0-0]
11.Qf3 Nxh2 12.Qf4 Ng4 13.Qxe5+ Nxe5 14.Bf4↑ White is more active. **14...Ng6 15.Bxc7 Bg4** Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Na4** Nb6 is the strong threat. **16...b5 17.Nc5 Nf8 18.a4** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **18...Ne6 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Kd2 0-0 22.b3 f5**



23.e5 Rfc8 24.Ba5 0.45/21
[Better is 24.Bd6± 1.03/24]
24...Bd5 25.Rh2 Re8 26.c4 Be6 1.90/19
[26...Bf7± 1.03/21 keeps fighting.]
27.g3+- Rac8 2.08/22
[27...h6± 1.57/22 28.Kc3 Bc8]
28.Bb4 Rc6 29.Bd6 h6 2.41/25
[29...g6± 1.53/21 30.Kc3 Kg7]
30.Ra5 bxc4 31.bxc4 Kf7 32.Kc3 Rec8 33.Ra4 Kg6 34.Rha2 a5 3.30/22
[34...Ra8 2.26/21 was worth a try. 35.Ra5 Kf7]
35.Rb2 Kh5 36.Rb7
[Don't play 36.Rxa5 g5 37.Rh2+ Kg6+-]
36...g5 37.Re7 Bg8

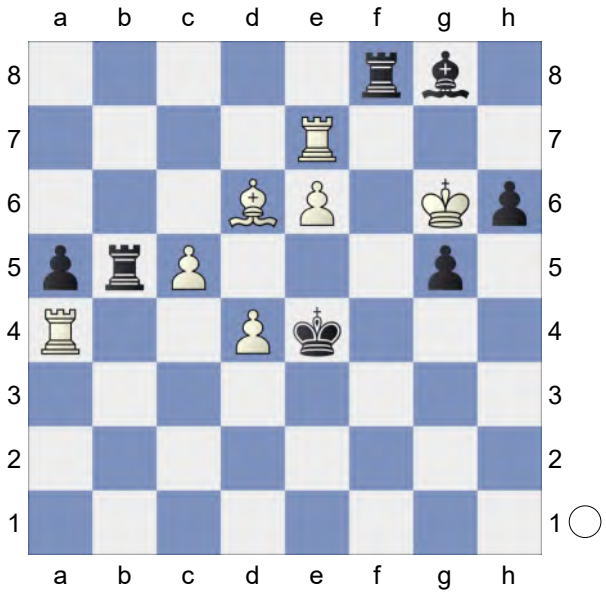


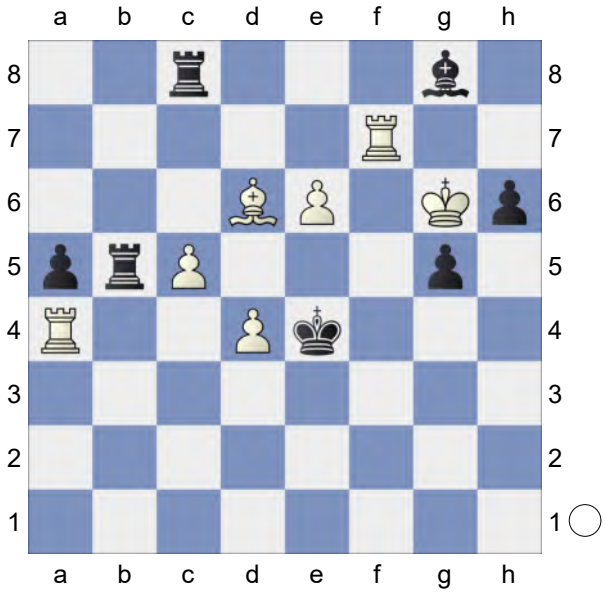
38.c5 1.06/23
[38.Rxa5 Kg4 39.Rd7 Re8±]
[38.Kd4!+- 2.21/23]
38...Rb6 2.44/24
[38...Rxc5+± 1.06/23 39.Bxc5 Rxc5+ 40.Kd4 Rd5+ 41.Ke3 Rb5]
39.Kd4 Rb5 3.68/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[39...Rb4+± 1.50/20 is a better defense. 40.Rxb4 axb4]
40.e6 Kg4 4.76/18
[⌓40...Kg6 3.28/20 41.Ra1 *(41.Kd5 Kf6±)* 41...h5]
41.Ke5+ White is clearly winning. **41...Kxg3 42.Kxf5+** Discovered Attack (Check) **42...Kf3 43.d4 Rf8+ 44.Kg6 Ke4**

(Diagram)

45.Rf7! Promotion **45...Rc8**
[45...Bxf7+ 46.exf7]

(Diagram)





46.e7! Bxf7+ 47.Kxf7 Rb7 48.Ke6 Ra7 49.d5+ Kf3 50.c6 g4 51.Rf4+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.43

1-0

B51

□ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy 2299**

■ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun 2416**

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[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 (35) By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]

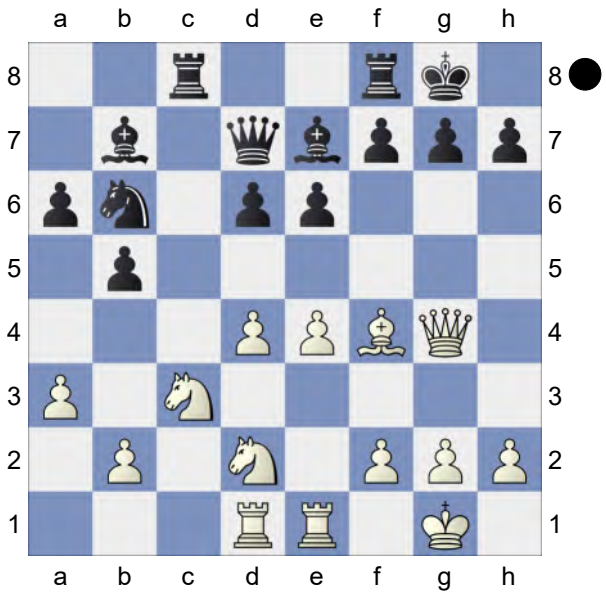
3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.0-0 Ngf6 5.Re1 a6 6.Bxd7+ Nxd7 7.c3 e6 8.d4 Be7 9.Bf4 -0.26/24

[9.a4 0.12/21 is superior.]

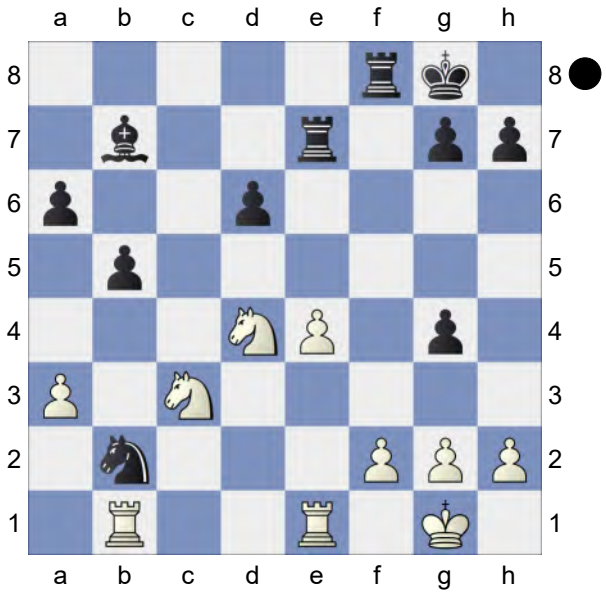
9...cxd4 0.12/22
[9...0-0 -0.26/24 might be stronger.]
10.cxd4= b5 11.a3 0-0 12.Nc3 Nb6 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.Rad1 Rc8 15.Nd2 Qd7 16.Qg4



Bh6 would now be deadly. **16...f6 17.Nf3** -0.69/21
[17.h4= 0.08/20]
17...Nc4 -0.29/24
[17...d5∓ -0.69/21 18.e5 f5]
18.d5 Hoping for Bh6. **18...f5! 19.dxe6 fxg4 20.exd7 Rcd8** Chess con chili. **21.Bg5 Rxd7 22.Bxe7** -0.94/25
[22.b3∓ -0.49/25 feels stronger.]
22...Rxe7∓ 23.Nd4 -1.80/22
[23.b3∓ -0.99/23 was the only chance. Nxa3 24.Nh4]
23...Nxb2-+ 24.Rb1 -2.50/22
[⌓24.Nf5 -1.71/21 Re5 25.Rb1]

(Diagram)

24...Nd3! 25.Re3 Nc5 -1.18/22
[25...Nxf2-+ -2.53/23 is more deadly. 26.Rbe1 *(26.Nf5? Rxf5* Pin *27.Rf1 g3-+)* 26...Re5]
26.Rd1 -1.54/24



[⌓26.f3 -1.18/22]
26...g6
[26...Nxe4 27.Rde1±]
[26...Bxe4 27.f3±]
27.Nc2 -1.96/22
[27.Rde1∓ -1.43/21 was worth a try.]
27...Nxe4
[27...Bxe4 28.Rxd6 Rc7 29.Nd4 *(29.Nxe4 Nxe4* Discovered Attack *30.Rxe4 Rxc2∓)*]
28.Rde1 -3.03/24
[⌓28.Nxe4 -2.07/21 Rxe4 *(28...Bxe4 29.Nb4∓)* 29.Rxd6]
28...Rc7
[Stronger than 28...Rxf2 29.Nxe4 Bxe4 30.Kxf2 *(30.Rxe4 Rxe4 31.Kxf2 Rc4±)* 30...Rf7+ 31.Ke2 Bxc2 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Kd2±]
29.Nxe4 Bxe4
[Resist 29...Rxc2 30.Nxd6 Bc6 31.R3e2 Rxe2 32.Rxe2-+]
30.Nd4 Bd5 31.Rd3 Bc4 32.Rd2 Rfc8 33.f3 gxf3 34.Nxf3 d5 35.Re6 Rc6 36.Re7 R8c7 37.Re8+ Kf7 38.Re5 -3.97/20
[38.Rh8 -2.53/20 might work better.]
38...Re7 39.Ng5+ Ke8 Black is clearly winning. **40.Rxe7+ Kxe7 41.Nxh7**

Endgame. KRB-KRN **41...a5 42.Kf2 Kd6 43.Nf6 Ke5 44.Nd7+ Ke4 45.Rd1 b4**
[45...d4 46.Re1+ Kd5 47.Ne5-+]
46.axb4 axb4 47.Re1+ Kd4 48.Ne5 Rf6+ 49.Nf3+ Kc3 50.Rc1+ Kb2 51.Rd1 Kc2 52.Rd2+ Kc3 And now ... Rxf3+! would win. **53.Ke1 b3** Strongly threatening ...Ra6. **54.Kd1 Ra6 55.Ke1 Ra1+ 56.Rd1 b2** (-> ...Rxd1+) **57.Nd2 Kc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

E06
□ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
■ **Kunal,M.** **2292**
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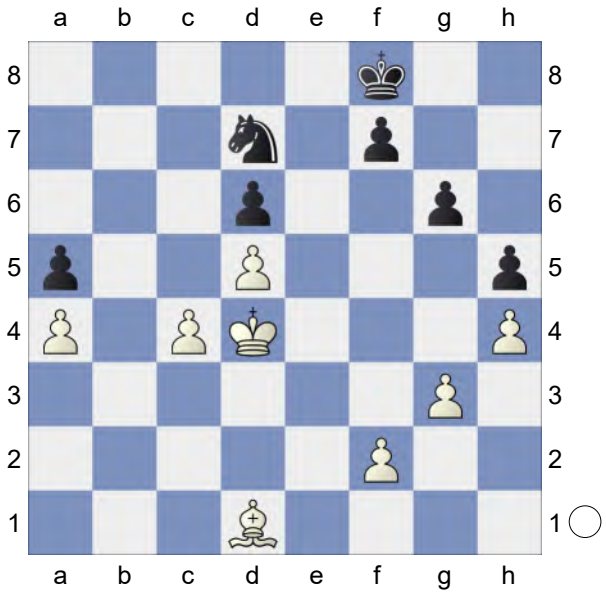
[Kitty Kat]

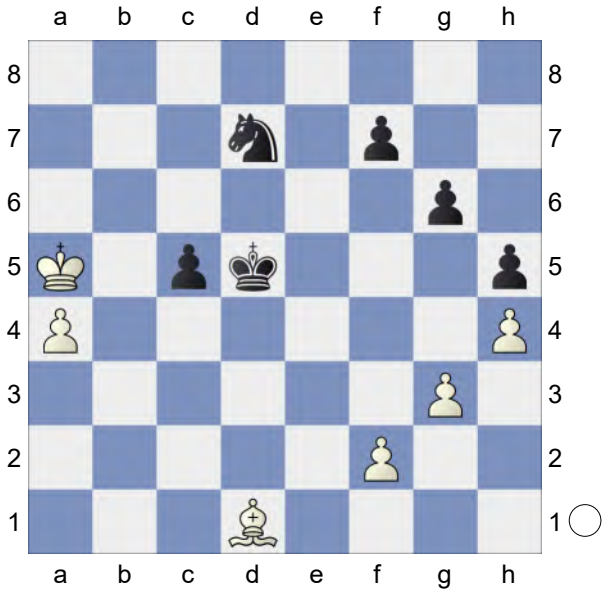
E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7
I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6**
[7...b6 8.Qxc4 Bb7 9.Nc3 c5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qc6+ 15.f3 Qxc5 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.e4 Ne8 19.Kf1 Kf8 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Nb5 Rdc8 22.Rac1 ½-½ (41) C 06/32 (2794)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2809) WYCC U16 Open 2013 (9)]
8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4N
[10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Qd3 Bb4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nce4 15.Na2 Ng4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.Rf1 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 Qf6+ 21.Ke3 e5 22.Bf3 exd4+ 23.Kf2 d3 24.Qb2 Qf5 0-1 (62) Vangsgaard,C (2490)-Lund,H Cesme 92/105 2004 (2) 25.exd3 Rfe8 26.Bd2 Rad8 27.Re1 Rxe1 28.Bxe1 Rxd3 29.Qe2 Qc5+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Qd2 Qe7 32.Bf2 Rxb3 33.Qd5 Rb2 34.Qxb7 g6 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Qa7 Rd2 37.a5 b3 38.a6 b2 39.Qd4+ Rxd4 0-1 (62) Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 1980 (2)]
[10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
10...Nbd7 11.Nc3 Nb6 12.Qd3 Nbd5 13.Bg5 Nb4 The position is equal.
14.Qd1 Ne4 0.41/19
[14...a5= 0.03/21]
15.Bxe7± Qxe7 16.e3 a5 0.71/20
[16...Nf6= 0.30/23 is more appropriate.]
17.Ne5± And now Nxc6 would win.
17...Nf6 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Na2 Nfd5 20.Nxb4 Nxb4 1.46/23

[⌓20...Qxb4 0.72/23 21.Rc1 Qb7]
21.Rc1 e5 22.Bxc6 Rad8 23.Bg2! exd4 24.exd4 Qf6 25.Rc4 Rfe8 26.Qf3 Prevents g6. **26...Qb6 27.Rd1 g6 28.h4 h5 29.d5 Qd6 30.Rf4 Re7 31.Rf6** 0.45/25
[31.Rfd4+- 1.62/19]
31...Qe5± 32.Qc3 Rd6! 33.Rxd6
[33.Qxe5 simplifies Rxe5 34.Rxd6 cxd6 35.Bf1]
33...cxd6 34.Bf3 0.00/25
[34.Qxe5± 0.38/26 Rxe5 35.Bf3]
34...Qxc3= 35.bxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **35...Na6** 0.81/30
[35...Na2= 0.00/25]
36.Rb1± aiming for Rb6. **36...Nc5 37.Rb6! Rd7** 1.87/27
[37...Re1+± 0.70/29 38.Kg2 Rc1 *(38...Nxa4 39.Rxd6 Rc1 40.Ra6±)*]
38.Bd1 0.87/24
[38.Be2!+- 1.87/27 is the precise move to win.]
38...Rb7? 3.78/27
[38...Kg7± 0.87/24]
39.Rxb7!+-
[39.Rxd6? Rb1 40.Kf1 *(40.Rd8+? Kg7-+)* 40...Nxa4-+ *(40...Rxd1+? 41.Ke2-+)*]
39...Nxb7 KB-KN **40.Kf1 Nc5 41.Ke2 Nd7** 4.99/30
[41...Ne4 42.Ke3 *(42.c4 Nc5=)* 42...Nxc3 43.Bb3+-]
[41...Kf8 3.27/26 keeps fighting. 42.Ke3 f5]
42.Kd3 Nb6 43.c4 Kf8 44.Kd4 Hoping for c5. **44...Nd7**

(Diagram)

45.c5! dxc5+
[45...Ke7 46.c6]
46.Kc4 Ke7 47.Kb5 Kd6 48.Kxa5 Kxd5

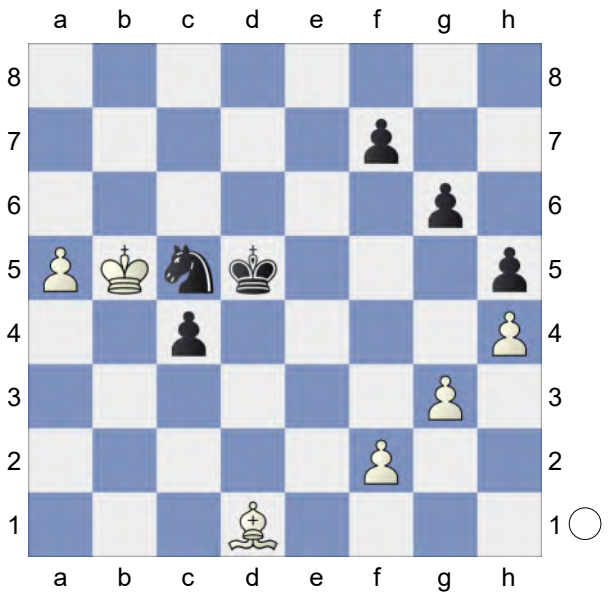




49.Kb5 0.12/21
[49.Be2!+- 2.32/31]
49...c4= 50.a5 Nc5 1.86/27
[Black should try 50...Nb8!± 0.36/26]

(Diagram)

51.Be2? 0.13/22
[White must play 51.f3!+- 1.86/27]
51...c3 Threatens to win with ...c2.
52.Bd1 Nb7? 6.84/27 Black is now going downhill.



[52...Kd4= 0.16/31]

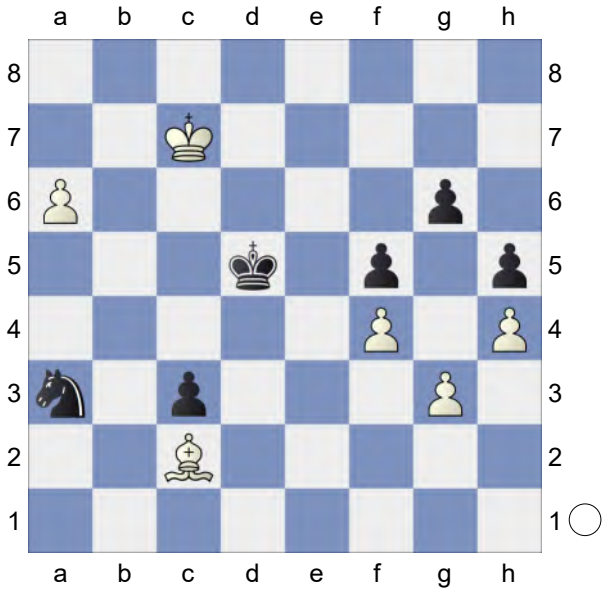
53.a6+- White is clearly winning.

[53.Bf3+? Kd4 54.Bd1 *(54.Bxb7? c2-+)* 54...Nxa5-+]

53...Nd6+ 54.Kb6 f6 55.f4 f5 56.Bc2

[Not 56.a7 Nc8+ 57.Ka6 Nxa7 58.Kxa7 Ke4=]

56...Nc4+ 57.Kc7 Black must now prevent a7. **57...Na3**



58.Kd7! Nxc2 KN-KP

[58...Nb5 59.Ba4]

59.a7 Kc4 60.a8Q

[60.a8B Na1 61.Kd6 c2 62.Bd5+ Kd4-+]

60...Nd4 61.Qa6+ Kb4 62.Qd3 Nb5 63.Kc6 Na3 64.Qd4+ Kb3 65.Kc5 Strongly threatening Qb4+. **65...c2 66.Qb4+ Ka2 67.Qc3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.54

1-0

B10

□ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**

■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**

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[Kitty Kat]

B11: Caro-Kann: Two Knights Variation

This games features the typical endgame where Black's knight is better the White's light squared bishop. **1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Nxe4 6.Qxe4 Qd5** Prevents Bc4. **7.Qh4 Bf5**

[7...Qe6+ 8.Be2 Qg4 9.Qg3 Qxg3 10.hxg3 Bf5 11.b3 a5 12.Bb2 h6 13.0-0-0 a4 14.Nd4 Bc8 15.Rde1 axb3 16.axb3 Nd7 17.Nf5 Nf6 18.g4 Be6 19.f4 Rg8 20.Ne3 g6 21.f5 gxf5 22.gxf5 1-0 (38) Vachier Lagrave,M (2795)-Salem,A (2633) Moscow FIDE GP 2017 (5)]

8.Bc4 Qd6 White is slightly better. **9.d3**

[9.c3 e6 10.d4 Be7 11.Qg3 Qxg3 12.hxg3 Nd7 13.a4 a6 14.a5 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.Bxd5 0-0-0 17.Bxf7 Bd3 18.Be3 Rhf8 19.Be6 Rf6 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Ne5+ Ke6 22.Nxd3 Rxd3 23.Rxh7 Kf7 1-0 (56) Wang,H (2722)-Suleymanli,A (2543) Gashimov Memorial Blitz 8th 2022 (18)]

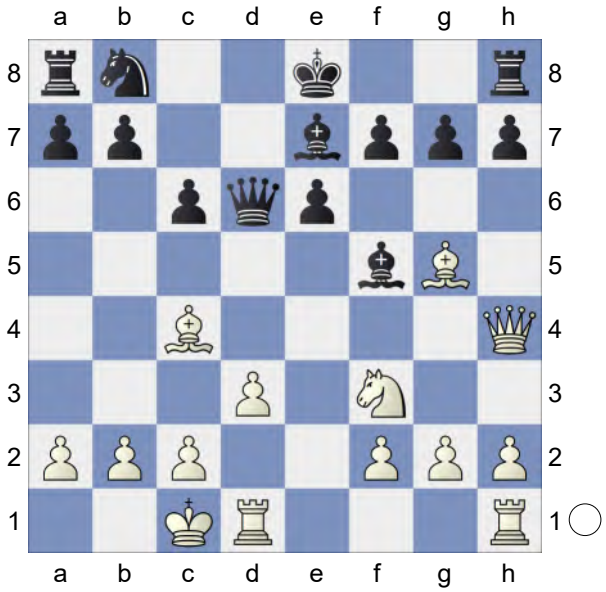
9...e6 10.Bf4N

[10.0-0 Be7 11.Bg5 Bxg5 12.Qxg5

0-0 13.Nh4 Bg6 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Rae1 Nd7 16.Re3 Nb6 17.Bb3 a5 18.a4 Nd5 19.Re4 Rfe8 20.Rfe1 Rad8 21.Qd2 b6 22.Re5 Qb4 23.Qd1 Qd6 24.d4 Nf6 0-1 (56) Supi,L (2548)-Howell,D (2689) World Chess Olympiad 2018 (3)]

10...Qe7 11.Bg5 White has more active pieces. **11...Qd6 12.0-0-0** Threatens to win with Nd4. **12...Be7** 1.43/23

[⌓12...h6 0.78/21]



13.Rhe1 0.69/24

[13.Bxe7!± 1.43/23 Qxe7 14.Qd4]

13...Nd7± 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Qf4 Black must now prevent Nd4. **15...Bg6 16.Nd4 e5 17.Qe3** And now f4 would win.

[17.Nf5 Qf6 18.g4 0-0-0=]

17...0-0 18.f4 Bh5 1.08/21

[Black should play 18...Rae8!± 0.51/24]

19.Rd2± Qh3 is the strong threat.

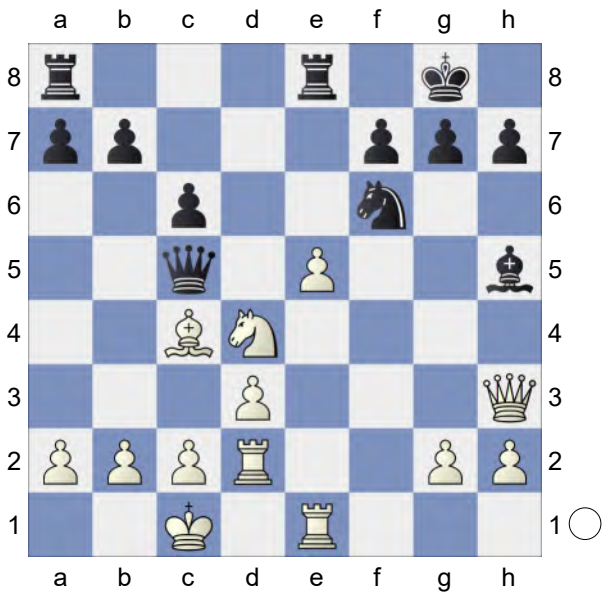
19...Rfe8 20.Qh3 0.85/22

[⌓20.Nf5 1.30/22 Qf6 21.Ng3]

20...Nf6 2.22/21 This costs Black the game.

[20...Qf6± 0.85/22 was necessary.]

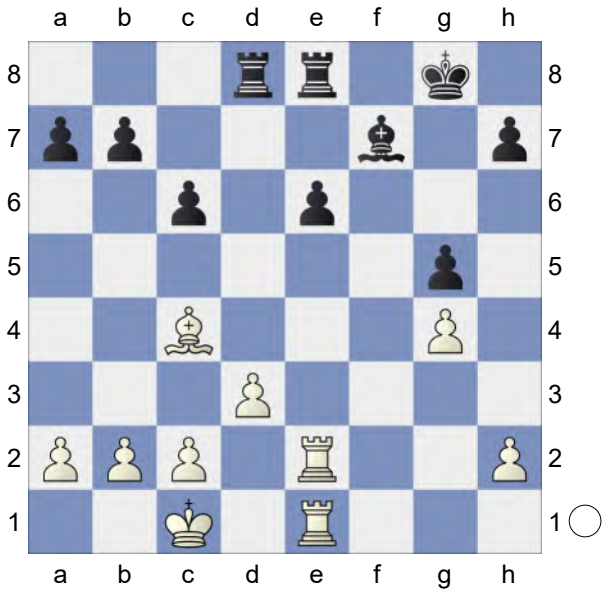
21.fxe5+- Qc5



22.Ne6 fxe6 23.exf6 gxf6 24.g4

[Resist 24.Rxe6?! Kh8 25.c3 *(25.Rxf6? gets mated. Re1+)* 25...Qg5]

24...Bf7 25.Qh6 Qg5 26.Qxg5+ fxg5 27.Rde2 Rad8



28.Re5!

[28.Bxe6 Bxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Rxe6 Rf8=]

28...Kg7 29.Rxg5+ Kf6 30.h4 aiming for Rf1+. **30...Rg8 31.Rxg8 Rxg8** Endgame. KRB-KRB **32.g5+ Ke7 33.d4 h6 34.gxh6 Rh8 35.Kd2 Rxh6**

36.Rh1 e5 3.15/24
[⌓36...Kf6 1.71/20 37.Ke3 Ke7]
37.Bxf7 Kxf7 38.dxe5 KR-KR **38...Rh5 39.Kc3 Rxe5 40.a4** h5 would now be deadly. **40...a5?** 3.86/21
[40...Rc5+ 1.83/19 was worth a try. 41.Kb3 Rh5]
41.h5 Kg7 42.h6+ White is clearly winning. **42...Kh7 43.Rh4 Rf5 44.b3 Rg5 45.Kc4 b6 46.Rh3 Rg4+ 47.Kc3 Rg5 48.b4 axb4+ 49.Kxb4 Rg4+ 50.c4 Rg1 51.a5 Rb1+ 52.Ka4 Ra1+ 53.Ra3 b5+ 54.cxb5 cxb5+ 55.Kb3 Rb1+ 56.Ka2 Rc1 57.a6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
1-0

E90

□ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.45) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Be2 c5 8.d5 a6N
[8...e6 9.0-0 exd5 10.exd5
A) 10...Re8 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nbd7 13.Qc2 *(13.Bf4 Ne5 14.Be2 a6 15.a4* 5c) King's Indian Defence: 6.-King's Indian with 6... Bg4: 7 Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024*)* 13...a6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rae1 Rxe1 16.Rxe1 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Nxe8 18.b3 Qd8 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.g4 Be5 21.Bg5 f6 22.Bd2 Ng7 23.Kg2 f5 24.Ng3 Bxg3 25.fxg3 1-0 (91) Giri,A (2760)-Mamedov,R (2640) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (9);
B) 10...Nfd7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Qd2 Re8 13.Rac1 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Bxe5 16.f4 Bg7 17.f5 Qxb2 18.Rc2 Qe5 19.Bf4 Qxf5 20.Bxd6 Qc8 21.Qf4 f5 22.Qf3 Nd7 23.Nf4 Nf6 24.Ne6 Rxe6 25.dxe6 ½-½ (51) Dardha,D (2610)-Sadikhov,U (2485) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (6) Ne4 26.Bf4 Qxe6 27.h3 Rd8 28.Kh1 Rd4 29.g4 Qc6 30.Rg2 g5 31.Be3 Rd3 32.gxf5 Be5 33.f6 Qxf6 34.Qxf6 Bxf6 35.Bxc5 Rxh3+ 36.Kg1 Kg7 37.Bxa7 Ra3 38.Re1 Nc3 39.Bc5 Ra4 40.Be7 ^-^ (51) Schunk,E (2610)-10. ♗f6 gf6 11. ♗e2 ♘c6 1 (2485) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (6);
C) 10...Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nbd7 12.g3 Ne8 13.Qc2 Ne5 14.Be2 f5 15.Kg2 Qd7 16.Bd2 Nf6 17.Rae1 Kunert-Bekemann,U]
9.a4 White is better. **9...e5** 1.47/20
[9...e6± 0.57/22]
10.Be3 Qe7 11.h3 Bc8 12.Nd2 Ne8 13.g4 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Nde4 Nf6 1.98/21 Against Bg4
[16...Nd7± 1.54/20 17.h4 Kh8]
17.Ng3+- Bc8 18.Qc2 e4 2.57/20
[⌓18...a5 1.98/19 19.0-0-0 Na6]
19.a5
[19.Ncxe4?! a5 20.Bg4 Na6+-]
19...Qe5 20.Qd2
[20.Ngxe4?! Bf5 21.Bd3 Nxe4 22.Nxe4 *(22.Bxe4 Nd7±)* 22...Nd7±]
[20.Ncxe4?! Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Nd7 22.Qxe5 Bxe5±]
20...Kh8 21.Na4 Nb6 is the strong threat. **21...Qe8** 3.84/19
[⌓21...b5 2.56/21]
22.Nb6 Ra7 23.Bf4 Qd8 24.0-0-0 Ne8 25.Bh6 White is clearly winning.

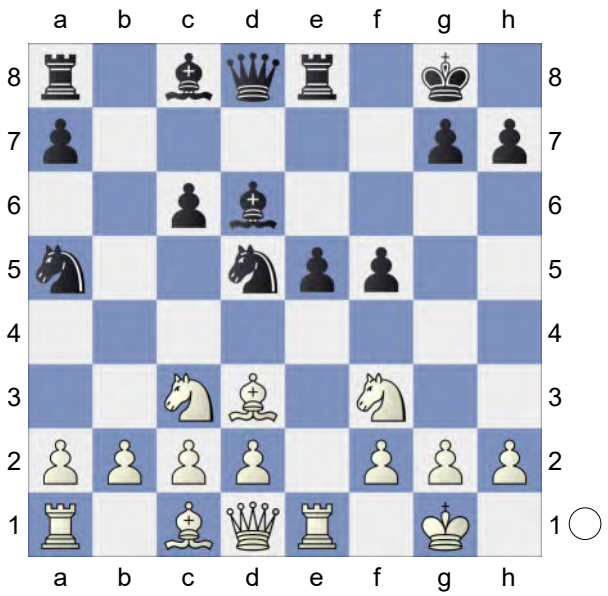
[Resist 25.Nxe4 Nd7 26.Nxc8 *(26.Nxd6 Nxb6 27.axb6 Ra8+-)* 26...Qxc8]
25...Bxh6 26.Qxh6 Qf6 27.Qe3 Bf5 28.Nxf5 Qxf5 29.Bg4 Qe5 30.Rhg1 Ng7 31.Rde1 Rf4 32.f3 h5 33.Bc8 Nc6 6.48/22
[⌓33...exf3 4.51/21 34.Qxe5 dxe5 35.Rxe5 f2]
34.dxc6 bxc6 35.fxe4 Raf7 36.Qc3 Qe7 6.57/19
[⌓36...Qxc3+ 4.27/19 37.bxc3 Rf2]
37.Bf5 Qh4 38.Qg3 White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.53
1-0

C58
□ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**
■ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.46) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

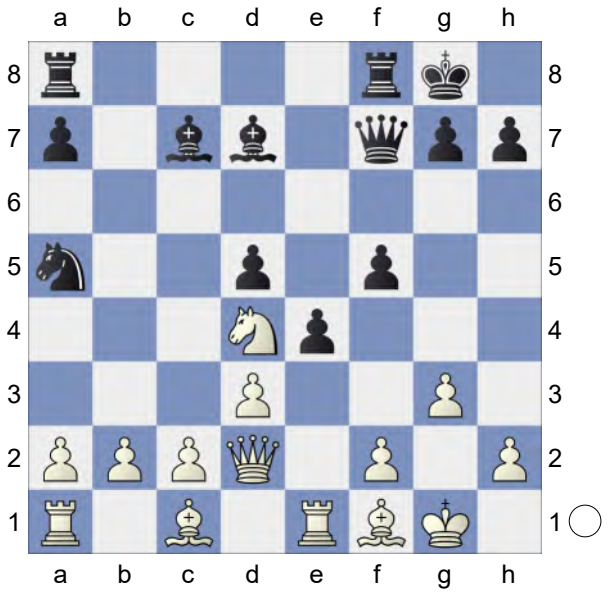
C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N
[4.d3
A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0
A1) 6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bd6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf5 17.Nxe5 Bxe4 18.Nd3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nb4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.c3 Nd3 24.b3 Nb2 25.Bxc7 Rd3* 1-0 (49) Arjun,K (2505)-Sai Agni,J (2226) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (7) *)* 11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 fxe5 14.Re1 Rae8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nxe5 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Bd2 c5 19.b3 Bf5 20.Nc6 a6 21.Bc3 ½-½ (57) Naiditsch,A (2667)-Naumann,A (2513) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.1);
A2) 6...Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 (41) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5);
B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]
4...d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Nd5 Inhibits Nc3. **9.Nf3**
[9.Nxh7? loses. Nf4 10.Nxf8 *(10.Be4? Rxh7 11.Bf3 f5-+)* 10...Nxg2+ *(10...Nxd3+ 11.cxd3 Qxd3 12.Nc3±)* 11.Kf1 Bh3-+]
9...Bd6! 10.0-0 0-0 The position is equal. **11.Re1 Re8 12.Nc3 f5**

(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...e4. **13.Bf1 e4 14.Nxd5! cxd5 15.Nd4 Qh4 16.g3 Qf6 17.Nb5 Bb8 18.d3 Be6** 1.45/24
[⌓18...Bb7 1.03/21]
19.Qh5 0.86/23
[⌓19.c4! 1.45/24]
19...Rf8 1.32/21
[Better is 19...Bf7 0.86/23 20.Qg5 Nc6]



20.Qg5 0.52/20
[20.Bg5± 1.32/21 Bf7 21.Bxf6 Bxh5 22.Bc3]
20...Qf7± 21.Nd4 Prevents Nc6. And now Nxe6 would win. White is more active. **21...Bd7 22.Qd2 Bc7**



23.f4 0.39/22
[White should try 23.b3!± 0.79/22]
23...exf3 24.Nxf3 f4 25.gxf4 Nc6 26.Bg2 Qh5 27.Qf2 Bg4 28.Qg3 Nb4 1.40/20
[28...Rf6± 0.59/19]
29.h3 Bf5 2.02/20
[29...Bd7± 1.33/22]
30.Nd4+- a3 is the strong threat.
30...Bb6 2.14/21
[30...Rf6± 1.22/17 31.Qf3 Qxf3 32.Bxf3 Bb6]
31.Be3 Rf6 Strongly threatening ... Bxd4. **32.Nxf5 Qxf5 33.Bxb6 axb6 34.Re5 Qxf4 35.Qxf4**
[35.Bxd5+? too greedy. Nxd5 36.Qxf4 Nxf4-+]
35...Rxf4 36.c3
[36.Bxd5+ Nxd5 37.Rxd5 Rc8±]
36...Nxd3 37.Re3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

D44
□ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
■ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.47) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D44: Semi-Slav: Botvinnik System
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 b5 7.e5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Nxg5 hxg5 10.Bxg5 Be7 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.g3 Na6 14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.0-0 b3 would now be deadly. **16...0-0-0 17.h4 c5 18.a4!** Threatens to win with Qe2. White is slightly better. **18...Rxd4**
[18...cxd4? loses. 19.axb5 Bxe4 20.Bxe4+-]
19.Qe2 b4 20.Rac1
[20.Rad1 Bd5 21.Ng5 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qb7+ 23.Kg1 Qd5 24.Nxf7 Rf8 25.Ng5 Nc7 26.Rc1 Rf5 27.Rfd1 c3 28.bxc3 bxc3 29.Rf1 Rd2 30.Qg4 Rfxf2 31.Rxf2 Rxf2 32.Ne4 Rb2 33.Rxc3 Qd4+ 34.Kh1 Rb1+ 0-1 (37) Nguyen,T (2623)-

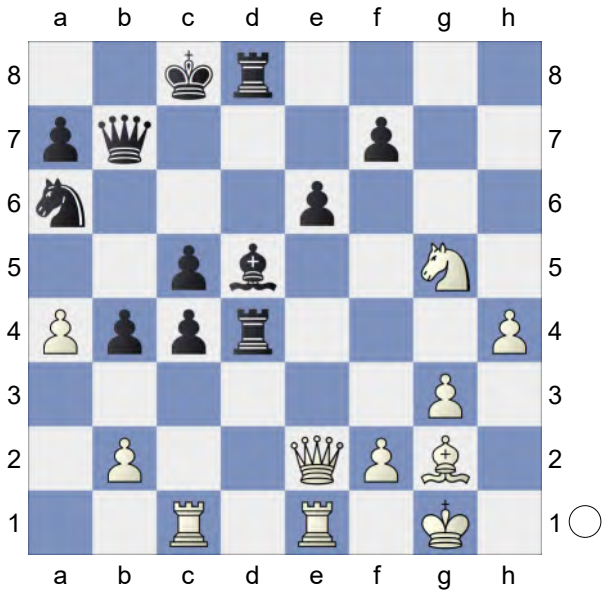
Nesterov,A (2522) 22nd ch-EUR Indiv 2022 (11.21)]

20...Bd5 21.Rfe1N

[21.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rc1 Nb8 *(23...Qb7 24.Rxc4 Qc6 25.h5 f5 26.Nxc5 Bxc4 27.Qxc4 Qxc5 28.Qxe6+ Kc7 29.Qxa6 Rd1+ 30.Kh2 f4 31.Qb7+ Kd8 32.Qa8+ Ke7 33.Qe4+ Kd8 34.Qa8+ Ke7 35.Qe4+ Kd8 36.Qxf4 Qxh5+ 37.Bh3 Qc5 38.a5* ½-½ (49) Hantel,T (2793)-C 06/32 (2801) Assisi op 2003 (1.1) *)* 24.Qe3 Nc6 25.Nxc5 Qf6 26.b3 c3 27.Qe2 Qd4 28.Qb5 Kc7 29.Na6+ Kd6 30.Bxd5 exd5 31.a5 Re8 32.Qb7 Re7 33.Qc8 Qd2 34.Nb8 Qxc1+ 35.Kg2 Nxb8 0-1 (37) Sprenger,E (2660)-Sybil (2722) 63/64 Greece 1995 (10.3) 36.Qxb8+ Kc5 37.Qc8+ Kd4 0-1 Melkumyan,H (2660)-Shankland,S (2722) Olympiad-43 Batumi 2018 (10.3)]

21...Rd8 22.Ng5 Strongly threatening Bxd5. **22...Qb7** 2.55/20

[22...Qd7!± 0.56/20]

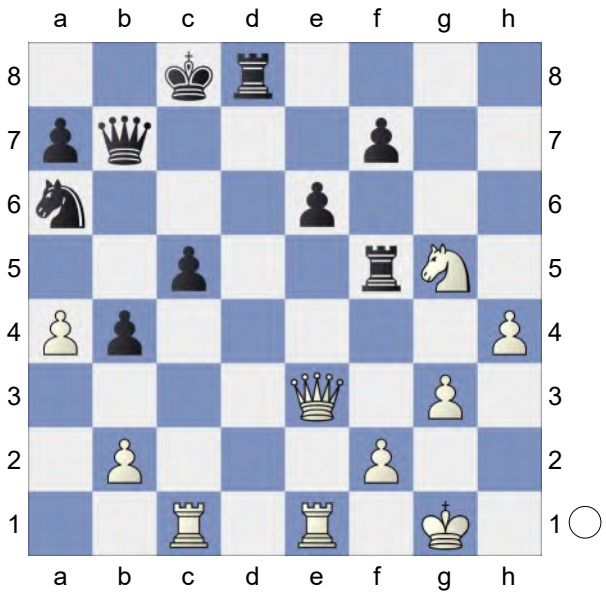


A mistake that costs the game.

23.Bxd5!+- Overworked Piece

23...R4xd5 24.Qxc4 Nb8 25.Qf4 Rf5 26.Qe3 Na6 4.72/18

[26...Qe7 2.56/22 27.Rc4 Rdd5]



27.Nxe6! fxe6 28.Qxe6+ Qd7 aiming for ...Nc7. **29.Qxa6+ Kb8 30.Re2 Qd4 31.Qb5+ Ka8 32.Qc6+ Kb8 33.a5 Qd7 34.Re6**

[34.Rxc5? Qd1+ 35.Kg2 Rxc5 *(35...Qxe2 36.Qc7+ Ka8 37.Qxd8+ Kb7 38.Qc8#)* 36.Qxc5 Qxe2 37.Qxb4+ Ka8-+]

34...Qd4 35.Rf1 Qd7 Against Re7 **36.a6 Qc7** 11.02/19

[⌓36...Rd5 5.19/20 37.Rc1 Qxc6 38.Rxc6 Rc8]

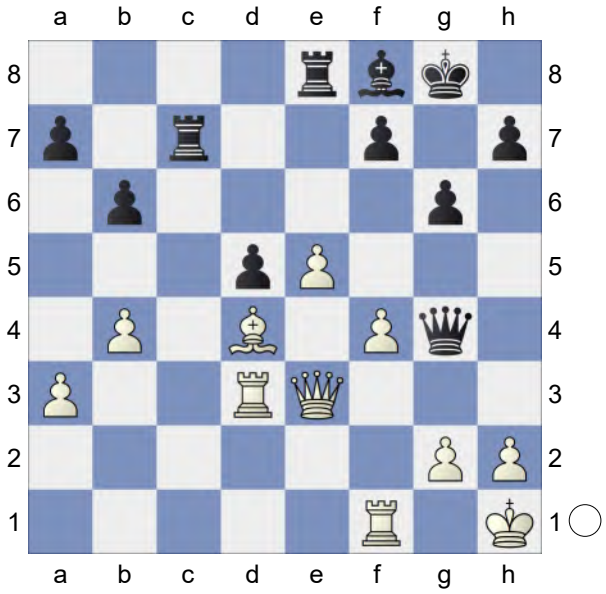
37.Qb5+ Ka8 38.Rfe1 Intending Re8 and mate. **38...Rb8 39.Qd3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.53

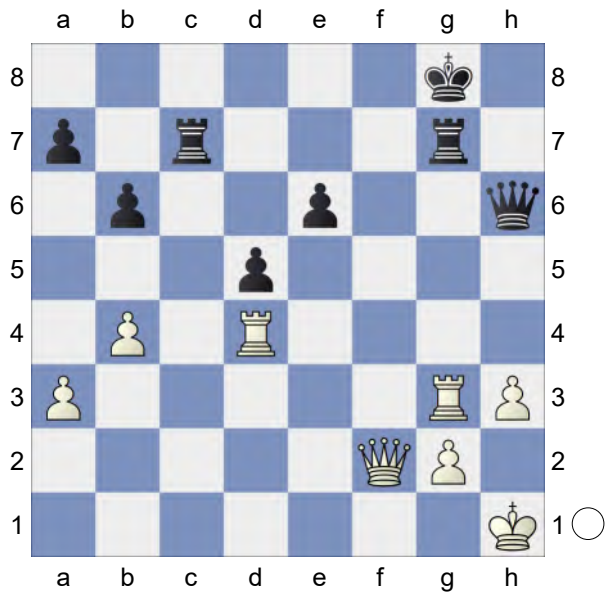
1-0

D38
□ **Jani,Kushal R** 2326
■ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** 2384
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.48) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 Re8 8.a3 Bf8 9.Qc2 e5 White has an edge. **10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.e4** Prevents Bf5 **13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Re8N**
[14...Rc5 15.Bd3 Qh4 16.e5 Be6 17.0-0 a5 18.Be4 c6 19.Rad1 g6 20.f4 a4 21.Rd3 Rc4 22.Rdf3 Bg4 23.Rg3 Be6 24.Qe2 Bh6 25.Be1 Qd8 26.Bc3 Qh4 27.Rgf3 Rd8 28.Kh1 Rxe4 29.Qxe4 ½-½ (44) Urquhart,J (2241)-Stern,T (2126) URS-ch09 Final 1934 Bd5 30.Qe2 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 Qe7 32.h3 Qe6 33.Qf2 Qf5 34.Kh2 Bf8 35.Qb6 Rd7 36.Qa7 b5 37.Qb6 Qe4 38.f5 Rd3 39.Rxd3 Qxd3 40.Qxc6 Qxf5 41.Qxb5 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2241)-Schuster,U (2126) corr 53. DFM/F-S 2022]
15.Bd3 Qg5 0.76/22
[15...Qh4= 0.20/22 keeps the balance.]
16.0-0± Be6 17.e5 Repels Bd6 **17...Qh4 18.Be4 c6 19.f4 Rad8 20.Kh1 Bd5 21.Rf3 g6** 1.00/20
[21...h6± 0.63/24]
22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.Qd2 0.63/23
[White should play 23.Bd4± 1.02/21]
23...b6 24.Rd3 Rd7 25.Rf1
[25.Rxd5?! Rxd5 26.Qxd5 Qxf4=]
25...Red8 26.Bd4! Re8 27.b4 0.75/23
[⌓27.h3 1.18/22]
27...Rc7 28.Qe3 0.36/22
[28.Qd1± 0.75/22]
28...Qg4±



29.f5 0.00/24 **Qe4 30.Qd2 Rec8!** Strongly threatening ...Rc2. **31.e6** Deflection **31...fxe6 32.fxg6! Bg7** 0.85/22
[32...hxg6= -0.25/26 remains equal. 33.Rg3 e5]
33.gxh7+± Kh8! ...e5! would now be deadly. **34.Re1↑** White has some pressure. The board is on fire. **34...Qg4** 1.48/23
[34...Bxd4!± 0.61/21 35.Rxd4 *(35.Rxe4 dxe4 36.g3 Rc1+ 37.Kg2 exd3-+)* 35...Qg6]
35.h3 1.00/20 White is more active.
[⌓35.Bxg7+ 1.48/23 Qxg7 36.Rg3 *(36.Rxe6 Rc2=)*]
35...Qg6 Hoping for ...Rc2! **36.Bxg7+ Rxg7 37.Ree3 Qh6 38.Qf2** Prevents Qf4. **38...Kxh7 39.Rd4** Threatens to win with Rh4. **39...Kg8** 2.52/20
[39...Rc1+± 1.02/23 40.Re1 Rxe1+ 41.Qxe1 Qf6]
40.Rg3? 0.49/24
[White has to play 40.Rf4+- 2.52/20]
40...Rcc7
(Diagram)



41.Rh4 0.28/24 **Qc1+= 42.Kh2 Rcf7** Against Qf6 **43.Qd4 Qc7! 44.Rhg4 Kh7! 45.Qd3+ Kg8 46.Qd4 Kh7! 47.h4** 0.00/33
[Better is 47.Qd3+!± 0.57/26 Kg8 48.Qe2 *(48.Qd4 Kh7=)*]
47...Rxg4 Remove Defender. The position is equal. **48.Qxg4 Rg7! 49.Qh5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Kh7 51.Qh5+ Kg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

B43
□ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
■ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**
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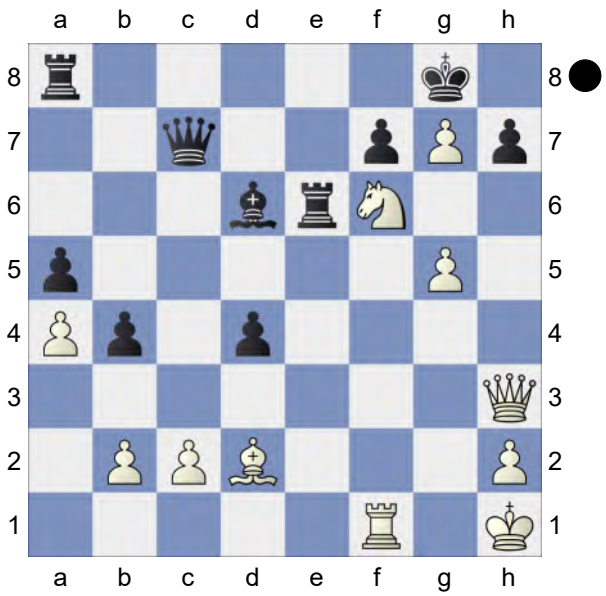
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qe2 d6 10.f4 Nc6 11.Bd2 b5 12.a3N
[12.Rae1 b4 13.Nd1 a5 14.c3 e5 15.Ne3 a4 16.Nc1 a3 17.bxa3 Rxa3 18.cxb4 Nd4 19.Qd1 0-0 20.Nb3 Be6 21.Bb1 Nxb3 22.axb3 Bxb3 23.Qe2 Be6 ½-½ Berndt,K (2645)-5.♘f3 ♕b6 6.a3 f6 (2641) Speed Chess Q1 KO Lose blitz 2023]
12...0-0 13.Kh1 Bb7 14.Rae1 Nd7 15.Qh5 -0.04/21
[15.Rf3± 0.39/20]
15...b4= 16.Ne2 a5 17.a4 Ba6 0.31/20
[17...Bf6= -0.14/19 might be stronger.]
18.g4 -0.52/21
[18.Rf3± 0.31/20]
18...e5? 1.29/21
[18...Rfe8∓ -0.52/21 keeps the upper hand.]
19.f5!± White is more active. **19...Nf6 20.Qh3** g5 would now be deadly. **20...d5** 1.74/21
[20...Bxd3± 1.33/22 was necessary. 21.cxd3 Rfc8]
21.g5!+- Nxe4 22.Bxe4 0.00/23
[White must play 22.f6!± 1.41/23]
22...dxe4= 23.f6 Bd6 24.fxg7 Rfe8 And now ...Nd4 would win. **25.Ng3** Some like it hot **25...Bxf1 26.Rxf1 Nd4**
[26...Kxg7? 27.Nh5+ *(27.Nxe4 Re6+-)* 27...Kf8 28.Nf6+-]
27.Nxe4→ White has some attack.
27...Re6
[27...Kxg7 28.Nxd4 *(28.Qh6+ Kh8+-)* 28...exd4 29.Qh6+ Kh8 30.Nxd6+-]
[27...Qxc2? 28.Nf6+ Kxg7 29.Nxd4 exd4 30.g6 *(30.Nxe8+ Rxe8 31.Qh6+ Kg8∓; 30.Qh6+ Kh8=)* 30...Qxg6 *(30...Qxd2 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Qxf7#)* 31.Nxe8+ Rxe8 32.Rg1+-]
28.Nxd4 exd4 29.Nf6+

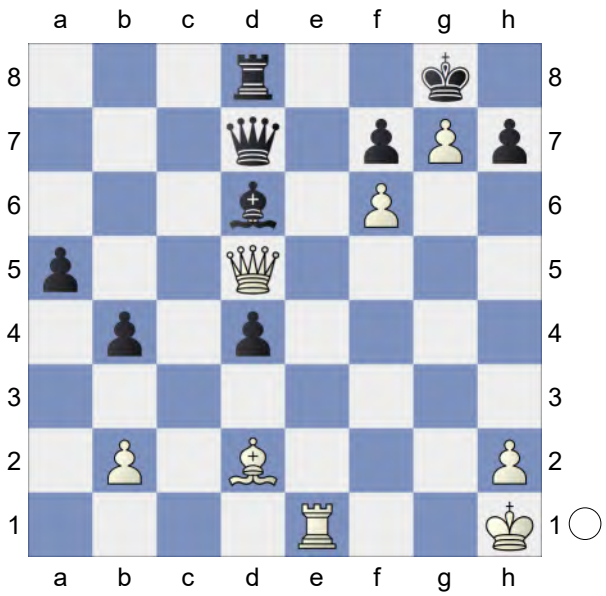
(Diagram)



Rxf6! 30.gxf6
[30.Rxf6 Be5]
30...Qxc2 31.Qg2 -2.09/22
[31.Rc1!= 0.00/27 and White stays safe. Qe4+ *(31...Qxd2 32.Rc8+* Back Rank *Rxc8* Remove Defender *33.Qxc8+)* 32.Qg2 Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2]
31...Rd8!-+ 32.Re1 Qxa4 -0.91/23
[32...Qxb2 33.Qe4]
[32...Qf5!-+ -2.13/25 is more deadly. aiming for ...Be5! 33.Qg5 Qf3+ 34.Qg2 Qh5 *(34...Qxf6? 35.Bg5+-* Skewer, Deflection *)*]
33.Qd5∓ Repels Be5. Threatens to win with b3! **33...Qd7?** 5.53/19
[33...d3!∓ -1.02/27]

(Diagram)

34.Bf4!+- Promotion **34...Re8**
[34...Qc8 35.Bxd6]
35.Rxe8+
[35.Qxd6 Rxe1+ 36.Kg2 Qg4+ 37.Bg3 Qe4+ 38.Kh3 Qf5+ 39.Kh4 Re4+]
35...Qxe8 36.Bxd6 Qe1+ 37.Kg2 Qe2+ 38.Kh3 Qf1+ 39.Kg4 Qe2+



40.Qf3 h5+ 41.Kg3
[41.Kxh5 Qxf3+ 42.Kg5 Qd5+ 43.Kg4 Qxd6 *(43...d3 44.Bf4 d2 45.Bxd2 Qxd2 46.h4 Qxb2 47.h5 b3 48.Kh3 Qc3+ 49.Kg4 b2 50.h6 b1Q 51.h7+ Qxh7 52.Kf4 Qh4+ 53.Kf5 Qcxf6#)* 44.h4 d3 *(44...Qxf6 45.h5 d3 46.h6 d2 47.h7+ Kxh7 48.Kg3 d1Q 49.g8B+ Kxg8 50.Kh2 Qh4+ 51.Kg2 Qdh1#)* 45.Kh3 d2 *(45...Qxf6 46.h5 d2 47.h6 Qxh6+ 48.Kg3 d1Q 49.b3 Qg5+ 50.Kh3 Qdh5#)* 46.Kg2 d1Q *(46...d1R 47.Kf3 Rd3+ 48.Kg2 Qg3+ 49.Kf1 Re3 50.h5 Re1#)* 47.h5 Qe2+ 48.Kh3 Qdh2#]
41...h4+ 42.Kg4
[42.Kxh4 Qxf3 43.Bg3 d3 *(43...Qxf6+ 44.Kg4 d3 45.Bf4 Qxb2 46.h4 d2 47.Bxd2 Qxd2 48.h5 b3 49.h6 Qxh6 50.Kf3 b2 51.Kg3 Qg5+ 52.Kf3 b1Q 53.Ke2 Qg2+ 54.Ke3 Qbe4#)* 44.Be1 Qe4+ *(44...Qxf6+ 45.Kg3 Qe5+ 46.Kf2 Qe2+ 47.Kg3 Qxe1+ 48.Kf4 d2 49.b3 d1Q 50.h4 Qf2+ 51.Kg5 Qd8+* Skewer, Deflection *52.Kh6 Qfxh4#)* 45.Kg5 Qxe1 *(45...Qe3+ 46.Kg4*

Qxe1 47.h4 d2 48.Kf4 Qxh4+ 49.Kf5 d1Q 50.Ke5 Qdd4+ 51.Kf5 Qhxf6#) 46.Kf4 d2 47.b3 Qh4+ *(47...d1B 48.h4 Qxh4+ 49.Ke3 Qxf6 50.Kd2 Qd4+ 51.Ke1 Bf3 52.Kf1 Qd2 53.Kg1 Qg2#)* 48.Kf5 d1Q *(48...d1B 49.Ke5 Qxh2+ 50.Ke4 Qd2 51.Ke5 Bf3 52.Kf5 Qd4 53.Kg5 Qg4+ 54.Kh6 Qh5#)* 49.Ke5 Qdd4+ 50.Kf5 Qhxf6#]

42...d3 43.Kf4 Kh7 44.Bc5 10.89/23

[44.Qe4+? Qxe4+ 45.Kxe4 d2-+]

[⌓44.Qd5 #14/20 Qxh2+ 45.Kf5 Qf2+ 46.Bf4 d2 47.Qe4 *(47.Qxf7 Qc5+ 48.Ke4 Qc6+ 49.Ke3 Qb6+ 50.Kxd2 Qd4+ 51.Ke2 Qe4+ 52.Be3 Qc2+ 53.Ke1 Qb1+ 54.Kd2 Qxb2+ 55.Kd3 Qc3+ 56.Ke2 Qc2+ 57.Bd2 Qe4+ 58.Kf2 Qf5+ 59.Ke3 Qe5+ 60.Kd3 Qf5+ 61.Kd4 Qg4+ 62.Kc5 Qc8+ 63.Kd5 Qf5+ 64.Kd6 Qd3+ 65.Ke7 Qe4+ 66.Kf8 Qa8+ 67.Qe8 Qxe8+ 68.Kxe8 Kg6)* 47...Qg1 48.Ke5+ *(48.Bxd2 Qg6+ 49.Ke5 Qxe4+ 50.Kxe4 h3 51.Kf3 h2 52.Kg2 h1Q+ 53.Kxh1 Kg8)* 48...Qg6 49.Qxg6+ *(49.Bxd2 Qxe4+ 50.Kxe4 h3 51.Kf3 h2 52.Kg2 h1Q+ 53.Kxh1 Kg8)* 49...fxg6 50.Bxd2]

44...Qxh2+ 45.Kf5 Qe2

(Diagram)

46.Qf4? 0.00/37

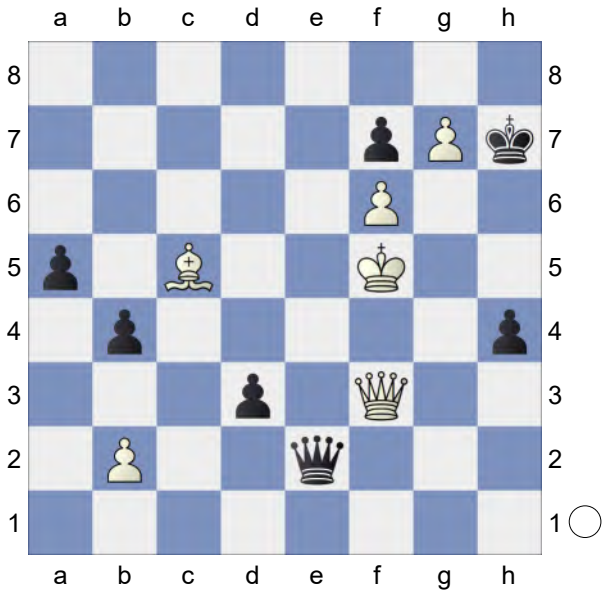
[46.Kf4!+- 6.19/27 Qh1 would kill now. Qxf3+ 47.Kxf3]

46...Qh5+!= The position is equal.

47.Ke4!

[Don't go for 47.Qg5? Qxg5+ 48.Kxg5 d2 49.Kxh4 d1Q-+ *(49...d1R? 50.b3-+)*]

47...d2 48.Qxd2 Qxc5 Endgame. KQ-KQ **49.Qd3** Inhibits Qc4+. Intending



Kf4+ and mate. **49...Qc8 50.Kf4+ Kg8 51.Kg5 Qc1+ 52.Kh5 Qc5+**

[52...Qxb2 53.Qd8+ Kh7 54.g8Q#]

53.Kxh4 Qf2+ 54.Kg5 Qg2+

[Worse is 54...Qxb2 55.Qd8+ Kh7 56.g8Q#]

55.Kf4 Threatening mate with Qd8+.

55...Qf2+ 56.Kg5 White threatens Qd8+ and mate. **56...Qg2+**

[Weaker is 56...Qxb2 57.Qd8+ Kh7 58.g8Q#]

57.Kh5 Qh2+ 58.Kg4! Qg2+ 59.Kf4 White wants to mate with Qd8+.

59...Qf2+ What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.52

½-½

B12

□ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**

■ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**

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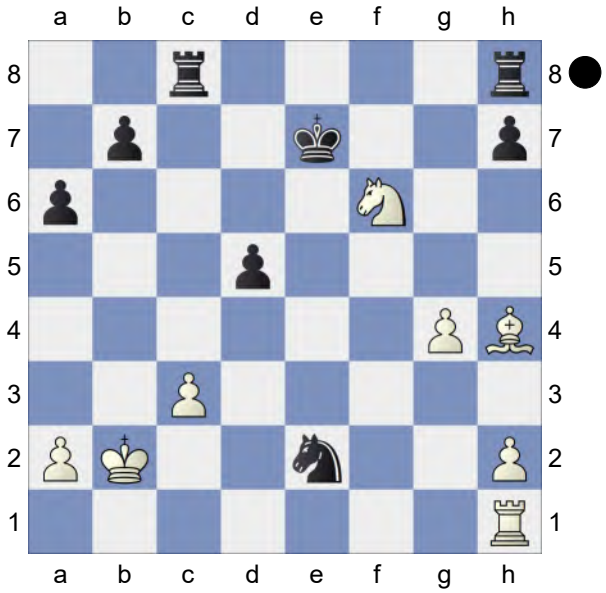
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation

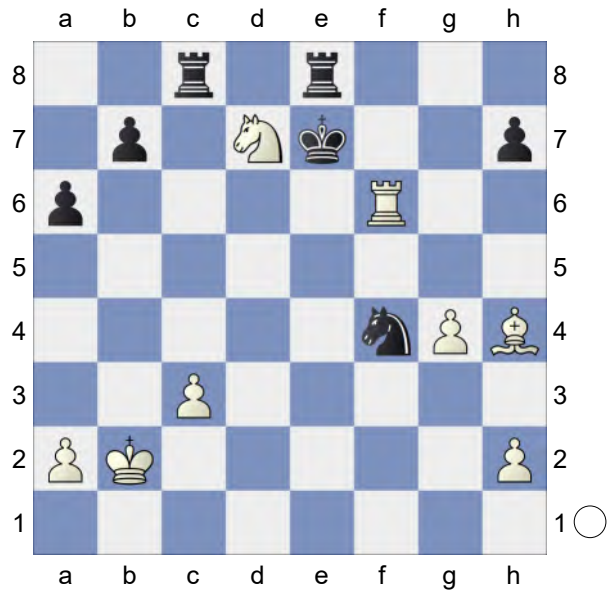
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7

8.c4 Nbc6 9.Qa4! a6 10.Nc3 dxc4 ...b5 would now be deadly. **11.0-0-0** White has an edge. **11...Qa5 12.Qxa5 Nxa5 13.Nxf5 Nxf5 14.Bb6 Nc6 15.f4** White has compensation. **15...Be7N**
[15...Rc8 16.Bf3 *(16.g4 Nh4 17.Bxc4 g5 18.f5 Nxe5 19.Bb3 Bc5 20.Ba4+ Ke7 21.f6+ Kxf6 22.Ne4+ Kg7 23.Nxc5 Nc4 24.Ba7* Caro Kann-9. ♗d3 ♗d3 10. ♕d3 e6 11Î Survey 2019*)* 16...Be7 17.Rd2 g5 18.g3 gxf4 19.gxf4 Nh4 *(19...Nb4 20.Kb1 Rg8 21.Rhd1 Nd3 22.Bxb7 Rb8 23.Bc6+ Kf8 24.Ba7 Rc8 25.Be4 Nxf4 26.Na4 c3 27.Nxc3 Ng6 28.Re2 Kg7 29.Rf1 Bc5 30.Bxc5 Rxc5 31.Bxf5 exf5 32.Rxf5 Re8 33.Ref2 Re7 34.Kc2* 1-0 (55) Leko,P (2747)-Cheparinov,I (2696) Elista FIDE GP 2008 (3)*)* 20.Be4 Rg8 21.Kb1 Rg4 22.Rf1 Ng6 23.f5 Ngxe5 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Bxh7 Nd7 26.Be3 b5 27.Bc2 Nce5 28.Ne4 Nd3 29.Bxd3 cxd3 30.Nf2 ½-½ (43) Logan,T (2751)-Buchicchio,G (2783) Deutschland 74/382 1998 (8)]
16.Kb1 Rc8 17.g4 Nh4 18.Ne4
[18.Bxc4 Nxe5 19.Be2 Nc4∓]
18...Nb4 19.Bf2 And now Nd6+ would win. This pair of bishops is nice.
19...Ng2! 20.f5 Nf4
[20...Nd5 simplifies 21.Rd4 b5 22.Bf3 Ngf4]
21.f6 Nxe2 22.fxe7 Black must now prevent Bh4. **22...c3↑** Black is more active.
[22...Kxe7? 23.Bh4+ Ke8 24.Nd6+ Kd7 25.Nxc4+ Nd5 26.Nb6+ Kc7 27.Nxc8 Kxc8 28.Rdf1+-]
23.bxc3 Nd5 24.Kb2 Threatens to win with c4!
[24.Nd6+ Kxe7 25.Nxc8+ Rxc8]
24...Kxe7
[24...Nexc3? 25.Nxc3 Nxc3 *(25...Rxc3? 26.Rxd5* Remove Defender *exd5 27.Kxc3+-)* 26.Rc1+- *(26.Rd8+ Kxe7 27.Rxh8 Na4+ 28.Kb3 Rxh8+-)*]
25.Bh4+ -0.58/25
[25.Rhf1= -0.03/23]
25...f6 -0.13/30
[25...Kf8!∓ -0.58/25 26.Rhe1 Nef4 *(26...Nexc3 27.Nxc3 Nxc3 28.Rd7±)*]
26.exf6+=
[26.Rhf1 feels hotter. Rhf8 27.exf6+ gxf6 28.Rf3]
26...gxf6 27.Rxd5 -1.12/19 **exd5∓**
28.Nxf6



d4 -0.09/25
[28...Rxc3? 29.Nxd5+ *(29.Nxh7+ Kf7∓)* 29...Ke6 30.Nxc3+-]
[28...h5!∓ -1.38/26 ...hxg4 is the strong threat. 29.Nxh5+ *(29.gxh5 Kd6∓; 29.Re1? hxg4 30.Rxe2+ Kf7-+)* 29...Kd7]
29.Re1 d3
[29...dxc3+ 30.Kc2±]
30.Rd1 Kf7
[30...Rxc3 31.Ne4+ *(31.Nxh7+?*

Ke6-+) 31...Ke6 32.Nxc3+-]
31.Rxd3 Rhd8 32.Nd7 Nf4? 1.48/30
[32...Re8= -0.20/22 33.Rf3+ Kg6]
33.Rd6? -0.21/22
[33.Ne5+± 1.48/30 Ke6 *(33...Kg7? 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Bxd8+-)* 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Bxd8 Kxe5 36.Kb3]
33...Re8? 3.55/16 This costs Black the game.
[33...Rg8!= -0.21/22]
34.Rf6++- Ke7



aiming for ...Ng2. **35.Nb6! Ng2 36.Nxc8+ Rxc8** Endgame. KRB-KRN **37.Bg5** Strongly threatening Rf2+.
[37.Rxa6+ Nxh4 38.Rh6 Nf3∓]
37...Rg8? 5.23/23
[37...Ke8 3.19/20 is a better defense. 38.Re6+ Kf7]
38.h4
[38.Rxa6+ Rxg5 39.Rb6 h5= *(39...Rxg4 40.Rxb7+ Kd6 41.Rxh7=)*]
38...Ke8 39.Re6+ Kd7 40.Re7+ Kc6 41.Rxh7 Ne1 42.Rh6+ Kd7 43.Rb6 White is clearly winning. **43...Kc8 44.Rf6** Inhibits Nf3. **44...Kd7 45.Bd2 Nd3+ 46.Kc2 Nc5 47.g5 Rh8 48.Be3 Ne4 49.Rf4 Nd6 50.g6 Ke6 51.Bd4 Rg8 52.Rf6+ Ke7 53.h5 Ne4 54.Rf4 Ng3 55.h6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

B90
□ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
■ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
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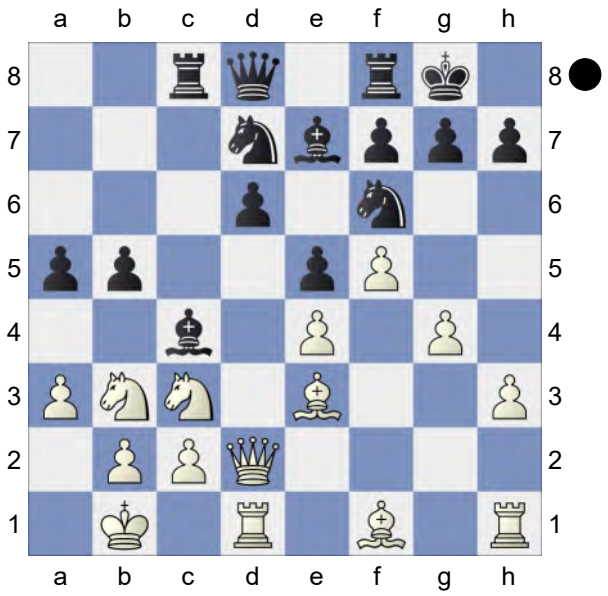
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N
[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7* ^-^ (32) 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 (2.6)*)* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
7...Be6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.f4 b5 10.0-0-0 Be7 11.f5 Bc4 The position is equal.
12.Kb1 Rc8 13.h3 -0.51/24
[13.a3= 0.00/21]
13...0-0 0.59/22
[13...d5∓ -0.51/24 14.Nxd5 *(14.exd5 Bb4∓)* 14...Nxe4]
14.a3 -0.28/22
[14.g4!± 0.59/22]
14...a5= 15.g4 -0.72/23
[15.Nxb5? Nxe4 16.Qe1 Bh4-+]

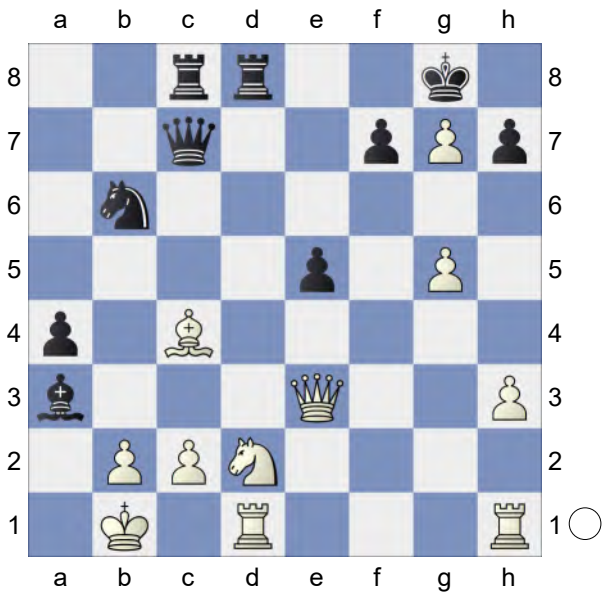
[15.Bxc4∓ -0.31/26 bxc4 16.Nc1]



15...b4 0.00/24
[15...Bxf1!∓ -0.72/23 16.Rhxf1 b4 17.axb4 axb4]
16.Bxc4 bxc3 1.32/22
[16...Rxc4= 0.00/24 17.axb4 Rxb4]
17.Qxc3± a4 18.Nd2 d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Qd3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Qc7 Black is weak on the light squares **22.g5** 0.25/17
[22.c3± 1.21/18]
22...Nb6= 23.f6!
[23.Bd3 Bxa3 24.f6 *(24.bxa3? Nd5-+)* 24...Bxb2∓]
23...Bxa3 0.66/21
[23...Bc5!= 0.27/24 feels stronger. 24.Qe4 Nxc4 *(24...Bxa3? 25.fxg7 Kxg7 26.Bd3+-)* 25.Qxc4 *(25.Nxc4 Bd4=)* 25...Rb8]
24.fxg7!±
[24.Qxa3 Nxc4 25.Nxc4 Qxc4∓]
24...Rfd8

(Diagram)

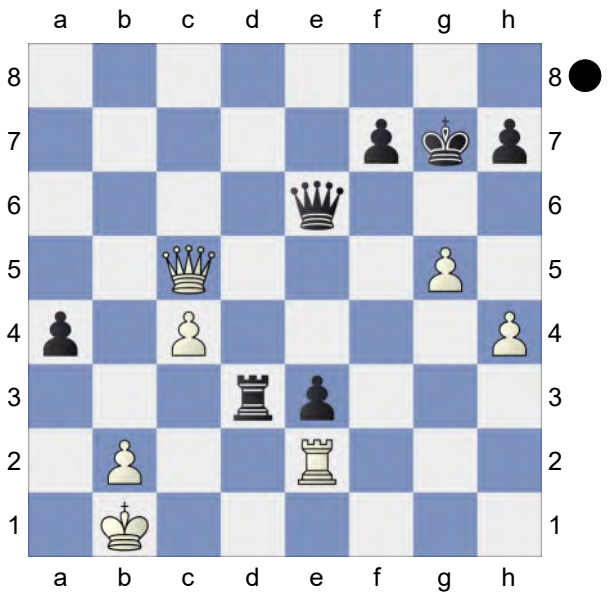
25.Qxa3 -0.03/19
[Better is 25.g6!± 0.75/24 Qh6! would kill now. Nxc4 26.Nxc4 Rxd1+ *(26...Qxc4 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Qg5+-)* 27.Rxd1 Qxc4 28.gxf7+ Qxf7 *(28...Kxf7 29.g8Q+* Decoy *Kxg8 30.Qg5+ Kf7 31.Qf5+ Ke8 32.bxa3±)* 29.Qxa3 *(29.bxa3 Qc4=)*]



25...Nxc4= 26.Nxc4 Qxc4 27.Rxd8+ Rxd8± Endgame. KQR-KQR **28.Re1 Qh4 29.Qe3 Rd5 30.Rf1** Qa7 is the strong threat. **30...Qc4! 31.Qf2 Rd6**
[31...Kxg7 32.Qxf7+ Kh8 33.Qf8#]
32.Qf3 Rb6 Strongly threatening ...e4! **33.Rf2 e4→** Black is up to no good. Really sharp! **34.Qa3 Kxg7** White must now prevent ...Qd4. **35.Qe7 Qe6 36.Qc5 Rd6** Against Qd4+ **37.c4?** -4.80/21 White is on the road to losing.
[37.Kc1!= -0.29/21 and White is okay.]
37...e3-+ 38.Re2 Rd3 39.h4

(Diagram)

a3! 40.h5 Rd1+ 41.Ka2 axb2 42.Kxb2 Rd3 43.Kc2 Qe4 And now ... Rd5+ would win. **44.Kb2 Qb7+ 45.Qb5 Qe7** -0.93/19
[45...Qe4-+ -3.45/20 and Black stays



clearly on top. 46.Qc5 Qb7+ 47.Qb5 Qxb5+ *(47...Qe4 48.Qb6-+)* 48.cxb5 h6]

46.Qa5? -6.42/22

[46.h6+∓ -0.93/19 Kg6 47.Qc6+ Rd6 *(47...Kxg5 48.Qg2+ Kxh6 49.Qh2+ Kg7 50.Kc2∓)* 48.Rxe3]

46...Qd6 47.Kc2 Qd4 48.Qb4 Qe4 (-> ...Rd2+) **49.Kb2 Qg4 50.h6+ Kg6 51.Rh2 Qd4+**

[51...Kxg5 52.Qe7+ Kg6 53.Qe5 Qd4+ *(53...Qxc4 54.Rg2+)* 54.Qxd4 Rxd4 55.Kc3∓]

52.Kc2 Rd1

[52...Kxg5 53.Qe7+ f6 54.Qg7+ *(54.Qxh7? leads to mate. Qc3+ 55.Kb1 Rd1+ 56.Ka2 Ra1#)* 54...Kf4 55.Rh4+ *(55.Qxh7? gets mated. Qc3+ 56.Kb1 Rd1+ 57.Ka2 Ra1#)* 55...Kf3 56.Rxd4+-]

53.Qb3 Prevents Qd3+. **53...Rd2+ 54.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 55.Kb1 e2 56.Qb6+ Kh5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.23 (precise)

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A29

□ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**

■ **Arun,Kataria** **2370**

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[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3

Inf 49/(44) **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nf6**

[6...Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Rd1 Qe8 Smyslov,V (2570)-El Taher,F (2375) Manila (izt) 1990]

[6...Nde7 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nf5 11.Re1 h6 12.Rb1 g5 13.h4 Rb8 14.b4 Nfd4 15.b5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Kh2 b6 19.Rb4 Rc8 20.Ra4 c6 21.bxc6 0-1 (33) 7.a4 ♘bd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/ (563) 1976 (8)]

7.0-0N

[7.b4 e4 *(7...a6 8.a3 Bd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Ng5 Bf5 12.Nge4 Nxe4 13.Nxe4 a5 14.b5 Na7 15.a4* 17) Other 5th moves-11. Ng5 Alternative #1*)* 8.Ng5 Bxb4 9.Ngxe4 0-0 10.0-0 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 Re8 12.Bb2 Be6 13.d3 *(13.e3 Bc4 14.Nf6+ gxf6 15.Qg4+* 17) Other 5th moves-13.e3 Alternative #1*)* 13...h6 14.a3 Bf8 15.Rc1 Na5 16.e3 Other Th Moves-5.Nc3 Nf6 #1]

7...h6 8.d3 Bd6 9.a3 0-0 White has an edge. **10.b4 Re8 11.Bb2 a5 12.b5 Nd4 13.e3 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 Bf8 15.Rc1 a4 16.Nxa4 Ra5**

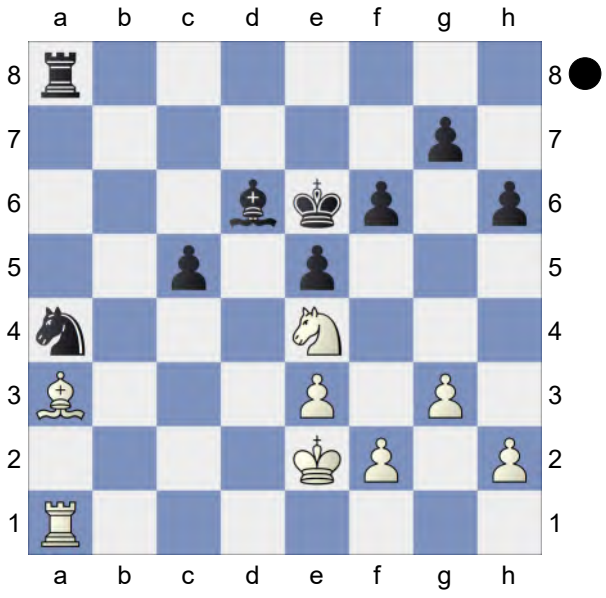
[16...Qd7 simplifies 17.Nc3 Bxa3 18.Bxa3 Rxa3 19.Qc2 Qe7]

17.Qc2 -0.41/23

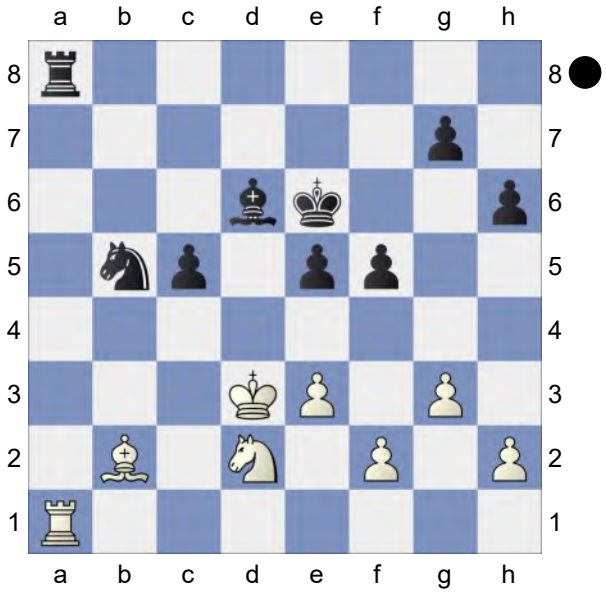
[17.Nc3!± 0.31/20]

17...Rxb5∓ 18.Qxc7 Qxd3 19.Rfd1

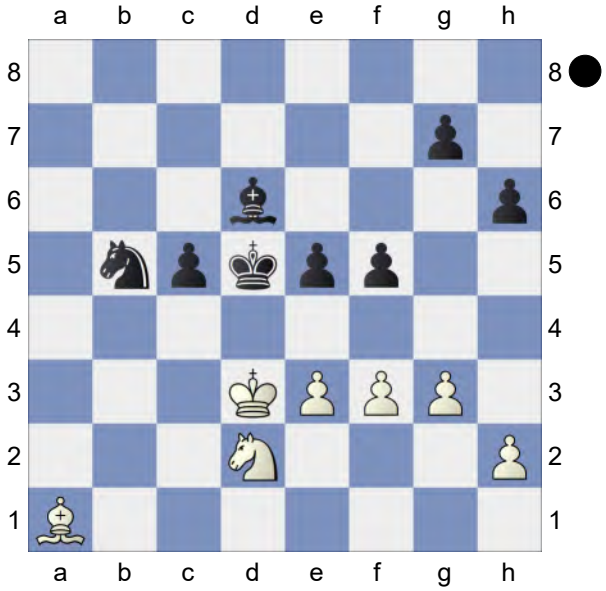
-1.26/26
[⩲19.Qc2 -0.73/22 Qxc2 20.Rxc2]
19...Qb3 -0.20/20
[Black should play 19...Qf5∓ -1.26/26 20.Be2 Ne4]
20.Qc2!= Be6 ...Qxc2 would now be deadly.
[20...Qxc2 simplifies 21.Rxc2 Be6 22.Rdc1 Ra8]
21.Rd2 Rc8 22.Qxb3 Rxc1+ 23.Qd1! Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1 Be7 25.Nc3 Ra5 26.a4 Bd7 27.Bf3 Bc6 28.Kg2 Kf8 29.Bxc6 bxc6 30.Kf3 Ke8 31.Ke2 Bb4 32.Rc2 Kd7 33.Na2 Bd6 34.Nc3 Nd5 With the idea ...Nxc3+. **35.Rd2 Ke6 36.Rc2 Nb6 37.Rc1 f6**
[37...Nxa4 38.Nxa4 Rxa4 39.Rxc6=]
38.Ne4 c5 39.Rb1 Nxa4 Threatens to win with ...Rb5. **40.Ra1** -1.46/20
[⩲40.Bc3 -0.80/20 Ra6 41.Ba1]
40...Ra8 -0.60/23
[40...c4∓ -1.46/20 ...Bb4 is the strong threat. 41.Kf3 Bb4]
41.Ba3 -2.16/19
[41.f4∓ -0.60/23]



41...f5!-+ 42.Nd2 -3.75/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[42.Nxd6∓ -1.54/19 was the only chance. Kxd6 43.Bb2]
42...Nc3+ 43.Kd3 Nb5 44.Bb2



Rxa1 45.Bxa1 Endgame. KBN-KBN **45...Kd5 46.f3**



e4+! 47.fxe4+ fxe4+ 48.Kc2 Na3+ 49.Kc1 g6 50.Bg7 h5 51.Bf6 Bc7
[51...Nc4 52.Nxc4 Kxc4 53.Kc2]
52.Kb2 -6.57/25
[⩲52.Bc3 -4.08/25 Nc4 53.Nxc4 Kxc4 54.Kc2]
52...Nb5 53.Kb3 Nd6 54.Bc3 Bd8 Hoping for ...Bg5. **55.h3?** -5.76/18

[55.Kc2 -3.51/24 might work better.]
55...Nf5 56.Nf1 Bc7 57.Be1 Nd6 58.Bc3 Nc4 59.Bf6 Ba5 60.Kc2 Nd6 61.Kb3? -5.12/26
[61.g4 -2.89/21]
61...Nf5 62.Bc3 -5.96/29
[⌓62.Bg5 -4.02/26 Bc7 63.g4 hxg4 64.hxg4]
62...Bb6 63.Bd2 c4+ 64.Kc2 Bc7 65.Be1 Be5 66.Bf2 Nd6 67.Be1 Kc5 68.Bd2? -7.53/25
[68.g4 -2.84/24 hxg4 69.hxg4]
68...Nb5 69.Bc1 Kb4 70.Nd2 Nd6
[70...Bxg3? 71.Nxe4 Be5 72.Ng5-+]
71.g4 -7.47/26
[⌓71.Nb1 -4.64/21 Bxg3 72.Ba3+ Ka4 *(72...Ka5? 73.Bxd6 Bxd6 74.Nc3-+)* 73.Bxd6 Bxd6 74.Nc3+ Kb4 75.Nxe4]
71...c3 72.Nb3 h4 73.Nd4 Bxd4 74.exd4 KB-KN **74...Kc4** And now ... Nb5! would win. **75.Bg5 Nb5 76.d5 Nd4+ 77.Kc1 Kxd5 78.Bxh4 Kc4** (-> ...Kd3) **79.Bg5 Kd3** Black mates. **80.h4 e3 81.h5 Ne2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

C72

□ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
■ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**
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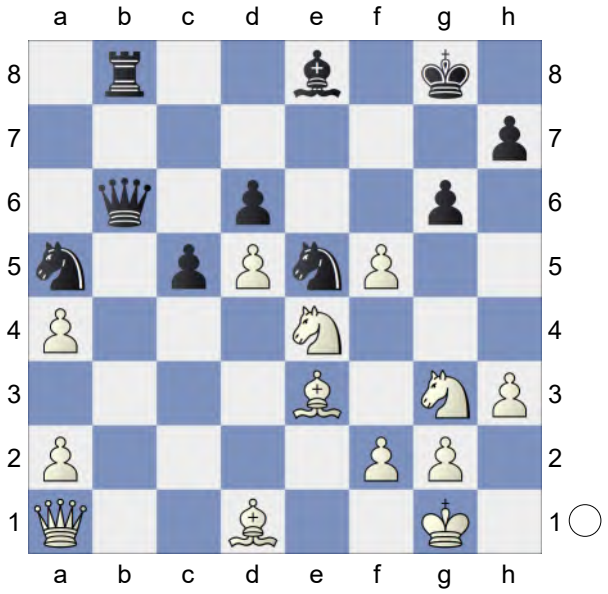
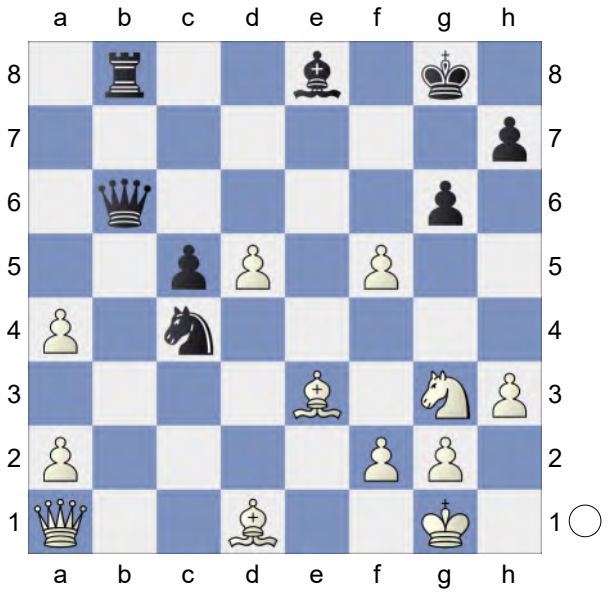
[Kitty Kat]

C60: Ruy Lopez: Unusual Black 3rd moves and 3...g6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Bd7 6.c3 g6 7.d4 Bg7 8.Re1 Nf6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Re8 11.Bc2 a5 12.Nf1 a4 White is slightly better. **13.Ng3**
[13.Bxa4 exd4 14.Ng3 dxc3 15.bxc3 Na5∓]
13...b5 14.Be3 Qe7N
[14...Na5 15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 bxc4 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Qe2 Bb5 19.Rad1 Qb8 20.a3 Qb7 21.Bg5 h6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Nf1 Rad8 24.Ne3 Rd3 25.Nd5 Bg7 26.Nb4 Red8 27.Nxd3 cxd3 28.Qe3 Bc4 29.Nd2 ½-½ (94) Carlsen,M (2835)-Naroditsky,D (2619) Bullet Chess Losers blitz 2023 (5.8) Be6 30.Nf3 Qxb2 31.Rxd3 Rxd3 32.Qxd3 Qxa3 33.Qd8+ Kh7 34.Qxc7 Qb2 35.Qa5 a3 36.Qb4 Ba2 37.Qxb2 axb2 38.Nd2 h5 39.Nb1 Bh6 40.Re2 Bxb1 41.Rxb2 Bd3 42.f3 Be3+ 43.Kh2 h4 44.Kh1 1-0 (94) Carlsen,M (2882)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2778) Saint Louis Blitz 2019 (1.1) Kg7 45.Rb7 Bf4 46.Rc7 Kf6 47.c4 Ke6 48.c5 Bb5 49.Rb7 Bc6 50.Rc7 Ba4 51.Rb7 g5 52.Ra7 Bc6 53.Rc7 Be8 54.Rc8 Bd7 55.Rc7 Bb5 56.c6 Kd6 57.Rxf7 Bxc6 58.Rf6+ Kd7 59.Rf5 ½-½ (94) Molina,R (2835)-Feys,B (2619) Aruna Copenhagen 1997 (5.8)]
15.Qd2 Na5 16.b3 Inhibits Nc4. **16...c5 17.d5 Reb8 18.Reb1 Qd8 19.Bd1 Qc7 20.Qc2** 0.31/18
[20.Qc1 0.69/22 feels stronger.]
20...Be8 0.85/21
[Black should try 20...axb3± 0.31/18 21.axb3 Qc8]
21.Nd2± b4 1.50/21
[⌓21...Nb7 0.79/20]
22.bxa4 Hoping for cxb4. **22...bxc3 23.Qxc3 Nd7 24.Rb5 f5 25.exf5 e4 26.Qc1 Bxa1** 2.65/20
[26...Nb6± 1.54/18 might work better.]
27.Qxa1+- Ne5 28.Rxb8 Rxb8

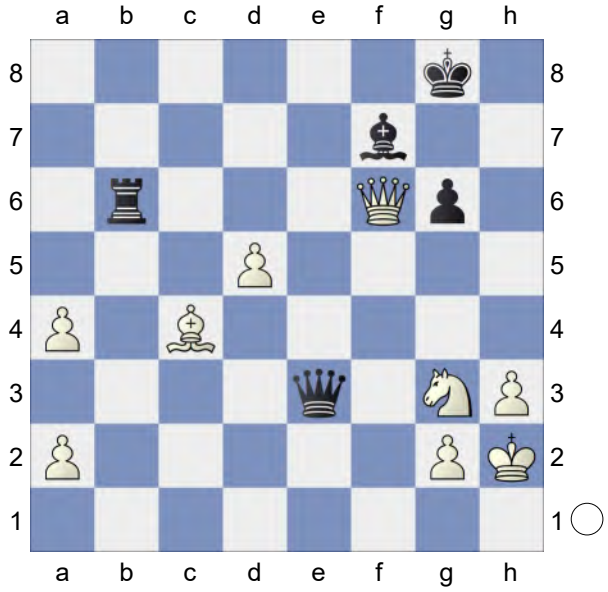
29.Ndxe4 Black must now prevent Nf6+.
29...Qb6



30.Nxd6! Clearance **30...Nac4**
[30...Qxd6? 31.Ne4 Qc7 32.d6+- *(32.Nxc5 Qe7±; 32.Bxc5 Nac4±)*]
[30...Qb2 31.Qxb2]
31.Nxc4 Nxc4



32.Bb3? 0.19/18
[White must play 32.Bc1!+- 2.31/20 Bb3 is the strong threat. Qd6 33.fxg6 *(33.Ne4 Qe5+-)* 33...hxg6 34.Ne4]
32...Nxe3= 33.fxe3 c4! Discovered Attack **34.Bxc4 Qxe3+ 35.Kh2 Bf7?** 2.97/23
[35...Rc8= 0.18/23 and Black is okay. 36.Qf1 Bf7]
36.fxg6+- hxg6 37.Qf6 Rb6 6.12/23
[37...Rb1 1.63/19 38.Ne2 Qb6 39.Qxb6 Rxb6]



38.d6! Bxc4 39.Qxg6+ Kf8 40.Qf5+ Bf7 41.Qc8+ Be8 42.d7 Pin **42...Rd6 43.dxe8Q+** 0.28/24
[Stronger than 43.d8N Rd1 44.Ne6+ Kf7 45.Nd8+ Kf8 46.Ne6+ Kf7=]
[43.d8Q+- 6.18/20 Rxd8 44.Qxd8]
43...Qxe8 Endgame. KQR-KQN **44.Qc5 Qc6! 45.Qb4 Kf7 46.Nf5 Rd7 47.Qf4 Qc7** The position is equal. **48.Kg3 Rd3+ 49.Kg4 Qxf4+**
[49...Qd7 is more complex. 50.Qg5 Rd5 51.a3 Ke6]
50.Kxf4= KR-KN **50...Ra3 51.Kg5 Rxa2 52.g4 Rxa4 53.h4 Ra6 54.h5 Rb6 55.h6** Threatens to win with h7. **55...Kg8 56.Kh5 Kh7 57.g5 Re6 58.Nh4 Re5 59.Ng6 Rf5 60.Ne7 Re5 61.Nc6 Rd5 62.Nb4 Rd1 63.g6+ Kh8 64.Nc6 Rh1+ 65.Kg5 Rg1+ 66.Kf6 Rf1+ 67.Ke7 Re1+ 68.Kf7** g7+ would kill now. **68...Rf1+ 69.Ke8 Rg1 70.Kf7**

Rf1+ 71.Ke6 Rg1 72.Kf5 Rf1+ 73.Ke5 Rg1 74.Ne7 Rxg6 75.Nxg6+ Kh7 76.Ke4 Kxg6 Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.38
½-½

D02

□ **Aradhya,Garg** **2365**
■ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh** **2301**
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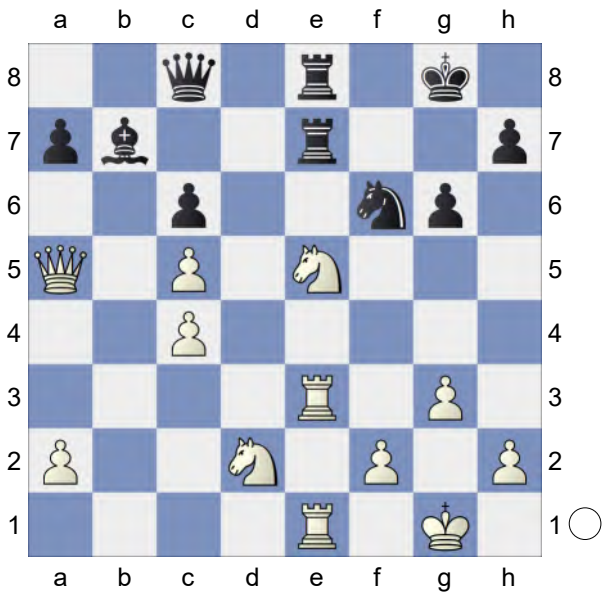
[Kitty Kat]

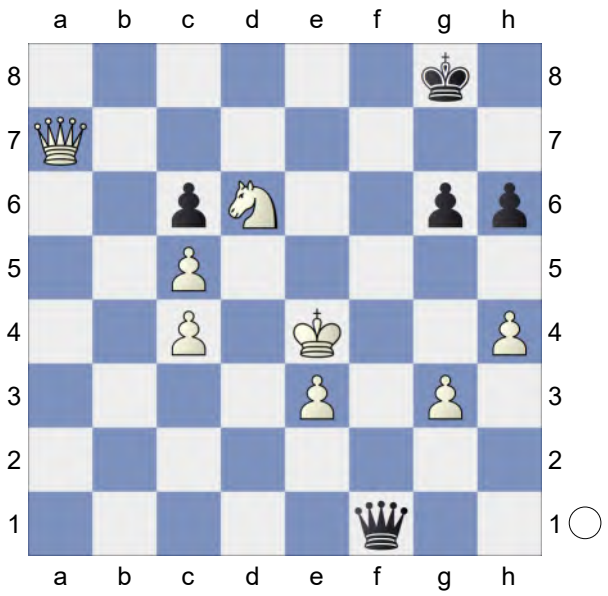
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N
[3.Bg5 Be7 4.Bxe7 Qxe7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.h3 *(12.0-0 Bg4 13.Be2 c6 14.Nd4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 h5 17.h3 Qe5 18.Qf3 g6 19.Rad1 Kg7 20.g3 h4 21.g4 Rad8 22.Qg2 Ne4 23.Nf3 Qf6 24.g5 Qf5 25.Nxh4 Qxg5 26.Qxg5 Nxg5* (43) 10) Queen/^s Gambit Declined-Terry,R 1... e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 12...c5 13.0-0 b6 14.Qe2 Bb7 10) Queen/^s Gambit Declined-Queen/^s Gambit Declined Odds 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
[3.g3 c5 4.c4 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qxd4 8.Bxc6+ Bd7 9.Be3 Bxc6 10.Qxc6+ bxc6 11.Bxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nf6 13.Kg2 c5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.Kf3 Ke7 17.a3 Ba5 0-1 (36) Sulava,N (2526)-Rublevsky,S (2657) EU-ch 2nd Ohrid 2001 (1)]
[3.c4 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Re8 9.Bg5 c6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Qd8 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Rfe1 Rd8 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Ne5 Nd7 0-1 (44) Zhu,Y (1848)-Garcia Sanjuan,J (2438) 89/89 Wijk aan Zee 2004 (1)]
3...c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 Bd6 6.Bb5+ Nc6 7.dxc5 Bxf4 0.69/25
[7...Bxc5= 0.22/24 8.c3 Bd7]
8.exf4± White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Qa5** 1.77/23
[9...Ne7± 0.81/23]
10.Bxc6+- bxc6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.g3 1.24/20
[White should play 12.Qd4+- 1.67/22]
12...Ba6 1.92/23
[12...Ne4± 1.24/20]
13.Re1 Nd7 14.Qd4 Rfe8 Black is weak on the dark squares **15.Re3 Re7 16.Rae1 Rae8 17.Qc3 f6 18.Nbd4 Nf8 19.Qa3 Bb7 20.c4**
[20.Qxa7 Ra8 21.Qb6 Qxb6 22.cxb6 c5±]
20...Qd7 21.Qb3
[21.Qxa7 dxc4 22.Ne2 Ra8=]
21...g6 22.Qc3 Ba6 23.b3 dxc4 24.bxc4 Qc7 25.Qb4 e5 26.fxe5 fxe5 27.Nb3 Nd7 28.Qa5 Qc8 29.Qc3 Qc7 30.Qa5 Qc8 31.Nbd2 Nf6 32.Nxe5 White is clearly winning. **32...Bb7** 6.46/21
[⌓32...Rf8 4.24/19 33.Qc3 Re6]

(Diagram)

33.Ng4! Discovered Attack **33...Rxe3 34.Nxf6+ Kf7 35.Rxe3 Rxe3 36.fxe3 Kxf6** Endgame. KQB-KQN **37.Ne4+ Kg7 38.Nd6 Qg4 39.Qc3+ Kg8 40.Nxb7 Qd1+ 41.Kf2 Qh1 42.h4** Hoping for Nd6. **42...Qh2+ 43.Kf3 Qh1+ 44.Ke2 Qg2+ 45.Kd3 Qxa2**



46.Nd6 Qf2 47.Qe5 Qf1+ 48.Ke4 h6 49.Qe8+ Kg7 50.Qd7+
[50.Qxc6? is the wrong capture. Qh1+ 51.Kd4 Qxc6-+]
50...Kg8 51.Qc8+ Kh7 52.Qb7+
[52.Qxc6? loses. Qh1+ 53.Kd4 Qxc6-+]
52...Kg8 53.Qb8+ Kh7 54.Qxa7+ Kg8



55.Qf7+! Qxf7 56.Nxf7 Kxf7 57.Ke5 Ke7 58.g4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

E35
□ **Omonov,Asrorjon 2360**
■ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula 2276**
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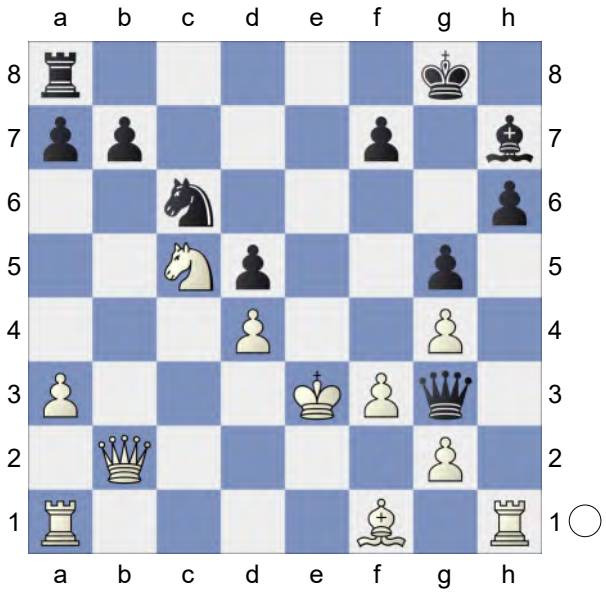
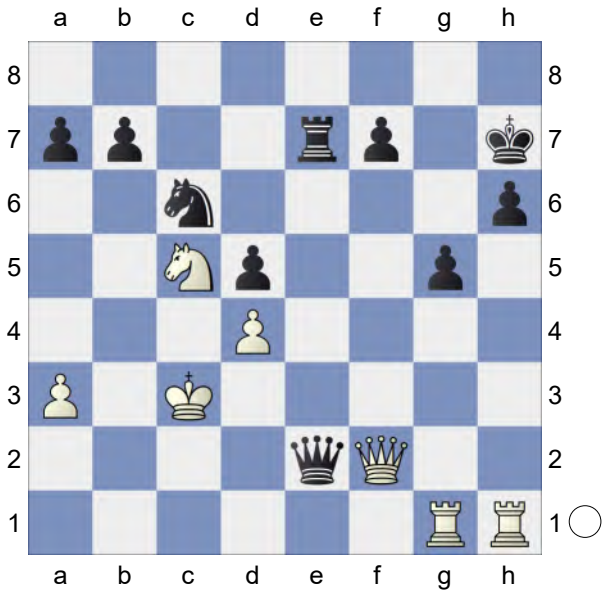
[Kitty Kat]

E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4... 0-0
Inf 100/(318) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nf3 0-0**
[6...c5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Qxc3 Nd7 11.e3 0-0 12.Bb5 c4 13.Bxd7 Bxd7 14.Ne5 Bf5 15.b3 b5 16.0-0 a5 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.f3 Qd6 19.e4 Be6 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Rab1 (29) Wang,Y (2696)-Asrian,K (2608) Taiyuan 100/(318) 2006]
7.Bg5 h6N
[7...c6 8.e3 h6 9.Bh4 Be6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Rfe1 Re8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Be7 15.Nc5 Nxc5 16.dxc5 Nd7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.b4 Qf6 19.Nd2 Bd5 20.Be4 Qd4 21.Bxd5 cxd5 22.a3 ½-½ (31) Jedlicka,A (2183)-Jares,M (2315) Pardubice rapid op 34th 2023 (5)]
[7...c5 8.e3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.Rd1 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.f3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nxd4 15.exd4 Bd6 16.Bd3 Re8+ 17.Kf2 Qc7 18.Qb3 Be6 19.Bb1 Rac8 20.Qc2 f5 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Rde1 1-0 (39) MacElligott,G (2506)-Llorente Alvarez,J (2396) Wch21 Moscow 1957 (6)]
8.Bh4 c5 9.e3 The position is equal.
9...Nc6 0.38/21
[9...c4= -0.03/22]
10.a3 -0.31/21
[10.dxc5!± 0.38/21 Be6 11.Bb5]
10...Bxc3+∓ 11.bxc3 cxd4
[11...g5!? 12.Bg3□ c4=]

12.cxd4 -0.46/26
[12.Bxf6= -0.04/22 Qxf6 13.cxd4]
12...g5 13.Bg3 Ne4 And now ...h5 would win. **14.Nd2 Qa5** 0.25/22
[14...Bf5∓ -0.47/20 15.Nxe4 Qa5+ 16.Qd2 Bxe4]
15.f3= Nxg3
[15...Nxd2 simplifies 16.Qxd2 Re8 17.Qxa5 Nxa5 18.Kf2 Bf5]
16.hxg3 Re8 17.Kf2 Bf5 Deflection **18.Qb2**
[18.Qxf5? Qxd2+ 19.Kg1 Qxe3+ *(19...Rxe3 20.Rxh6 Re6 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Rb1=)* 20.Kh2 Nxd4 21.Qxd5 b5-+]
18...Re6 19.g4 Bh7 20.Nb3 Qc7 1.13/21
[20...Qb6= 0.29/20 remains equal. 21.Qa2 Rae8]
21.Nc5± Discovered Attack, Double Attack **21...Rxe3** 3.21/21 This move loses the game for Black. **22.Kxe3+- Qg3**



White must now prevent ...Re8+.
23.Bd3!
[23.Qxb7 Re8+]
23...Re8+ 24.Kd2 Qxg2+ 25.Kc3 Qxf3 Hoping for ...Bxd3. **26.Raf1**
[26.Qxb7 Bxd3 27.Nxd3 Qf6+-]
26...Qxg4 5.88/20
[⌓26...Qg3 4.14/20 27.Qf2 *(27.Qxb7 Ne7+-; 27.Rxh6 Bxd3 28.Nxd3 Nxd4±)* 27...Qxf2 28.Rxf2 Bxd3 29.Kxd3 Na5]
27.Qf2
[27.Nxb7? perishes. Qxd4+ 28.Kb3 Qxd3+-+ *(28...Bxd3? 29.Qxd4 Nxd4+ 30.Kc3-+)*]
27...Re7 28.Bxh7+ Kxh7 29.Rfg1 Qe2 #5/14
[29...Qf4+- 3.99/19 30.Qxf4 gxf4]



30.Rxh6+!! Back Rank.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.65
1-0

B99
□ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
■ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
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[Kitty Kat]

B99: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7 9 0-0-0 Nbd7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5! 0-0 And now ...b4 would win. **14.Rg1 b4! 15.Nce2 e5** Prevents Nf4. White is slightly better. **16.f6! exd4 17.fxe7 Re8** aiming for ...Ne5. **18.Nxd4 Ne5! 19.Qf4**

[19.Qb3 looks sharper. a5 20.Nf5 Be6 21.Qg3]

[19.Qg3 Rxe7 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Rc8 22.Rg2 a5 23.f6 Re6 24.Rf2 Nc4 25.Bd3 g6 26.Qh4 h5 27.gxh6 Kh7 28.Rg1 Ne5 29.Be4 d5 30.Bf5 gxf5 31.Rg7+ Kh8 32.h7 Nd3+ 33.Kd2 Qxc2# 0-1 Durth,K (2346)-Hantel,T (2753) 83/160 Leon 2001 (1)]

19...Qc5 20.Rg3 Rxe7 21.h4N

[21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Rc8 23.Rg2 a5 24.Ba6 Ra8 25.f6 Re6 26.Bb7 Ng6 27.Qf2 Rae8 5: 6.Bg5 e6 main line 10.g4 b-F5,O]

21...Ng6 22.Qd2 Nxh4

[22...Rxe4? 23.Bg2 Bb7 24.h5+-]

23.Nb3! Qa7 24.Qxb4 -0.27/21

[24.Bd3± 0.33/21]

24...Qf2!↑ Black has some pressure.

25.Qe1

[25.Qxd6? Rd7 *(25...Rxe4 26.Qd8+)* 26.Qxd7 Bxd7-+]

25...Qf4+ 26.Qe3! Rxe4 Pin

[26...Qxe4 27.Qxe4 Rxe4 28.Rxd6=]

27.Qxf4 Rxf4 28.Bd3 -0.85/21

[28.Rgd3∓ -0.36/25 should be considered.]

28...Be6 -0.40/21

[28...g6∓ -0.85/21 29.Rf1 Ra4 *(29...Rxf1+ 30.Bxf1 Kg7 31.Nd2∓)*]

29.c3 -0.87/22

[29.Re3∓ -0.40/21]

29...a5!∓ 30.Bb1 Bf5 -0.46/19

[30...g6∓ -1.03/21 31.Rxd6 a4]

31.Nd4!∓ Bxb1 32.Kxb1 Re8 -0.04/20

[32...Rf2∓ -0.41/22 was preferrable.]

33.Nb5 Nf5 34.Nxd6 Nxd6 35.Rxd6= Endgame. KRR-KRR **35...g6 36.Rg2 Re5 37.Rd3** -0.37/23

[37.Kc2= 0.00/25]

37...Rff5 0.00/28

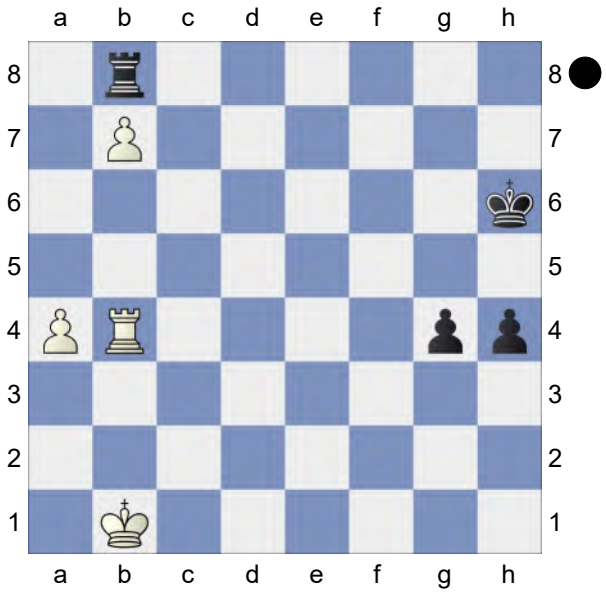
[37...Kg7∓ -0.37/23]

38.Rdg3 Kg7 39.b4 f6 40.gxf6+ Rxf6 41.Rg5 Rxg5 42.Rxg5 axb4 43.cxb4 KR-KR **43...h5** ...h4 would now be deadly. **44.b5 Kh6 45.Rg3 g5 46.Rb3** Threatens to win with b6. **46...g4**

[46...h4!? 47.b6□ Rf8=]

47.b6 Rf8 48.b7 Rb8 ...h4 is the strong threat. **49.a4** Black must now prevent a5. **49...h4 50.Rb4?** -5.28/29

[50.a5= 0.00/35 and White stays safe. h3 51.Rb6+ Kg7 52.Kc2]



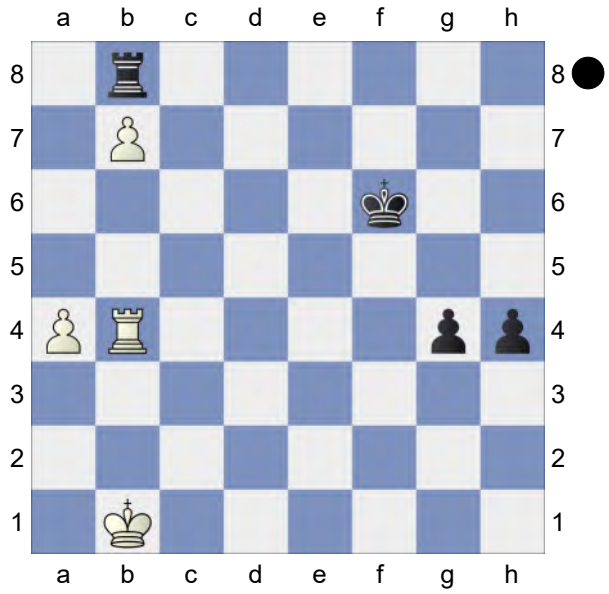
50...Kg5? 0.00/38

[50...Rxb7!-+ -5.28/29 51.Rxb7 h3]

51.Rb5+ Kf6 52.Rb6+ Kf5 53.Rb5+

[53.a5 g3 54.Rb5+ Kf4 55.Rb4+ Kf3 56.Rb3+ Ke4 57.Rb4+ Kf5 58.Rb5+ Kf6 59.Rb6+ Kf5 60.Rb5+]

53...Kf4 54.Rb4+
[54.a5!? g3□ 55.Rb4+ Kf5 56.Rb5+ Kg6 57.Rb6+ Kf7 58.Kc2=]
54...Kg5 55.Rb5+ Kf6 56.Rb4? -7.42/23
[56.a5= 0.00/27 g3 57.Rb6+ Kf7 58.Kc2]



56...g3!-+ 57.Rxh4 Rxb7+ -48.22/29
[⌓57...g2 -#64/27 58.Rg4 Rxb7+ 59.Kc2 Rg7 60.Rxg2 Rxg2+ 61.Kc3 Ke5 62.Kc4 Ra2 63.Kb4 Kd6 64.Kb5 Kd5 65.Kb4 Ra1 66.a5 Ra2 *(66...Kc6* gets mated. *67.Kc3 Rxa5 68.Kd4 Ra4+ 69.Kd3 Rh4 70.Ke2 Rh3 71.Kf2 Kd5 72.Kg2 Re3 73.Kg1 Ke4 74.Kg2 Kf4 75.Kf2 Re8 76.Kg2 Re2+ 77.Kf1 Kf3 78.Kg1 Re1+ 79.Kh2 Rf1 80.Kh3 Rh1#)* 67.Kb3 Rxa5 68.Kc3 Ra3+ 69.Kd2 Ke4 70.Kc2 Kd4 71.Kd2 Ra2+ 72.Kd1 Kc3 73.Ke1 Kd3 74.Kf1 Ke3 75.Kg1 Kf3 76.Kh1 Kg3 77.Kg1 Ra1#]
58.Kc2 g2 -5.68/20
[⌓58...Rc7+ -17.61/26 59.Kb3 g2 60.Rg4 Rg7 61.Rxg2 Rxg2 62.Kc4 Ke5 63.Kc3 Ra2 64.Kb4 Kd4 65.Kb5 Kd5 66.Kb4 Ra1 67.a5 Ra2 *(67...Kc6* is a self mate. *68.Kc4 Ra4+ 69.Kd3 Kd5 70.Ke3 Rxa5 71.Kf4 Kd4 72.Kf3 Rf5+ 73.Kg4 Ke4 74.Kg3 Rf4 75.Kg2 Ke3 76.Kg3 Re4 77.Kg2 Rg4+ 78.Kh3 Kf3 79.Kh2 Rh4+ 80.Kg1 Rh8 81.Kf1 Rh1#)* 68.Kb3 Rxa5 69.Kc3 Ra3+ 70.Kd2 Ke4 71.Kc2 Kd4 72.Kd2 Ra2+ 73.Kd1 Kd3 74.Ke1 Rc2 75.Kf1 Ke3 76.Kg1 Kf3 77.Kh1 Kg3 78.Kg1 Rc1#]
59.Rf4+ Kg5 60.Rf8 Rg7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.40
[Not 60...g1B 61.Rg8+ Kf6 62.Rxg1=]
0-1

B89
□ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**
■ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.57) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B89: Sicilian: Velimirovic Attack
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Nxc6
[9.0-0-0 Na5 10.Bd3 b5 11.Bg5 b4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.exd5+ Be7 15.Rhe1 Ra7 16.Qh5 Qc5 17.Bf5 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Rf8 19.Qe2 Nc6 20.Ng7+ Kd8 21.dxc6 Qg5+ 22.f4 Qxg7 23.Qe3 Rc7 0-1 (27) Fier,A (2599)-Raja,R (2472) Menorca op 2nd 2023 (4)]
9...bxc6 0.92/23
[9...Qxc6± 0.43/23 is superior. 10.f3 Be7]
10.0-0-0 0.35/22
[10.g4!± 0.92/23 d5 11.g5 dxc4

12.gxf6 Rb8 13.Qxc4 Rxb2 14.Bc5 gxf6 15.0-0-0 Rb8 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.e5 c5 18.Rd6 Rb4 19.Qe2 Rd4 20.Rd1 Qa5 21.Rd3 Rxd6 22.exd6 c4 23.Rg3 Qa3+ 24.Kb1 Qb4+ 25.Ka1 1-0 (31) Hastings Variation,W (2419)-Valmana Canto,J (2331) Christmas Congress 1946/47-22 Premier (3.1)]

10...Be7 0.89/21

[10...d5± 0.35/22]

11.g4!± White is better. **11...Nd7N**

[11...d5 12.g5 Nd7 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Bxd5 12) Classic Sicilian ...e6-7... a6 & 8...Be7 #2]

12.g5 Nb6 13.Bb3 a5 14.h4 White is much more active. **14...Ba6 15.Qg4** 0.36/19

[15.Qf3± 0.86/22]

15...Nc4 1.54/20

[15...a4!± 0.36/19 16.Nxa4 Nxa4 17.Bxa4 Bc4]

16.Bxc4 Bxc4 17.h5 d5 18.f4 And now g6 would win. **18...Bb4 19.Bd4↑** h6 is the strong threat. White is really pushing. **19...0-0-0** 2.73/21

[19...0-0± 1.47/18 is a better defense.]

20.Bxg7 Rhg8 21.Be5 Qb6 22.exd5 Qe3+ 23.Kb1 Bxc3 24.Bxc3 Bxd5 2.88/20

[⌓24...Be2 1.90/19 25.Qg1 Qxg1 26.Rdxg1 Rxd5]

25.Rhe1+-

[25.Bxa5 Bxh1 26.Rxh1 *(26.Bxd8? Bf3-+* Skewer, Double Attack*)* 26...Rd5-+]

25...Bf3 26.Rxd8+

[26.Rxe3? Rxd1#]

26...Rxd8 27.Qg3

[27.Rxe3? Rd1#]

27...Qe2 3.04/24

[27...Qxe1+ 2.14/26 might work better. 28.Qxe1 Rd1+ 29.Qxd1 Bxd1]

28.Qg1

[28.Bxa5? Rd1+ 29.Rxd1 Qxd1#]

28...Qb5 4.18/24

[28...Rd1+ 2.56/27 29.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Bxd1 31.Bxa5 Bxh5]

29.Qa7 Rd7 30.Qa8+

[30.Qxa5 Qxa5 31.Bxa5 Rd4=]

30...Qb8 31.Qxa5

[31.Qa6+ Qb7 32.Qxa5 Bxh5±]

31...Bxh5 32.a3 Bg6 3.88/24

[⌓32...Qa7 2.73/22 33.Qb4 Bg4]

33.Qa4 Qb7 34.Kc1 Rd5 35.Be5 Kd7 36.Bf6 Qb6 37.Qa8? 0.00/23

[White should play 37.Bc3+- 1.74/21]

37...Bh5? 3.45/24 Black is weak on the dark squares

[37...Rd2!= 0.00/23 38.Kxd2 Qf2+ 39.Re2 Qxf4+ 40.Ke1 *(40.Kc3 Qf3+ 41.Kd2 Qf4+ 42.Kc3 Qf3+ 43.Kd2 Qf4+=)* 40...Qc1+ 41.Kf2 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qg3+ 43.Kf1 Qf4+ 44.Rf2 Qc1+ 45.Ke2 Qxc2+ 46.Kf1 Qd1+ 47.Kg2 Be4+ 48.Kh2 Qh1+ 49.Kg3 Qg1+ 50.Kf4 Qxf2+ 51.Kxe4 Qc2+ 52.Kd4 Qxb2+ 53.Kd3 Qb5+ 54.Kc3 Qc5+ 55.Kb2 Qb5+ 56.Kc3 Qc5+ 57.Kb2 Qb5+ 58.Kc3]

38.Kb1 Bg6 Wards off Re4 **39.Kc1?** 0.09/23

[39.Rc1+- 2.73/24]

39...Bh5? 2.98/23

[39...Rd2!= 0.09/23 and Black stays safe. 40.f5 *(40.Kxd2 Qf2+ 41.Re2 Qxf4+ 42.Ke1 Qc1+ 43.Kf2 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qg3+ 45.Rg2 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 Qf4+ 47.Rf2 Qc1+ 48.Kg2 Be4+ 49.Kh2 Qh1+ 50.Kg3 Qg1+ 51.Kh3 Qh1+ 52.Kg4 Qg1+ 53.Kh3 Qh1+ 54.Kg4 Bf5+ 55.Kf4 Qh4+ 56.Kf3 Qe4+ 57.Kg3 Qg4+ 58.Kh2 Qh5+ 59.Kg1 Qd1+ 60.Kh2 Qh5+ 61.Kg3*

Qh3+ 62.Kf4 Qg4+ 63.Ke3 Qg3+ 64.Ke2 Bg4+ 65.Kf1 Qh3+ 66.Rg2 Qf3+ 67.Kg1 Qd1+ 68.Kh2 Qd6+ 69.Rg3 Qd2+ 70.Rg2 Qd6+=) 40...Bxf5]

40.Kb1 Bg6 Dodges Re4 **41.Bc3** Dodges Qa5 **41...Qc7 42.Rf1 Qb6 43.a4 Qb3 44.Rc1** Strongly threatening Ba5. **44...Qc4 45.Qa7+ Ke8 46.a5** 0.61/22

[Better is 46.Qb8+± 1.30/23 Rd8 47.Qc7 Qxa4 48.Bf6 Bxc2+ 49.Rxc2 Rd1+ 50.Rc1 Qe4+ 51.Ka2 Qa4+ *(51...Qd5+? 52.b3+-)* 52.Kb1 Qe4+ 53.Ka2 Qa4+ *(53...Qd5+? 54.b3+-)* 54.Kb1]

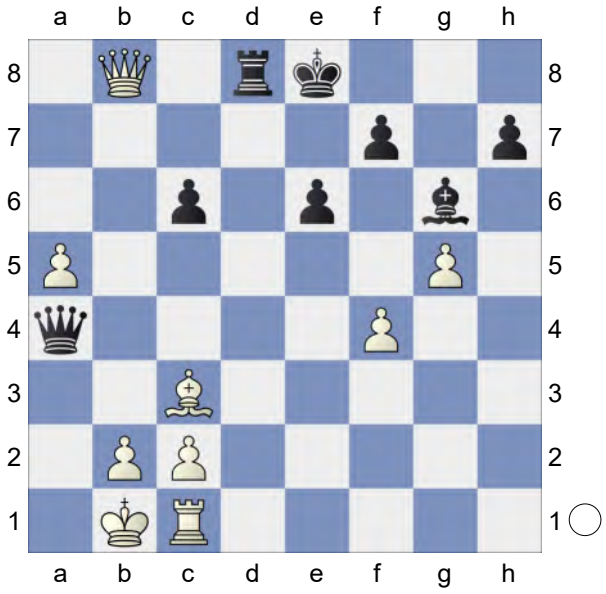
46...Qa4!± 47.Qb8+? 2.90/23 Some like it hot

[47.f5!± 0.82/28 Threatening mate with Bf6. Bxf5 48.Qb8+ Rd8 49.Qb4 Qxb4 50.Bxb4]

47...Rd8+- 48.Qe5 0.23/20

[48.Qb4!+- 2.72/31 Qxb4 49.Bxb4]

48...Rd5= 49.Qb8+ Rd8



50.Qe5 0.25/19

[50.Qb4!+- 1.83/31 Qxb4 51.Bxb4]

50...Rd5 51.Qe3 Rd1 Decoy **52.Qf2**

[52.Rxd1? is a self mate. Qxc2+ 53.Ka2 Qa4#]

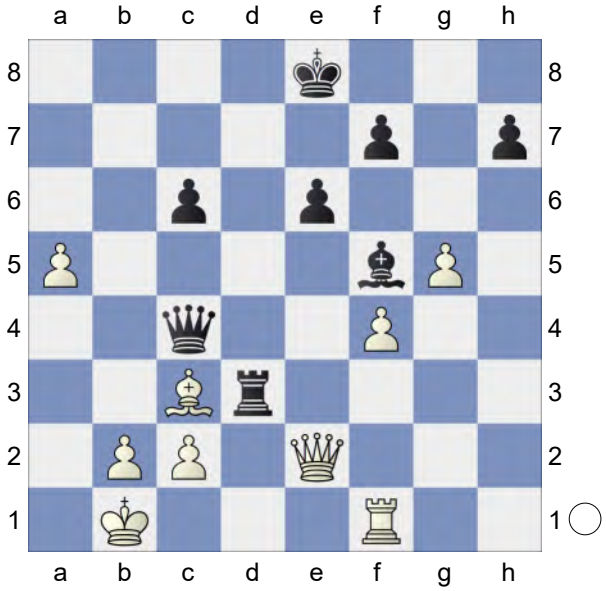
52...Rd5

[52...Rxc1+ simplifies 53.Kxc1 Qa1+ 54.Kd2 Qb1]

53.Re1 Bf5 54.Rc1 Bg6 55.Rf1 Qc4 56.Re1 Qa4 57.Qh2 0.22/25

[57.Rc1± 0.63/24]

57...Bf5 58.Rf1 Rd3 Threatens to win with ...Rxc3! **59.Qe2 Qc4** 1.68/23



60.Re1? 0.01/20

[60.cxd3? too greedy. Bxd3+ 61.Kc1 Bxe2-+]

[60.Bf6!+- 1.68/23]

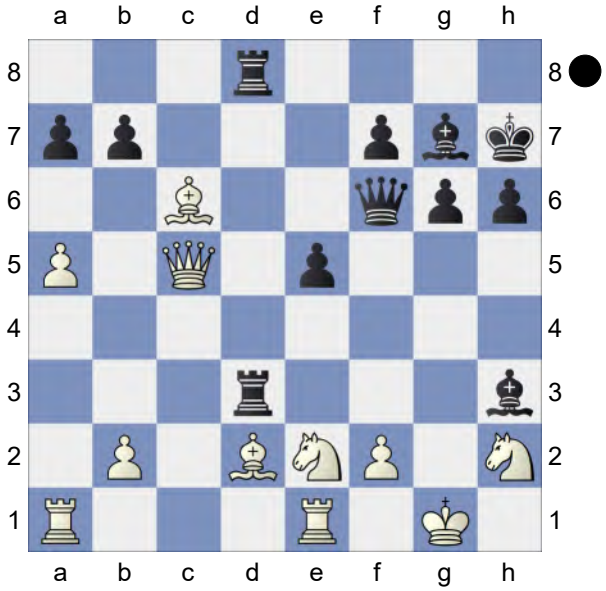
60...Rxc3 Discovered Attack. The position is equal. **61.bxc3** KQR-KQB **61...Qb3+ 62.Kc1 Qxc3 63.Rf1** next a6 is good for White. **63...Qa1+ 64.Kd2 Qxa5+ 65.Kc1 Qa1+ 66.Kd2** White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.30

½-½

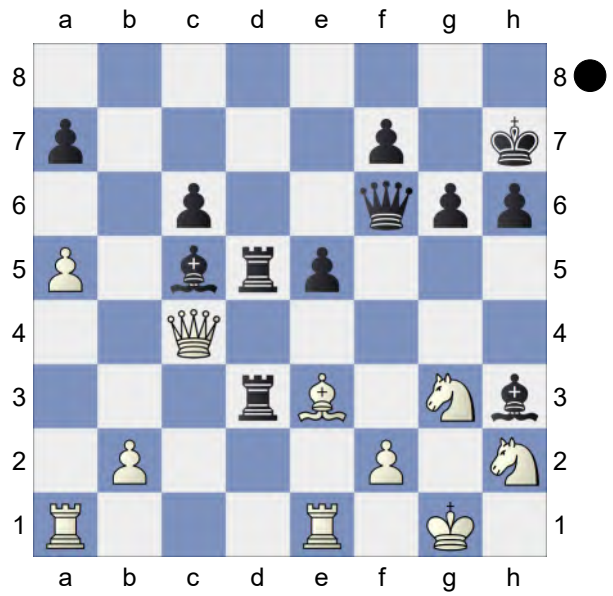
C55
□ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** 2371
■ **Aziz,Husain** 2329
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.58) 09.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 h6 5.a4N
[5.Nc3 Bc5 6.Be3 *(6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.b4 0-0 11.0-0 Qe8 12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7* 1-0 (64) Nepomniachtchi,I (2792)-Caruana,F (2820) Paris GCT Blitz 2021 (2) *)* 6...Bb6 7.0-0 *(7.Qd2 d6 8.Rg1 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 Ba5 11.Qd3 d5 12.Nd2 Qd7 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nb3 e4 15.Qd2 Bb6 16.0-0-0 0-0-0 17.Kb1 Rhf8 18.a3 Kb8 19.Na4 Ne8 20.Nac5 Bxc5 21.Nxc5 Qe7* ½-½ (30) Pattrick,G-Douven,R Sofia ch-BUL 1977 (5)*)* 7...0-0 8.h3 d6 9.Nd5 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Be6 12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.Nd2 d5 14.f4 d4 15.Bf2 exf4 16.Ra4 b5 17.Rb4 a5 18.Rxb5 Qd7 19.c4 dxc3 0-1 (43) Duran Lopez,A (1546)-Ocampo Arredondo,L (1203) Manizales op 28th 2023 (5)]
5...d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.a5 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Bd2 Nb4 10.0-0 c5 11.Bb3 Kh7 12.Ne2** -0.22/22
[12.Bc4± 0.31/21]
12...Nc6= 13.g4 -0.60/22
[13.Bd5= -0.19/20]
13...d5 -0.24/18
[13...Rb8∓ -0.60/22 is superior.]
14.g5 -1.09/19
[14.Ng3!= -0.24/18 remains equal.]
14...dxe4∓ 15.gxf6 Qxf6 16.Nh2 exd3 17.cxd3 Bxh3 18.Re1 Rad8 19.Qc2 Rd7 20.Ba4 -1.31/19
[⌓20.Bc3 -0.85/21]
20...Rfd8 Black is more active. **21.Qxc5** -2.72/20 This costs White the game.
[21.Ra3∓ -1.33/19 keeps fighting.]
21...Rxd3-+ 22.Bxc6

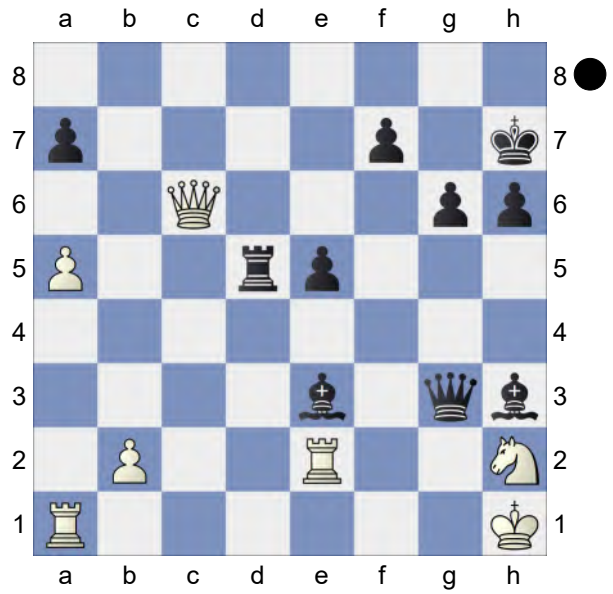


Bf8
[22...Rxd2 23.Bxb7 R8d4 *(23...Rxb2 24.Rab1=)* 24.Bf3∓]
[22...bxc6 23.Be3∓]
[22...Qxc6 23.Qxc6 bxc6 24.Be3±]
23.Qc4 -3.88/20
[⌓23.Qc1 -2.75/22 Rxd2 *(23...bxc6? 24.Be3-+)* 24.Be4]
23...bxc6
[23...Rxd2 24.Bxb7 R8d4 *(24...Rxb2 25.Qc3=)* 25.Qc3]
24.Bc1 R8d5 25.Ng3 Bc5 Black is clearly winning.
[Inferior is 25...Rd1 26.Be3 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1=]
26.Be3

(Diagram)



Rxe3 27.fxe3 Qg5 28.Kh1 Qxg3 29.Re2 Dodges Qg2+ **29...Bxe3 30.Qxc6**



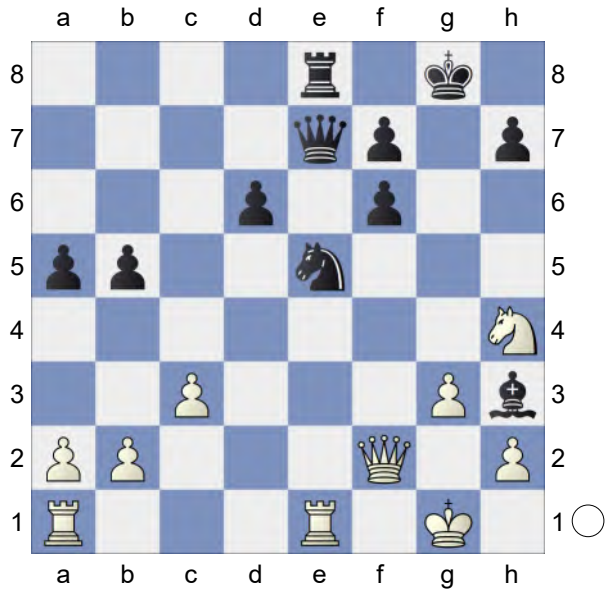
Rxa5 Deflection, Back Rank **31.Rd1**
[31.Rc1 Bxc1]
31...Bb6 32.b4 -6.54/20
[⩲32.Qf3 -4.36/18 Qxf3+ 33.Nxf3]
32...Ra3 ...Rd3 is the strong threat.
33.Qe8 Be6 34.Qb5 Repels Bd5+
34...Re3 35.Rxe3 Qxe3 36.Rf1 Qe4+ 37.Nf3 Bd5 Strongly threatening ... Qh4+. **38.Qd7 Qe2 39.Qxd5 Qxf1+ 40.Kh2 Qe2+ 41.Kh3 Kg7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.56
0-1

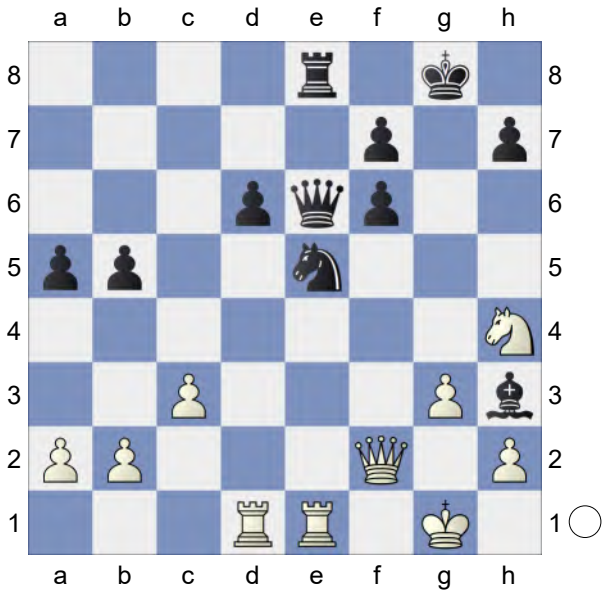
B40
□ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
■ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.59) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6
[4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 h6 11.Nc3 a6 12.h4 Nf5 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qa7 15.Be3 Nxe3 16.Rxe3 Ne7 17.Rc1 Nf5 18.Rec3 Bd7 19.Nc5 1-0 (33) Khamatgaleev,A (2480)-11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♗f3 (1856) 125/114 2015 (3)]
5.Qe2N
[5.d3 d5 *(5...g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Re1 d5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c3 a5 10.e5 Nd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.b3 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Rb1 Qc5 18.Nf3 e5 19.Be3 Qd6 20.Rbd1* 0-1 (33) Giri,A-Svidler,P Norway Chess blitz 2nd 2014 (8)*; 5...d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.d4 e5 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qxd8 Bxd8 12.Be3 b6 13.Ne1 Be6* 4. The Anti Sicilians-Anti Sicilian*)* 6.Nbd2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qc1 e5 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Nc3 Nde7 15.h4 Qd7 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Nh2 Bh3 18.Bh1 Nd4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 0-1 (65) Tagelsir,A (2236)-Yilmaz,M (2633) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.1)]
5...e5 6.0-0 d6 7.c3 Be7 8.Na3

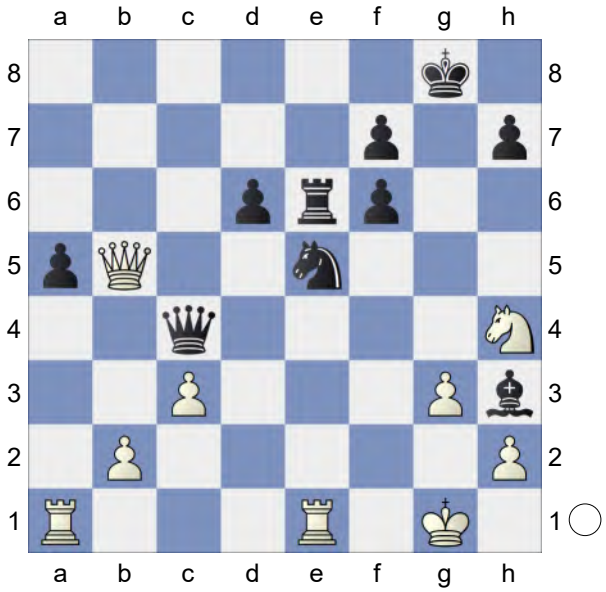
White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.Nc2 Bg4 10.Ne3 Bh5 11.Nf5** -0.16/24
[11.Qc4± 0.33/24]
11...Re8 12.Nxe7+
[12.h3 feels hotter. d5 13.d3 c4 14.g4]
12...Qxe7 13.d3 b5 0.19/23
[⌓13...d5 -0.17/23]
14.Qc2 a5 15.Nh4 Bg4 16.f4 exf4 17.e5 -0.14/19
[17.Bxf4± 0.47/22 Qd7 18.Bg5]
17...Nxe5= aiming for ...c4! **18.Bxa8 Rxa8** White is weak on the light squares **19.Bxf4 Re8** 0.22/20
[⌓19...Qd7 -0.24/22]
20.Bg5 Bxf6 is the strong threat. **20...c4! 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.dxc4**
[22.d4!? Nd3□ 23.Qd2=]
22...Nxc4 0.90/24
[22...bxc4= 0.07/23 keeps the balance. 23.Rf4 Qa7+ 24.Qf2 Qb7]
23.Qf2± Bh3 24.Rfe1!↑ Keeping Black busy. **24...Ne5**



25.Rad1 0.65/19
[25.g4!± 1.03/20]
25...Qe6 1.05/20
[25...Qd8± 0.65/19]



26.Qb6! Qxa2 27.Qxb5
[27.Rxd6 Qxb2 28.Kh1 *(28.Rxf6? Nf3+* Discovered Attack, Back Rank *29.Rxf3 Rxe1+)* 28...Rf8-+ *(28...Qxc3? 29.Rdd1-+)*]
27...Re6 4.41/20
[27...Bd7± 0.91/21 is tougher. 28.Qb7 Be6 29.Rxd6 Kg7]
28.Ra1+- Skewer **28...Qc4**

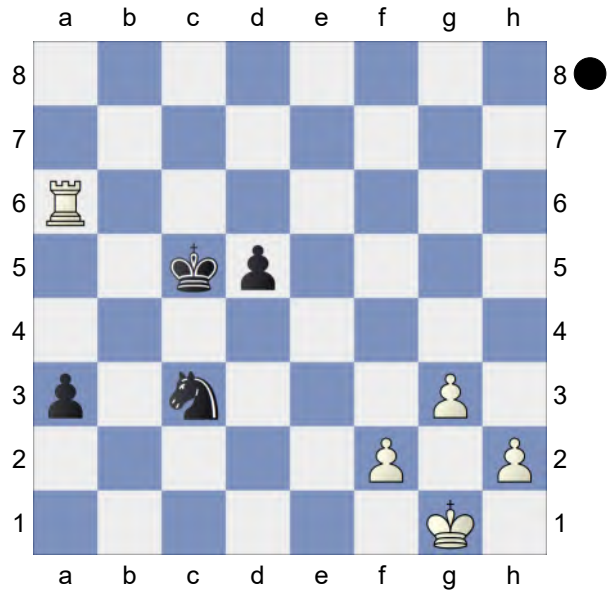


29.Rxe5! Remove Defender.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.38
1-0

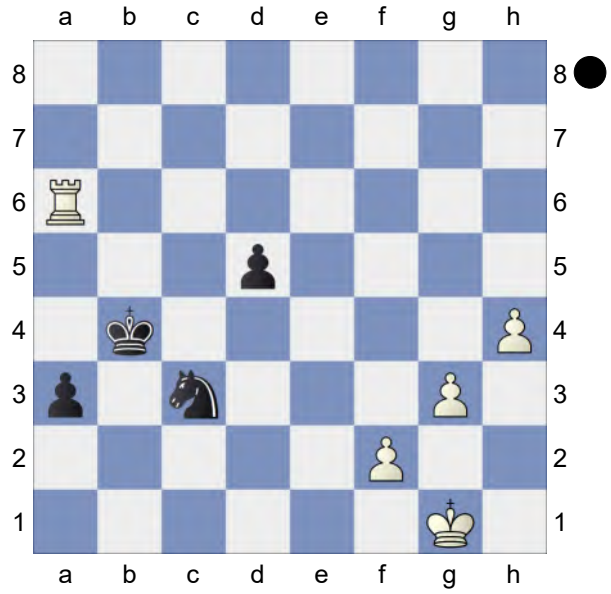
C02
□ **Dixit,Nikhil** 2361
■ **Sriansh Das** 2315
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.60) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 Bb5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.b4 Bxd3!
[8...Bxf2+ 9.Ke2±]
9.Qxd3 Bf8 10.0-0 Ne7 White is slightly better. **11.Na3 Nec6**
[11...Nbc6 12.Be3 Qd8 13.Bc5 Nf5 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Qd2 h5 16.b5 Na5 17.c4 Nxc4 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Qb4+ Qe7 20.Qxc4 g6 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 Kg7 23.Rfd1 Rhd8 24.Qf4 Rac8 25.h4 b6 26.a4 0-1 (58) Dauw,S (2215)-Harikrishnan,A (2437) Charleroi op 2023 (4)]
12.Be3N
[12.Nb5 Nd7 13.Bf4 Advance Qb6-Planning Bb5 ChessPub Guide 2019 h6 14.a3 a6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 0-0 17.c4 e5 18.Be3 d4 19.Bd2 Rae8 20.Rfe1 Re6 21.c5 Qd8 22.a4 Qf6 23.Qe4 Rc8 24.Rac1 Nd8 25.Qd5 g5 26.h3 Qg6 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 1-0 (53) Ernst,H (2705)-8.♕e2 ♗b4 9.0-0-0 (2642) Magyarorszag (ch) 28/641 1979 (10) e4 29.Qxd4 Qf5 30.Nh2 Rxc5 31.Bc3 f6 32.Ng4 Nf7 33.Ne3 Qg6 34.Bb4 Rxc1 35.Rxc1 Nfe5 36.Rc7 f5 37.Nd5 Qf7 38.Nb6 Kh7 39.Bc3 Kg6 40.Rxb7 Re8 41.Rc7 Rb8 42.Nxd7 Nxd7 43.b6 1-0 (53) Ernst,H (2705)-8. ♕e2 ♗b4 9.0-0-0 (2642) Magyarorszag (ch) 28/641 1979 (10)]
12...Qd8 13.Nc2 -0.03/23
[13.Rab1± 0.39/21]
13...Nd7= 14.Bf4 Be7 15.Rfe1 0-0 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.a3 Nb6 18.Ne3 Qc7 19.g3 -0.28/23
[⌓19.Qe2 0.22/20]
19...Rfd8 20.Ng4 Nc4 1.03/19
[20...Nb8!= -0.28/19 remains equal. 21.Rc1 Qc4]
21.Nf6+!± gxf6 1.96/16
[21...Bxf6± 0.90/23 22.exf6 Qd7]
22.exf6+- Discovered Attack **22...e5** 3.18/22
[22...Bd6? 23.Ng5 Kf8 24.Qxh7+- *(24.Nxh7+ Ke8+-)*]
[22...Qd7 1.86/18 is a better defense.]
23.fxe7 Qxe7 24.Qf5? 0.61/22
[White has to play 24.b5!+- 3.05/27]
24...Qe6!± 25.Qxe6 fxe6 26.Nxe5 N6xe5 27.Bxe5 Nxa3 28.Bd4! Re8 29.Re5 Nb5 1.87/22
[29...b6± 0.78/22 was called for.]
30.Rg5++- Kf8 31.Bc5+! Kf7 32.Rd3 Rxc5? 3.66/25
[32...Rh8± 1.45/20 was worth a try.]
33.Rf3+ Ke7 34.bxc5 Endgame. KRR-KRN **34...Kd7 35.Rg7+ Kc6 36.Rff7?** 0.40/27
[36.Rxh7+- 2.16/23 aiming for h4. Kxc5 37.Rxb7]
36...a5 0.79/25
[36...Rb8± 0.40/27]
37.Rxb7±
[37.Rxh7 a4 38.Rxb7 Kxc5=]
37...Ra8 38.Rb6+ 0.25/5
[38.Rge7!± 0.93/28]
38...Kxc5= 39.Rxe6 a4⇄ Black has counterplay **40.Rxh7** Black must now prevent h4. **40...a3** ...a2! would now be deadly. **41.Rhh6?** -4.25/29
[41.Re1!± 0.52/24 was the only good move.]
41...Nxc3-+ 42.Ra6 -5.43/21
[42.Re1 -3.84/20 was necessary. a2 43.Ra1]

42...Rxa6 43.Rxa6



Kb4 44.h4



Strongly threatening h5. **44...d4! 45.Kf1 Na4 46.Rc6 Nc3?** -0.07/26
[46...Kb3-+ -5.58/25 47.h5 d3]
47.Ra6? -4.56/25 A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.40. An unexpected result.
[But not 47.Rd6? a2 48.Rxd4+ *(48.Ra6? Na4-+)* 48...Kc5-+]
[47.Rb6+!= -0.07/26 Ka5 48.Rb3]
½-½

B63
□ **Nayak,Rajesh 2292**
■ **Wafa,Hamed 2359**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (6.61) 9.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B66: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 h6
Arsovic,Z: 'Inf 109/(126)' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 a6 9.Kb1** White is more active.
[9.f4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b5 11.Be2 Bb7 12.Bf3 0-0 13.e5 Bxf3 14.exf6 gxf6 15.gxf3 fxg5 16.Ne4 Rc8 17.h4 Qc7 18.Rd2 Qc4 19.Qxc4 Rxc4 20.hxg5 Kg7 21.b3 Rc7 22.Nxd6 Rc3 23.f5 Bxd6 Malakhov,V (2732)-Wang,H (272 (2724) Russia - 109/(126) 2010]
9...Nxd4 10.Qxd4 h6N
[10...b5 11.f3 0-0 *(11...Qc7 12.h4 h6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.g4 Bc6 15.Bh3 d5 16.g5 e5 17.Qd2 d4 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Bf2 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Rd8 21.Bc5 Bd7 22.Bxd7+ Rxd7 23.h5 Be7 24.Rxd7 Kxd7 25.Qd3+ Kc8 26.Bxe7* 0-1 (60) Marin,S (2258)-Georg,H (2107) Titled Tuesday intern op 09th May Late blitz 2023 (7)*)* 12.h4 Bb7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.g4 Ne5 16.Qf2 f6 17.Bc1 Qc7 18.a3 Bc6 19.g5 f5 20.exf5 Nxd3 21.Rxd3 Rxf5 22.Re1 Qd7 23.Qe2 Kf7 24.f4 a5 25.Re3 ½-½ (86) Rodshtein,M (2600)-Ivanchuk,V (2635) Jerusalem Masters rapid 2024 (2)]
[10...Qa5 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.f3 b5 13.g4 e5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Qxd5 Bb7 16.Ba5 Bxd5 17.Bxc7 Be6 18.Be2 Kd7 19.Ba5 ½-½ Mannion,S (2227)-Flasik,R (2122) Brno IM 11th 2022 (3)]
11.Bxf6 White is slightly better.

11...Bxf6 12.Qxd6 Qxd6 13.Rxd6 Bd7 14.Rd3 Bc6 15.f3 Ke7 Black has compensation. **16.Be2 h5 17.Rhd1 Be5** This pair of bishops is nice. **18.h3 g5 19.a3 Rac8 20.Rf1 Rcd8 21.Rxd8 Rxd8 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Nxd1=** Endgame. KBB-KBN **23...Bd4 24.c3 Bb6** White must now prevent ...Kd6. **25.b4 Kf6** Threatens to win with ...Ke5. **26.Nb2 g4 27.hxg4**

[27.fxg4 Bxe4+ 28.Kc1 hxg4 *(28...Bxg2 29.gxh5 Be3+ 30.Kd1=)* 29.hxg4 Be3+ *(29...Bxg2 30.Kd2∓)* 30.Kd1 Bxg2∓]

27...hxg4 28.Nd3 Bc7 29.Kc2

[29.fxg4 Bxe4 30.Bf1 Kg5∓]

29...Kg5 30.Nf2 g3 31.Nd3 f5 32.Nc5 Kf6 33.exf5 exf5 34.c4 Ke5 35.Kc3 Kf4 Hoping for ...Ke3. **36.Kd2 Ke5** Wards off Ne6 **37.Kc3 Kf4** Strongly threatening ...Ke3. **38.Kd3 Bd6?** 3.25/26

[38...Ke5= 0.05/27]

39.Ne6++- Ke5 40.Nd8 And now Nf7+ would win. **40...Kf4** 4.65/26

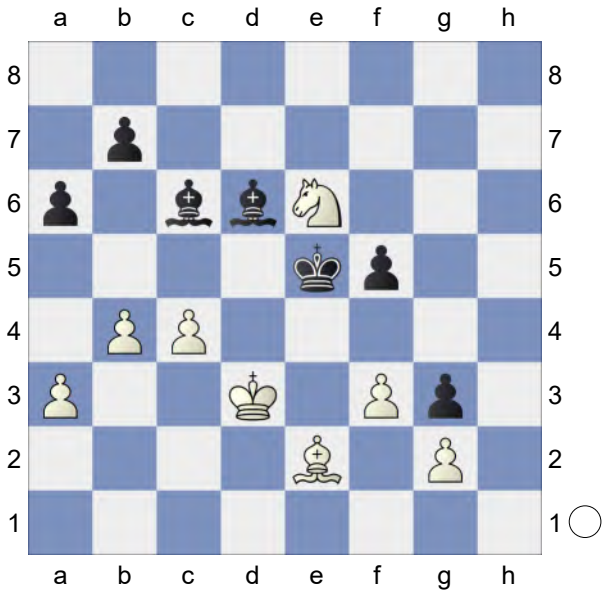
[⌓40...Bf8 3.12/23 41.Nxc6+ bxc6]

41.Ne6+? 0.28/5

[41.c5+- 4.65/26 Bb8 42.Nxc6 bxc6 43.Bd1]

41...Ke5=

(Diagram)



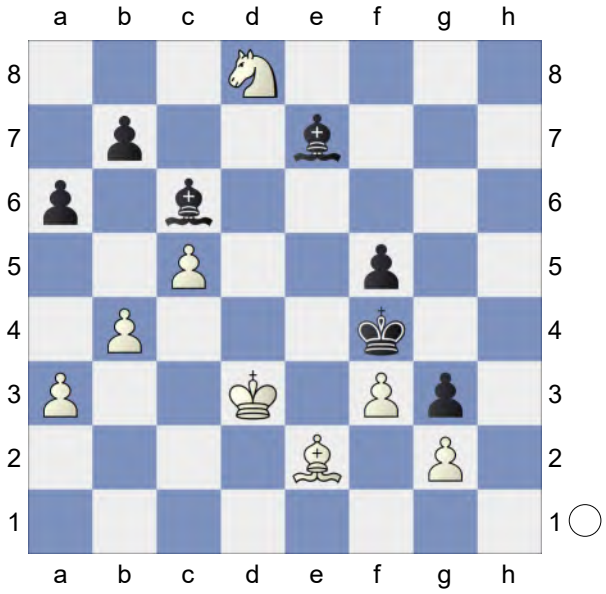
42.Nd8 aiming for Nf7+. **42...Kf4?** 4.44/21

[42...Bf8 2.62/25 43.Nxc6+ bxc6]

43.c5+- White is clearly winning. **43...Be7** 6.52/24

[⌓43...Bb5+ 4.44/23 44.Kd2 Bb8 45.Bxb5 *(45.Nxb7 Be8+-)* 45...axb5]

(Diagram)



44.Nxc6! bxc6 KB-KB **45.Kd2 a5 46.Ba6**

[46.bxa5 Bxc5 47.Bd1 Ke5±]

46...axb4 47.axb4 Ke5 48.Kd3 Bg5 49.Bb7 Kd5 50.Bc8 Bc1 51.Bxf5 Ba3 52.Kc3 Ke5 53.Be4 Kf4 54.Bxc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.40

1-0

B12
□ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
■ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
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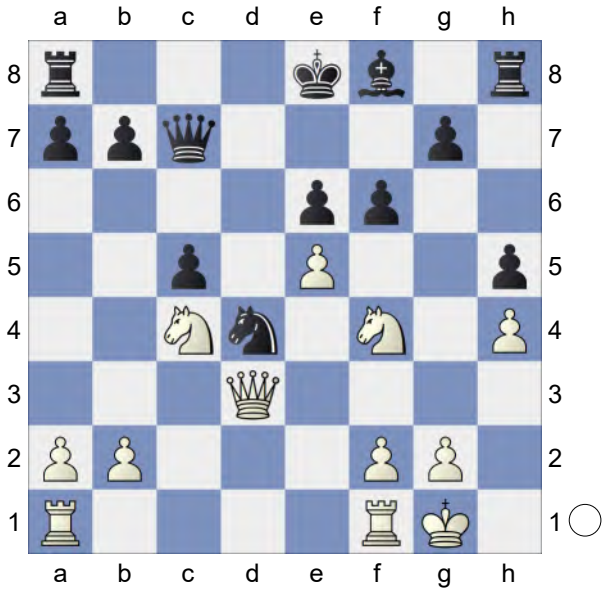
[Kitty Kat]

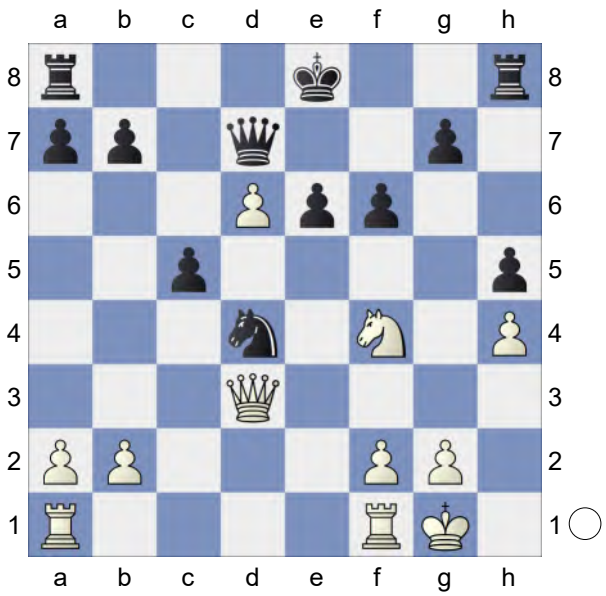
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bg5 Qb6! 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 e6 0.18/23
[Black should try 7...Qxb2∓ -1.23/21 8.Qb3 Qxb3 *(8...Qxa1? 9.Qxb7 Kd8 10.Nf3+-)* 9.axb3 Nd7]
8.Nd2= The position is equal. **8...Ne7** 0.83/21
[8...c5= 0.25/20]
9.Ne2
[9.Ngf3 Qa6 10.c4 Nf5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Qc3 Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.c5 b6 15.a4 bxc5 16.dxc5 Qc8 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Qc7 19.Nb3 Ng6 20.Rfe1 0-0 21.Rac1 f6 22.Nbd4 Nf4 23.Qc2 Nxe5 ½-½ (75) Sergeev (2720)-Perez Bartolome,A (2654) 85/422 Bled 2002 (4.1)]
9...c5N
[9...Nd7 10.0-0 *(10.c4 Qa6 11.b3 Nf5 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.Qxg3 dxc4 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Rfc1 c3 16.Rxc3 Bb4 17.Rd3 Bxd2 18.Rxd2 Nd5 19.Qf3 Rc8 20.Rc1 Rc7 21.Rc5 Rd7 22.Qe4 Qb6 23.Kh2 Qc7 24.Kh3 a6* 1-0 (56) Liu,A (2141)-Holis,H (2294) Vienna Wien 1922 (5.45) *)*
A) 10...c5 11.c3 Nf5 12.Nf3 Be7 *(12...Qa6 13.Qd2 Nb6 14.Ng3 Nc4 15.Qe2 Nxg3 16.fxg3 Rc8 17.Kh2 Rc7 18.Qf2 cxd4 19.cxd4 Na5 20.a3* Korneev,O (2481)-Korpa,B (2516) 156/(38) Hastings 2022 *)* 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Rab1 0-0-0 15.Nf4 Kb8 16.a4 g6 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.g3 Nf5 19.b3 Rhe8 20.Ng2 cxd4 21.cxd4 Qb4 22.Rec1 f6 23.Nf4 fxe5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.dxe5 0-1 (32) Seder,M (2116)-Ammar,S (2226) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (5.48);
B) 10...Nf5 11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qa6 13.Ng3 Nb6 14.b3 Nxg3 15.fxg3 Nxc4 16.bxc4 Be7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.a4 Rad8 19.Rf4 Rd7 20.Raf1 Ke8 21.Rxf7 Rxf7 22.Qg6 Qxc4 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Qxb7 1-0 (29) Nebolsina,V (2285)-Halldorsson,B (2110) Reykjavik op 2017 (4)]
10.c4 Nbc6 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.0-0 f6 14.Bf4 0.07/22
[14.Bd2± 0.45/20]
14...Nxf4 15.Nxf4 Nxd4



16.Nd6+! Bxd6 17.exd6 Qd7 0.45/21
[17...Qxd6= -0.18/24 18.Nxe6 Pin Kf7 *(18...Qxe6? 19.Rae1+-* Pin *)*]

(Diagram)

18.b4!± b6 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Qg6+! Kf8 21.Qe4! White has compensation.
[21.Nxh5? Rd8 22.Rab1 Rh6-+



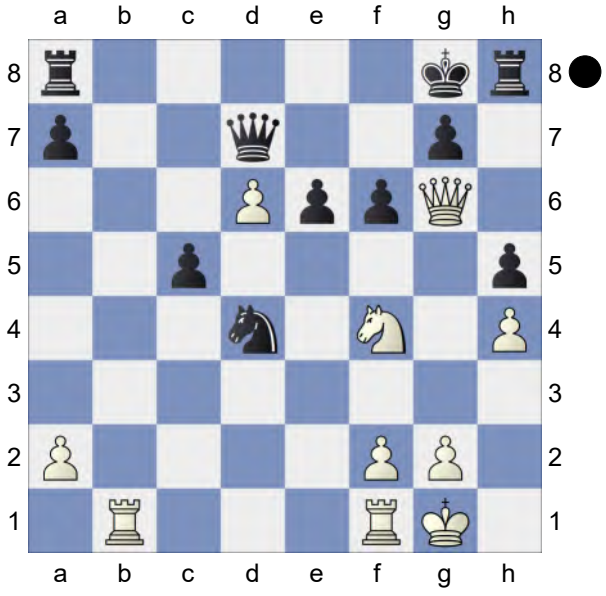
(22...Qxd6 23.Qxg7+ Ke8 24.Nxf6#)]

21...Kf7 22.Qg6+? -1.03/27

[22.Rab1± 0.63/24 Rhb8 *(22...Qxd6? too greedy. 23.Rb7+ Kg8 24.Qg6+-)* 23.Nxh5]

22...Kg8∓ Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **23.Rab1** -1.77/23

[23.Qe4∓ -0.90/24 Rd8 24.Kh1]



23...Rh6!-+ 24.Qe4 Rd8 25.Rb7 -2.10/24

[⌓25.Rfe1 -1.62/21]

25...Qxd6 And now ...f5 would win.

26.g3? -4.07/23

[26.Kh1 -2.35/23 might work better.]

26...e5 27.Ng2 -5.00/23

[27.Nh3 -3.34/19 keeps fighting.]

27...f5 Black is clearly winning. **28.Qb1 Qa6 29.Rb8 Rhd6** aiming for ...Nf3+. **30.Ne3 Nf3+ 31.Kg2 Nd2**

[31...Qc6 32.Kh3 Rxb8 33.Qxb8+ Kh7 34.Nc4-+]

32.Rxd8+ Rxd8 33.Qxf5 Nxf1

[Less strong is 33...Qxa2 34.Rc1∓]

34.Nxf1 KQR-KQN **34...Rd1 35.Nh2 Qc6+**

[35...Qxa2? 36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.Qf5+ Kg8 *(37...g6? 38.Qf6-+)* 38.Qc8+ Kh7 39.Qf5+ Kg8-+ *(39...g6 40.Qf6∓)*]

36.Nf3 c4 37.Kh2 c3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/ Black=0.21 (precise)

0-1

A45

□ **Garv,Rai** **2277**

■ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**

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[Kitty Kat]

A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4

[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ (44) Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim rapid 2020 (2.1)]

2...e6N

[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7

6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation 3]

3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 cxd4 5.exd4 b6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.c3 White is slightly better. **8...Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.a4 d6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Bh2 Rc8 13.Qe2 Qd7 14.Rfc1 Ncd5 15.Ne1 Rfd8 16.Nd3 Bf8 17.Nf3 h6 18.c4 Ne7 19.b4 Qb7 20.Nd2** -0.23/20

[⌓20.b5 0.26/19]

20...Nf5= 21.Nb3 Rd7 0.48/19

[21...a6= -0.17/22]

22.b5± Nh4 23.f3 Nf5 24.Qf2 Re8 25.a5 Rdd8 26.Ra2 0.44/20

[26.Nd2± 0.84/20]

26...g6 1.03/20

[26...e5± 0.44/20]

27.Rca1 0.22/22

[27.g4± 1.03/20 Ne7 28.h4]

27...Qc8= 28.Rc2 -0.38/21

[28.Rc1!± 0.52/20]

28...Bg7 0.93/19

[28...e5!∓ -0.38/21 keeps the upper hand.]

29.Nb4± Ne7 30.axb6 axb6 31.Ra6 Qb7 32.Rca2 Qc8 33.Qe2↑ 0.64/20 White is pushing.

[33.Rxb6? Qxc4 34.Bxd6 *(34.Nc6? Qxb3 35.Rb2 Qd1+ 36.Qf1 Qxf1+ 37.Kxf1 Nfd5-+)* 34...Rxd6-+ *(34...Qxb3? 35.Bxe7-+)*]

[White should play 33.Qf1± 1.03/20]

33...e5!± 34.d5

[34.Rxb6 exd4 35.Qf1 *(35.Nxd4? Qc5-+; 35.Bxd6? Nf5-+* Discovered Attack*; 35.Rxd6? Rxd6 36.Bxd6 Nf5-+)* 35...Nf5=]

34...Qf5 2.07/19

[34...e4± 0.94/19 35.fxe4 *(35.Rxb6 exf3 36.Qd3 Nf5∓)* 35...Nxe4]

35.Nd2+-

[35.Rxb6? Qb1+ 36.Kf2 e4-+ *(36...Qxb3? 37.Nc6-+)*]

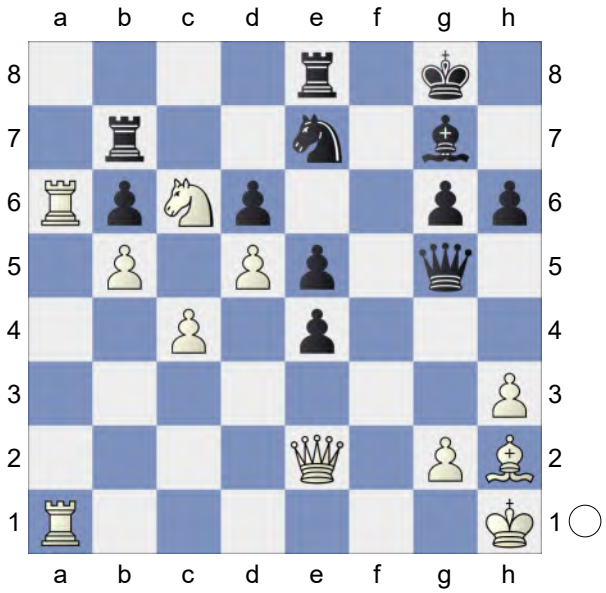
35...Rb8 2.25/21

[⌓35...Qg5 1.76/20 36.Qe1 *(36.Rxb6 h5+-)* 36...Rc8]

36.Ne4 Nxe4 37.fxe4 Qg5 38.Ra1 1.51/24

[White should try 38.Qe1+- 2.55/23]

38...f5 39.Nc6 Rb7 40.Kh1 fxe4



41.Nxe7+

[41.Qxe4 Nf5±]

41...Qxe7 42.Qxe4 Kh7 43.Bg1 Qc7 44.h4 0.94/21

[⌓44.R1a3 1.38/19]

44...h5±

(Diagram)

45.g4! hxg4 46.h5 White has more active pieces.

[46.Qxg4 e4 47.h5 Qf7±]

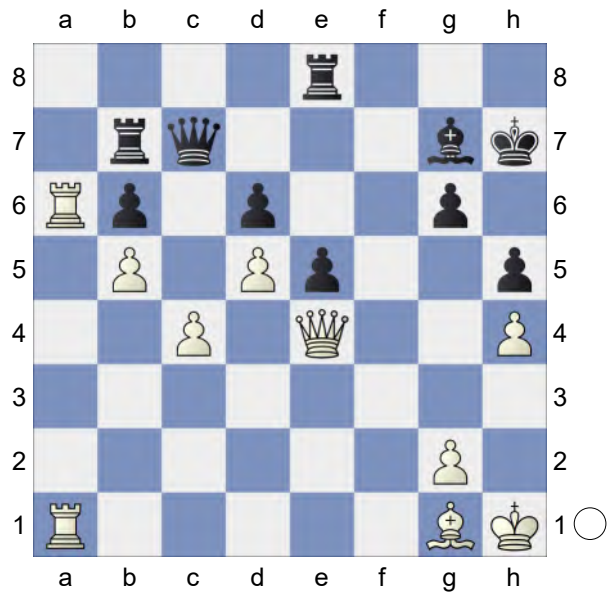
46...Qf7 Threatens to win with ...Qf3+.

47.Qxg6+ -0.01/18

[47.Qxg4 e4±]

[47.Rxb6± 1.24/24 Rxb6 48.Bxb6]

47...Qxg6= 48.hxg6+ Kxg6 aiming for ...e4. **49.Rxb6 Rxb6 50.Bxb6±** Endgame. KRB-KRB **50...e4 51.Rb1 e3 52.Kg2 Bc3** ...e2 is the strong



threat. **53.c5?** -1.92/30
[53.Bc7= 0.00/29]
53...Bd4? -0.01/25
[Better is 53...e2-+ -1.92/30 54.cxd6 e1Q *(54...e1B? 55.d7+-)* 55.Rxe1 Rxe1 *(55...Bxe1 56.d7±)*]
54.Bc7= The position is equal. **54...Bxc5**
And now ...e2 would win. **55.b6 e2 56.b7 Ba7**
[56...e1R? loses. 57.Rxe1 *(57.b8Q Rxb8 58.Rxb8 Rg1+ 59.Kh2 Kf5∓)* 57...Rxe1 58.b8Q+- *(58.b8B Re2+ 59.Kg3 Kf5-+)*]
57.Re1 Bb8 58.Bxb8 Rxb8 59.Rxe2 Rxb7 KR-KR **60.Re6+ Kf5 61.Rxd6 Rb2+ 62.Kg3 Rb3+ 63.Kg2 Rb2+**
White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

A14
□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
■ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
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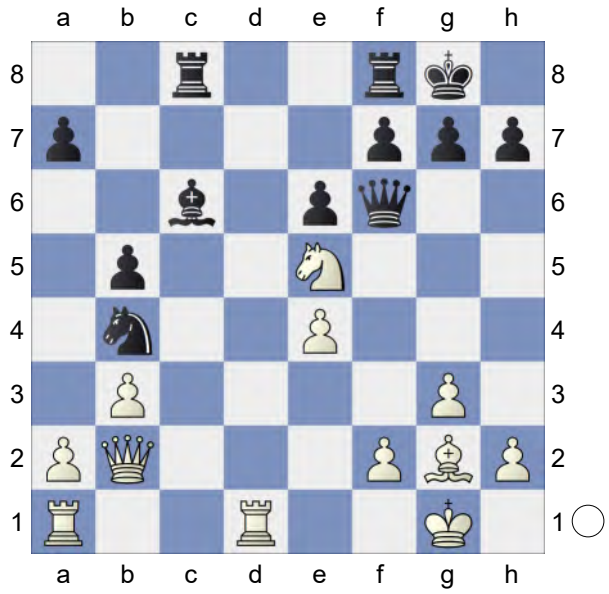
[Kitty Kat]

A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White
1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.Na3
[11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Rc8 13.Rc1 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bf6 15.Qd3 Bxc3 16.Rxc3 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 Qb6 18.Rc1 h6 19.Qe5 Bc6 20.Bxc6 Rc8 21.Rc4 bxc6 22.Rg4 g5 23.Qf6 Qd8 24.Qxh6 f6 25.h4 1-0 8.b3 a6 9.Bb2 (2615)-Pires,A (2741) GER CupT final 2004 (9.3)]
11...Nxd4N
[11...Ndb4 12.Nc4 Bf6 13.Ne3 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bc6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Bxc6 Nxc6 17.Qd7 Qe7 18.Qxe7 Nxe7 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rac1 Nc6 21.Nc4 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Nxd8 24.f4 Nc6 25.Kf2 Kf8 26.e4 ^ -^ (46) Deschamps,Q (2617)-10. ♗f6 ♗f6 11.c3 00 12 ♘ (2499) 2000 (1) Ke7 27.Ke3 b5 28.Nd2 f6 29.a3 Kd6 30.Kd3 a5 31.g4 e5 32.f5 Kc5 33.h4 h6 34.Nf3 Kd6 35.g5 hxg5 36.hxg5 Kc5 37.g6 Kd6 38.Kc3 Kc5 39.Nh2 b4+ 40.axb4+ axb4+ 41.Kd3 ½-½ (46) Deschamps,Q (2617)-10. ♗f6 ♗f6 11.c3 00 12 ♘c (2499) 2000 (1)]
[11...Bf6 12.Nc4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bb5 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.a4 Ba6 16.e3 b6 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.Bxf6 Qxd1 19.Rfxd1 gxf6 20.Rd7 Bxc4 21.bxc4 a6 22.Ra7 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.c5 Ra8 25.Rb7 Rfb8 26.c6 (43) Beating

Qgd-Reti into Neo Catalan 6...c5]
12.Qxd4 Bf6 The position is equal. **13.Qd2 Bc6 14.Nc4 Bxb2 15.Qxb2 b5 16.Ne5 Rc8 17.Rfd1** Black must now prevent e4. **17...Qf6! 18.e4 Nb4** 1.01/21
[Black should play 18...Nb6!± 0.41/22]



19.a3!↑ Keeping Black busy. **19...Nc2** 1.47/22 **20.Rac1**
[20.Qxc2?! Qxe5 21.Rac1 Bb7=]
20...Nxa3 3.51/22 This move loses the game for Black.
[20...Bb7± 1.37/21 keeps fighting.]
21.f4+-
[21.Rxc6? Rxc6 22.Qxa3 Qxe5-+]
21...b4 22.Qd2
[22.Rxc6? loses. Rxc6 23.Qd2 Rcc8-+]
22...Ba8 23.Qxb4 Nc2 24.Qd2 Na3 25.Nd7 Qd8 26.Rxc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.52
[26.Nxf8 Qxd2 Remove Defender 27.Rxd2 Rxc1+ 28.Kf2 Rc8= *(28...Kxf8 29.Rd8+ Ke7 30.Rxa8=)*]
1-0

E60
□ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
■ **Socko,Monika** **2402**
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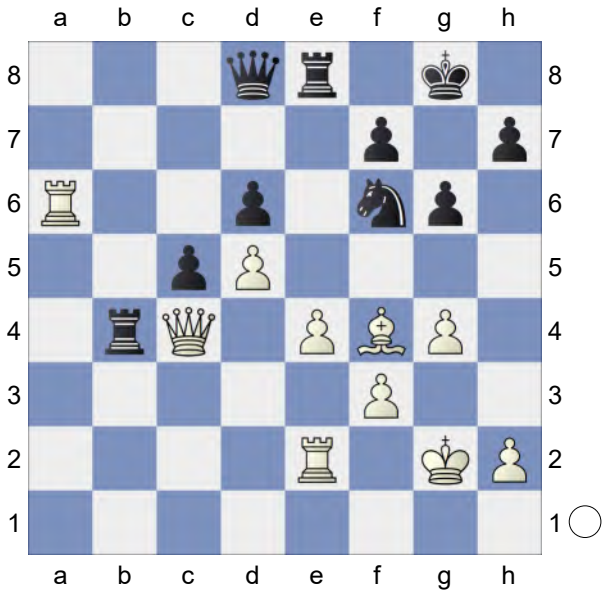
[Kitty Kat]

E61: King's Indian: Early deviations for White, including Smyslov System
A fine spot indeed for the knight and with such moves as Qd2, Rac1 and Bf4 on the way, it's hard to find too much compensation for Black. **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.d4N**
[3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 dxc4 *(5...c6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.Rb1 e5 9.Qc2 Re8 10.e3 Nb6 11.b4 Bf5 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bg4 14.Bb2 Qc7 15.h3 Bd7 16.c5 Nc8 17.Nc4 b5 18.Ncxe5 Be6 19.a3 a5 20.Ng5* 1-0 (28) 9.♖e1 ♗f5 10.♕b3 70113 (2353)-Robson,R (2074) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (6)*)* 6.Na3 Be6 7.Ng5 Bd5 8.e4 Bc6 9.Nxc4 h6 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.Ne5+ Kg8 12.Nxg6 Nbd7 13.d4 Bxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Qd3 Nef6 16.Qb3+ Kh7 17.Qc2 Re8 0-1 (42) Kavakul,M (2764)-Ciocaltea,V (2708) B32) 11.Nd2 2011 (7)]
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 e5 5.Nxe5 0-0 6.Nf3 Re8 7.d3 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 c5 10.Be2 Nb4 11.Bg5 Qd6 12.a3 N4a6 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Nb5 4b) Anti-Grunfeld: 3...Bg7 4.-Anti-Grunfeld: 4...e5: 5...O- Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
[3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 c5 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxg7 Kxg7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Qc2 Na6 11.Qb2 Kg8 12.Nc3 Qa5 13.Rfc1 Rb8 14.a3 Be6 15.Rab1 Rfc8 16.b4 Qd8 17.b5 Nc7 ½-½ Marchal,N (2330)-Balsh Balshan,A (2305) 119/126 Kilkenny

2013 (9)]
3...Bg7 4.e3 c5 5.d5 0-0 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be2 exd5 8.cxd5 d6 White is slightly better. **9.Nd2 Na6 10.e4 Nc7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Re1 Rb8 13.a4 a6 14.a5 Bd7 15.f3 Nb5** 0.60/19
[15...Bb5!= 0.21/22]
16.Nc4± Nh5 1.10/21
[16...Nxc3± 0.64/18 was preferrable. 17.bxc3 Bb5]
17.g4!± Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Nf6
[18...Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bxc3 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2]
19.Bf4 0.27/21
[19.Qc2± 1.33/22]
19...Bxc3= 20.bxc3 Nxc3 21.Qc2 Nxe2 22.Rxe2
[22.Qxe2 Nxd5 23.Bxd6 Rc8-+]
22...Bb5 23.Ra3 -0.07/26
[23.Bxd6? Bxc4 24.Qxc4 Qxd6-+]
[23.Rb1± 0.31/22]
23...Bxc4 24.Qxc4 b5 25.axb6 Rxb6 26.Rxa6 -0.42/20
[26.Bg5± 0.40/21]
26...Rb1+? 1.96/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[26...Nxd5!∓ -0.42/20 27.Rxb6 *(27.exd5 Rb4-+* Skewer *)* 27...Nxb6]
27.Kg2+- Rb4 3.16/23
[⌓27...Rb6 2.00/17 28.Rxb6 Qxb6]

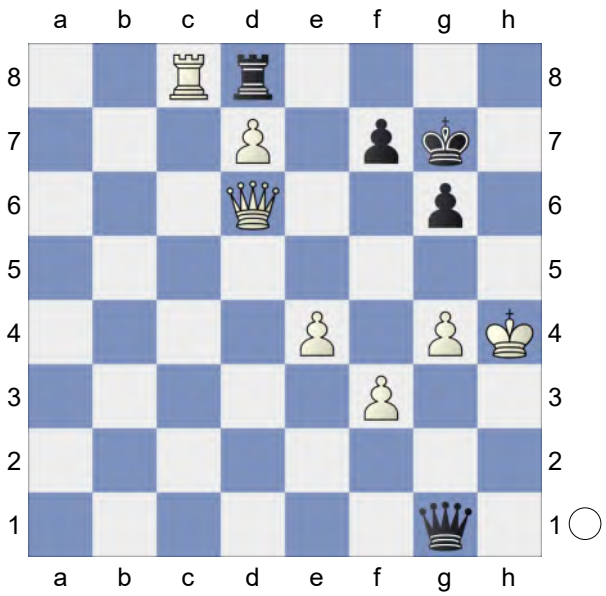
(Diagram)

28.Qa2!
[28.Qc3? Nxd5 29.Qd2 Rd4∓]
28...Rb6 29.Rb2 Nd7 30.Bxd6 Rxa6 31.Qxa6 h5 32.h3 And now Qc6 would win. **32...hxg4?** 4.26/23
[32...Qf6 2.32/19 33.Rf2 Rd8]
33.hxg4 Qf6 34.Ra2 Ne5 35.Bxe5
[35.Bxc5? perishes. Qxf3+ 36.Kg1 Qg3+ *(36...Qxg4+? 37.Rg2-+; 36...Qxe4? 37.Qa4-+; 36...Nxg4? 37.Qa3-+)* 37.Kf1 Rb8-+ *(37...Nxg4? 38.Ra3-+; 37...Qxg4? 38.Qb5-+)*]
35...Qxe5 Endgame. KQR-KQR **36.Qc6 Kg7 37.Qxc5 Rh8 38.Qg1** Dodges Rh2+ **38...Rc8 39.Rd2 Rc4** 6.99/20 Wards off Qd4
[39...Qf4 2.82/20 40.Qd4+ f6]
40.d6 Threatens to win with d7. **40...Qf4 41.Qf2** d7 would now be deadly. **41...Rc8 42.d7 Rd8 43.Rd5 Qc7 44.Qd4+ Kg8 45.Qd2 Qb7 46.Rd6 Qb5 47.Qd3 Qb2+ 48.Kg3 Qc1 49.Qd1 Qe3 50.Rc6** Rc8 is the strong threat. **50...Kf8 51.Qd6+ Kg8 52.Rc8 Qg1+ 53.Kh4** White mates. **53...Kg7**



(Diagram)

54.Kg5!
[Not 54.Rxd8 Qh1+ 55.Kg3 Qg1+ 56.Kh4 *(56.Kh3 Qf1+ 57.Kh2 Qf2+ 58.Kh3 Qf1+ 59.Kg3 Qg1+ 60.Kh3 Qf1+=)* 56...Qh1+ 57.Kg3 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Qf1+ 59.Kh2 Qf2+ 60.Kh3 Qf1+ 61.Kh2 Qf2+ 62.Kh3 Qf1+=]
54...Qa1 55.e5
[Stronger than 55.Rxd8 f6+ 56.Kh4



Qe1+ 57.Kh3 Qf1+ 58.Kg3 Qg1+ 59.Kh3 Qf1+ 60.Kg3 Qg1+ 61.Kh3 Qf1+=]

55...Kh7 56.Qf6 Double Attack **56...Qa2 57.f4 Qd5 58.Rxd8 Qxe5+ 59.Qxe5 f6+ 60.Kxf6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.51

1-0

E92

□ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
■ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
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[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 a5

[7...Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh6 11.d5 Nd7 12.Nd2 f5 13.f3 Nf6 14.h3 c5 15.Bf2 f4 16.Rb1 b6 17.b4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 Nd7 19.a4 Nc5 20.a5 Bd7 21.axb6 axb6 22.Nb3 (25) Grankin,F (2727)- ♘d7 10.d4 (2717) Latvia ch-20A 1997-8]

[7...Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Ne8 10.c5 f5 11.f3 dxc5 12.Bxc5 Nd6 13.Qb3 b6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.0-0-0 a5 16.a4 Qe8 17.Nc4 Nec8 18.Kb1 Kh8 19.Rc1 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Nd6 21.Bb5 fxe4 22.Bxd7 0-1 (36) Bosman,M (2404)-Fabian (2269) EUCup f Ljubljana 1995 (6)]

8.0-0N

[8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nd5 Na6 11.0-0-0 Re8 12.c5 Nxd5 13.exd5 e4 14.Nd2 Nb4 15.Nc4 Nxa2+ 16.Kb1 Nb4 17.d6 E 92/09 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]

8...Bg4 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxd1 White is better. **11.Bxd1**

[Much worse is 11.Raxd1 Bxe2 12.Nxe2 Re8∓]

11...Bxd1 12.Raxd1 Re8 1.31/24

[⌓12...Nxe4 0.78/20 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Nxe4 Bxb2]

13.Nf3 0.29/22

[13.f4± 1.31/24]

13...Na6!= 14.Nd2 Ng4 15.Bf4 Ne5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Ndb1 Nc5 18.f3 a4 19.g3 c6 20.Rd2 Kf8 21.Rfd1 Ra6 22.Rc1 Rb6 Black has compensation. **23.Nd1 Bf6 24.Ndc3** -0.50/25

[24.h4= -0.04/23 deserves consideration.]

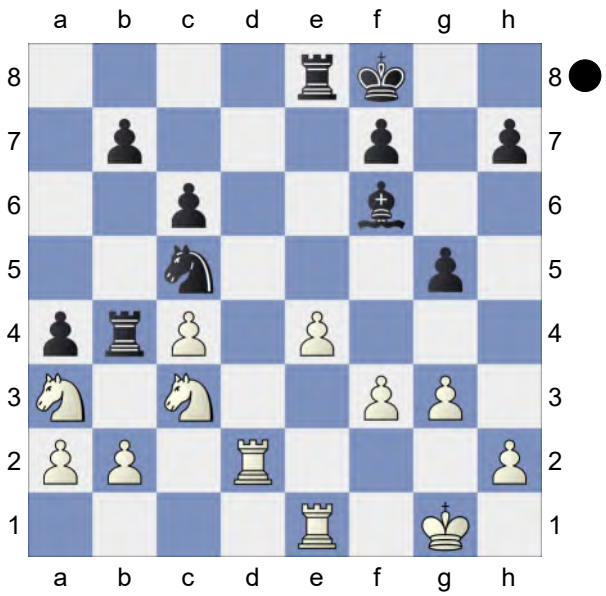
24...Rb4 25.Na3 g5 26.Re1? -3.19/22

[26.Rcd1∓ -0.39/22]

(Diagram)

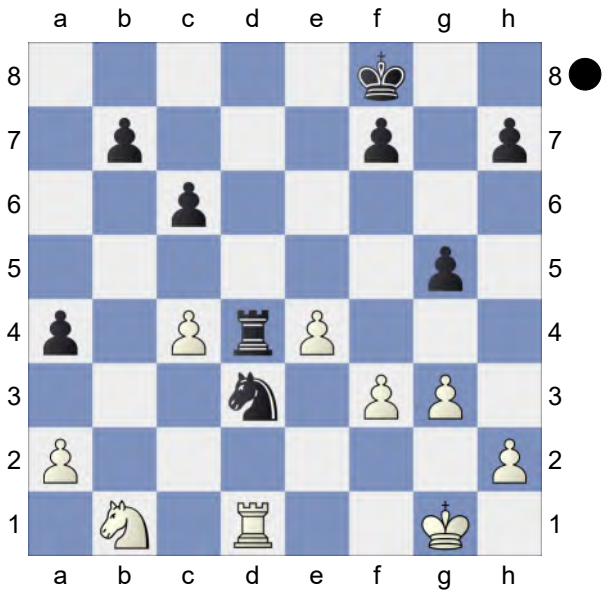
This move loses the game for White.

26...Rxb2!!-+ Decoy **27.Rxb2** Black must now prevent Rc2. **27...Bxc3 28.Rbb1 Bxe1 29.Rxe1** Endgame. KRN-KRN **29...Rd8 30.Nb1 Rd4 31.Rc1 Nd3**



[Not 31...g4 32.fxg4 Rxe4 *(32...Nxe4? 33.Kf1-+)* 33.Nd2-+]

32.Rd1



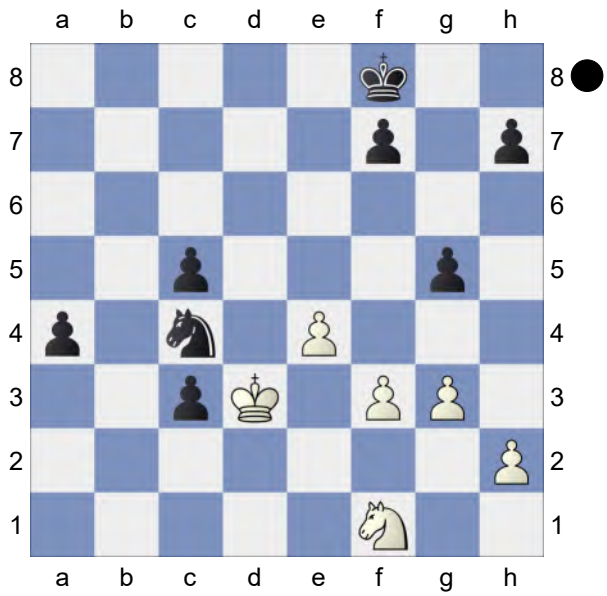
Rxc4 Black is clearly winning. **33.a3**

[33.Rxd3 Rc1+]

33...Nb2 34.Rf1 b5 35.Kf2 c5 36.Ke3 Rc2 37.Nd2 b4 38.Ra1 Rc3+ 39.Ke2 Rxa3 40.Rc1 Rc3 41.Rxc3 bxc3 42.Nf1 Nc4 43.Kd3

(Diagram)

a3!



Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.07 (flawless)

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B14

□ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**

■ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**

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[Kitty Kat]

B14: Caro-Kann: Panov-Botvinnik Attack with 5...e6 and 5...g6

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6

[5...Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e6 10.Qxb7 Nxd4 11.Bb5+ Nxb5 12.Qc6+ Ke7 13.Qxb5 Qd7 14.Nxd5+ Qxd5 15.Bg5+ f6 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.Be3 Ke6 18.0-0-0 Bb4 19.Kb1 Rhd8 20.Rd3 0-1 (64) Gratze,M (2585)-12. Bb2 b6 13.Rad1 Ne7 (2465) 39/89 Reggio Emilia 1984 (5)]

[5...Be6 6.Nge2 dxc4 7.Nf4 Bg4 8.f3 Bd7 9.Bxc4 e6 10.d5 e5 11.Nd3 Bd6 12.Be3 0-0 13.0-0 Na6 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.fxe4

b5 17.Bb3 Qh4 18.Nf2 Nc5 Oeoca,E-N,N Malmoe (m/2) 35/54 1983]

6.Nf3 Bb4N

[6...Be7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb5+ Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 a6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Ne5 Bb7 13.Ne4 Qc7 14.Nd3 Rfd8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nf6 17.Qa4 Rd5 18.Nec5 Bxc5 19.Nxc5 Qb6 20.Ba5 Qa7 21.Re3 ½-½ (42) Loewenton-Brodowski,P Wattens op 15th 2000 (4) Nd7 22.Qb4 Nxc5 23.dxc5 Bc8 24.Bb6 Qd7 25.Qc3 Bb7 26.h3 Re8 27.Rae1 Re7 28.Ba5 Qe8 29.f4 f6 30.Qc4 Kh8 31.Bc3 Bc8 32.Qe2 Qf7 33.b4 Re8 34.Qc4 Red8 35.a4 Qc7 36.Re4 ½-½ (42) Lejeune,J-Roos,D FRA-ch 52th Le Touquet 1977 (4)]

7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2 Be7 0.37/23

[11...Nxd4= -0.28/19 12.Nxd4 Qxd4]

12.Rac1 -0.06/16

[12.Ne4!± 0.37/23]

12...Nxd4= 13.Nxd4 Qxd4 14.Nb5 The position is equal. **14...Qd8** 0.25/22

[Black should play 14...Qg4∓ -0.34/20]

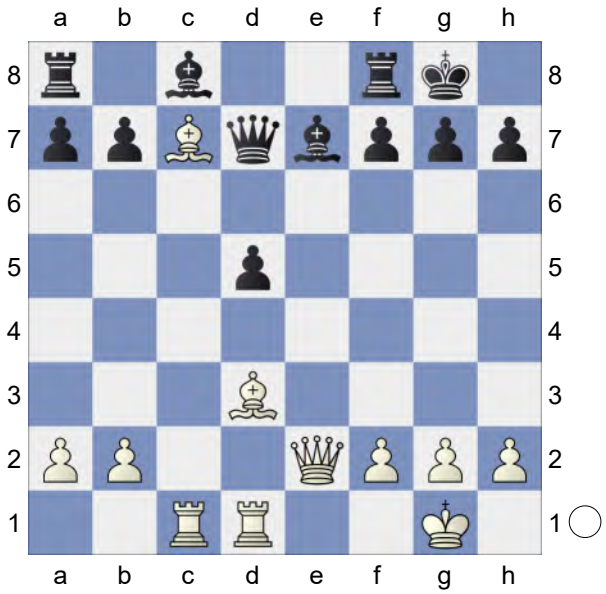
15.Nc7 Rb8 16.Rfd1! Nd5 Inhibits Bf4. **17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bf4 Ra8 19.Bc7 Qd7**

(Diagram)

20.Be4! Pin **20...d4**

[20...Bg5 21.Rxd5]

21.Be5 Qe6 22.Bxd4 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.b3 Black is weak on the light squares **24...Rb8 25.Qf3 Qb6 26.Rd2 Be6 27.Rdc2 a5 28.h3 Qb5 29.Rc5 Qb4 30.Bf5** Threatens to win with Bxe6. **30...b6 31.Rc7→** White is up to no good. **31...Bxf5 32.Qxf5 Rbe8 33.R1c4 Qd6 34.Qf4 Qd1+**



[34...Re6 simplifies 35.Qxd6 Rxd6 36.R7c6 Rd1+]

35.Kh2 g6 36.Rd4 Qe2 37.Rd6 Re5 38.Rf6

[Much weaker is 38.Rxb6 Rf5 39.Qg3 Qxa2=]

38...Re7 1.54/25

[Better is 38...Qe4!± 0.35/25]

39.Rxe7±

[Stronger than 39.Rxb6 Rxc7 40.Qxc7 Qxa2=]

39...Qxe7 40.Rxb6 Endgame. KQR-KQR **40...Qa3** 1.95/20

[40...Rc8± 1.46/22 was necessary. 41.Rb5 a4]

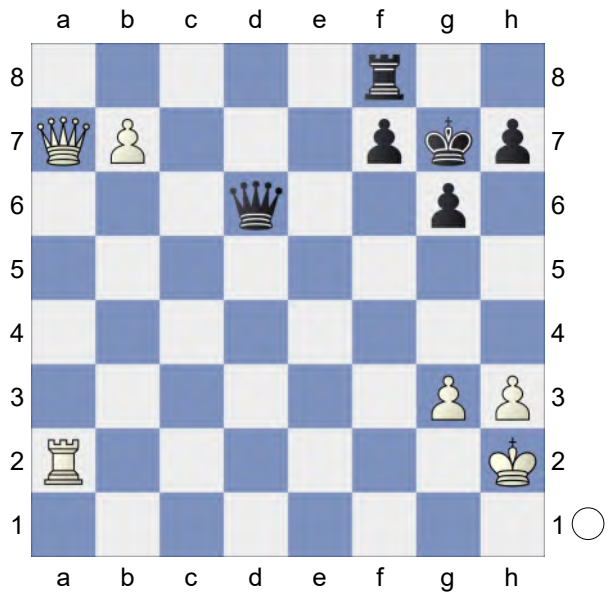
41.Ra6? 0.01/22

[41.Qd2+- 1.95/20]

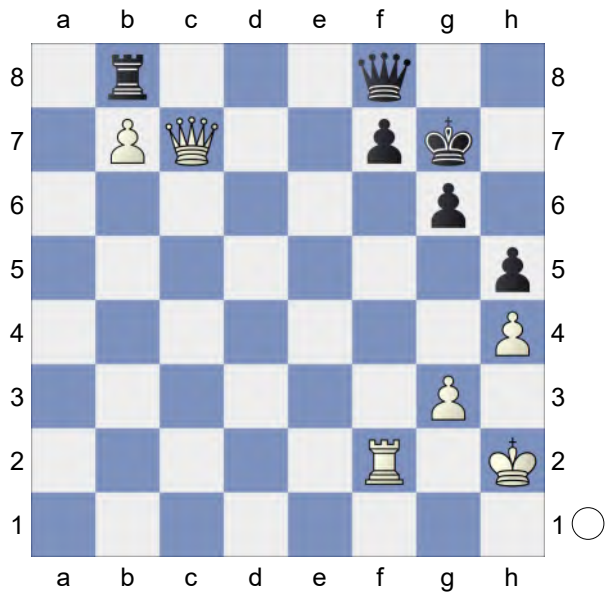
41...Qxa2= 42.b4 a4 43.b5 a3 44.b6 Hoping for Qd6. **44...Qb2 45.Qc7 a2 46.Qa7 Qxf2** ...Qf4+ is the strong threat. **47.Rxa2 Qf4+ 48.g3 Qd6 49.b7** Qf2 would now be deadly. **49...Kg7?** 2.08/29

[49...Qc7= 0.02/26 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)



50.Qe3? 0.10/23
[50.Qf2!+- 2.08/29 Rb8 51.Qf3]
50...Rb8 51.Qc3+ Qf6 52.Qc7
[52.Qb2 simplifies Qxb2+ 53.Rxb2 Kf6 54.g4]
52...Qe6! 53.Rf2 Qe8 54.h4 next h5! is good for White. **54...h5**
55.Ra2 Qe6 56.Rb2
[56.Rg2!? Qe8□ 57.Rb2±]
56...Qe8 57.Rf2 Qf8? 4.16/22
[57...Kg8!= 0.02/25]



58.Kg1? 0.13/23
[58.Re2!+- 4.16/22]
58...Re8? 6.09/26
[58...Qe8= 0.13/23]
59.Rf1 Rd8 60.Qe5+ Kg8 6.21/26
[⌓60...Kh7 3.94/20 61.g4 Qg7]
61.Rc1+- White is clearly winning.
61...Qb4 62.Rc8 Qb6+ 63.Qc5 Qb1+ 64.Kh2 Qa2+ 65.Qc2 Active counter play! **65...Qxc2+ 66.Rxc2** Black must now prevent Rc8. **66...Kg7 67.Rc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.47
1-0

B41
□ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
■ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
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[Kitty Kat]

B41: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 c4
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.a3 b6 8.f4 d6 9.Bd3 Be7N
[9...Bb7 10.f5 Nc6 *(10...e5 11.Nc2 Nbd7 12.Nb4 Be7 13.0-0 Nc5 14.Nbd5 Qd8 15.Nxe7 Kxe7 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 b5 18.b4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 bxc4 20.Qxc4 Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Rhc8 22.Nd5+ Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qb5 24.Qd2 Rc4 25.Rfe1* 1-0 (49) Wafa,H (2368)-Miezis,N (2417) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (5.28)*)* 11.Be3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Qf3 Kan Sicilian-6...Qc7 7.a3 b6 #1 Lifetime Repertoires: Giri's 1. e4 - 2023]
[9...g6 10.Be3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Bb7 13.b4 Nbd7 14.Nb3 Rac8 15.Qe2 Qb8 16.a4 Ba8 17.Kh1 Rfe8 18.Bd2 h5 19.h3 Rc7 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Nh7 22.Rxf7

Kxf7 23.Bxg6+ Kxg6 24.Qd3+ 1-0 (32) Esipenko,A (2720)-Abdusattorov,N (2646) 150/19 Riga 2021]

10.f5 0.34/27
[10.Be3± 0.87/24]

10...0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.g4 -0.52/20
[13.fxe6± 0.31/21 fxe6 14.Be3]

13...d5 -0.01/22
[13...Nd7∓ -0.52/20]

14.exd5= exd5 15.Qf3 Qc5+ 1.00/22
[15...Bb7= 0.00/23 16.cxd5 Qd7 *(16...Nxd5 17.Be4=)*]

16.Be3± d4 17.b4 0.42/24
[Better is 17.g5!± 1.02/22 b4 would now be deadly. Bd6 *(17...dxe3 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Qxa8±)* 18.gxf6 *(18.Qxa8 Ng4±)*]

17...Qd6 18.Ne4 -0.30/21
[18.Qxa8 dxc3 19.Rad1 *(19.Be2 Bxf5 20.Qg2 Bg6∓)* 19...Nxg4±]
[18.Bf4± 0.72/23 Qd8 19.Ne4 *(19.Qxa8 dxc3 20.Rad1 Qd4+ 21.Kg2 c2±)*]

18...Nxe4 1.02/20
[18...Qd7!= -0.30/21 19.Bf2 Bb7]

19.Bxe4 Ra7 1.24/25 Black is weak on the light squares
[Black should play 19...dxe3 0.86/23 20.Bxa8 Bg5]

20.Rad1 0.84/19
[⌓20.Bf4 1.24/25 Qd8 21.Bb8]

20...Bf6 21.g5 0.47/19
[21.Bd5± 0.97/20]

21...Be5± 22.f6 g6 Wards off Qh5

23.Bf4 Hoping for Bxe5. **23...Be6**

24.Bxe5 Remove Defender **24...Qxe5**

25.Qf4 Qxf4 26.Rxf4 Bxc4 0.93/21
[26...h6± 0.49/24 feels stronger.]

27.Rxd4± Bb5 28.Rd6 0.42/23 White is much more active.
[28.h4± 1.05/21]

28...Rc7 29.Bd5 Prevents Rc4. **29...h6 30.h4**
[30.Rxb6 Rd8 31.Rd4 Rcd7 *(31...hxg5? 32.Bxf7+* Discovered Attack *Kxf7 33.Rxd8+-)* 32.Bxf7+ Kxf7 33.Rxd7+ Bxd7 *(33...Rxd7 34.gxh6 Kg8 35.a4∓)* 34.gxh6 Be6∓]

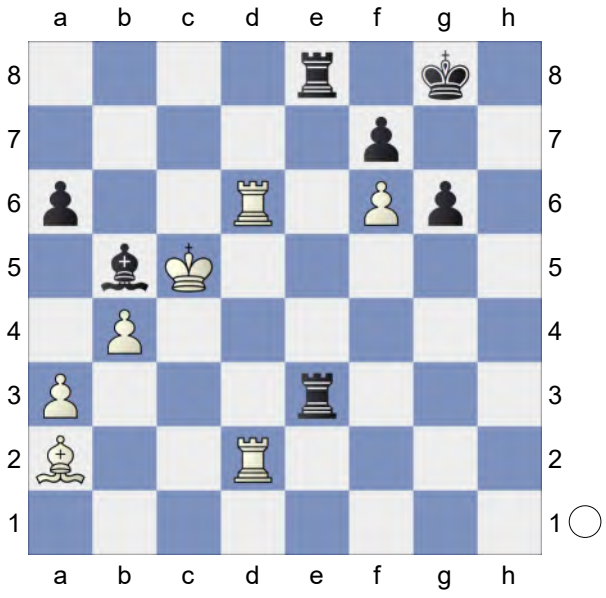
30...hxg5 31.hxg5 Rc3! 32.Rf3 Rc1+ 33.Kg2 Re8 Prevents Re3. **34.Rxb6** 0.00/27
[34.Kh2± 0.63/25]

34...Re2+= 35.Rf2 Re5 36.Rd2
[36.Rb8+ Kh7 37.Rxb5 *(37.Bxf7?* loses. *Bc6+ 38.Kh2 Rxg5-+)* 37...Rxg5+ *(37...axb5 38.Bxf7 Rxg5+ 39.Kh2∓)* 38.Kh2 axb5 39.Bxf7 Rc8]

36...Rxg5+ 37.Kf2 Re5 38.Kg3 Rg5+ 39.Kf4 Intending Rb8+ and mate.

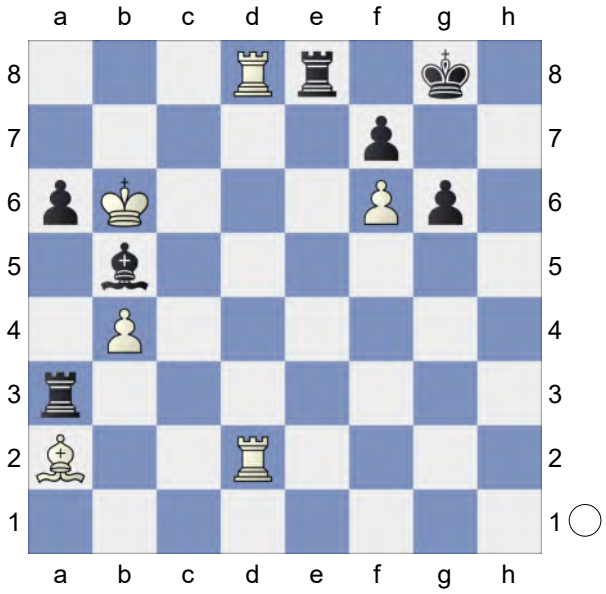
39...Rf5+ 40.Ke3 Rc3+ 41.Kd4 Rc8 Dodges Rb8 **42.Rd6 Rf4+ 43.Ke5 Rh4 44.Ba2** aiming for Rd8+. **44...Re8+ 45.Kd5 Rhe4?** 1.98/28
[45...Rc8= 0.00/33]

46.Kc5+- Re3



47.Rd8? 0.04/29
[47.Rg2!± 1.58/20]

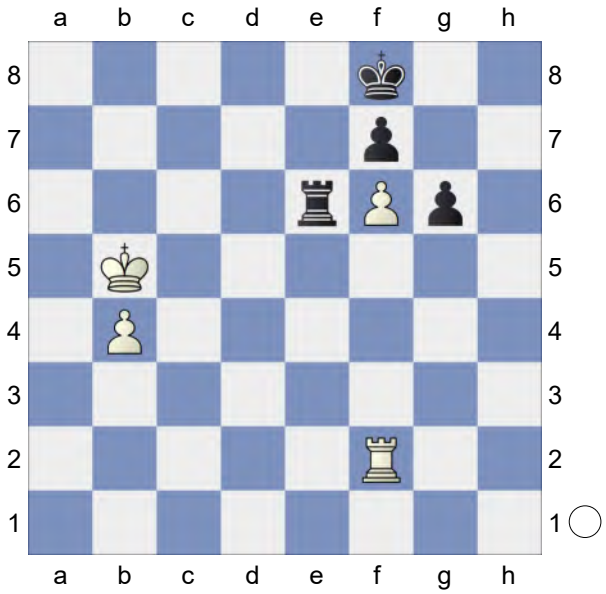
47...Rc3+
[47...Rxa3 simplifies 48.Rxe8+ Bxe8 49.Bc4 Rf3]
48.Kb6 Rxa3



49.Bc4! Deflection **49...Rae3 50.Bxb5 axb5 51.Rxe8+ Rxe8 52.Kxb5=** Endgame. KR-KR **52...Re6** 4.72/24
Black is now going downhill.
[Black should try 52...Rb8+± 0.33/20 53.Ka5 Ra8+ 54.Kb6 Rb8+ 55.Ka5 Ra8+ 56.Kb6 Rb8+ 57.Ka5]
53.Rf2? 0.07/24
[53.Ka5+- 4.72/24 Rxf6 54.b5]
53...Kf8? 4.27/31
[53...g5= 0.07/24 and Black stays safe.]

(Diagram)

54.Ka5!+- Ke8 55.b5 Black must now prevent b6. **55...Kd7 56.b6 Kc8** 6.91/24
[⌓56...Re1 4.28/25 57.Rd2+ Kc6]
57.Ka6 Re1 58.Rc2+ Kb8 59.Rc7 Ra1+ 60.Kb5 Rb1+ 61.Kc6 Rc1+ 62.Kd6 Rb1 63.Rxf7 Rxb6+ 64.Ke7 Strongly threatening Kf8. **64...Rb7+**



65.Kf8 Rb1 66.Kg7 Kc8 67.Ra7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.50
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C50
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar** **2241**
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[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
source: "Emanuel Lasker", v3, The Chess Player 1976, p72. ref : "Krefelder Zeitung" **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 d6 7.c3N**
[7.a4 a6 8.Nbd2 Ba7 9.c3 0-0 10.b4 g5 11.Bg3 Kg7 12.Qe2 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ng6 15.0-0 Re8 16.Bb3 c5 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.Qc4 Nh8 19.e5 Nh5 20.N4f3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 g4 0-1 (25) Zhao,J (2619)-Lou,Y (2485) CHN-chT Div-A Rapid 2022 (8.1)]
[7.0-0 a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3

Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 0-1 (34) Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3)]

[7.h3 a6 *(7...Bd7 8.Nc3 Na5 9.Qd2 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Bb4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.a3 Ba5 13.b4 Bb6 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Rd1 Be6 16.Qc3 Bxd5 17.cxd5 Qf6 18.a4 a5 19.b5 Qg6 20.0-0 Qxe4 21.Qb3 0-0 22.c4* 0-1 (41) Kalashikov 5.Nb5 d6 6.Be3 #3-Syre,C 72/360 Nederland 1998 (5)*; 7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.0-0 Qe7 10.c4 0-0-0 11.a3 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.Nxg5 Rdg8 14.Nf3 Qg7 15.Ne1 Rh6 16.Qf3 Nd4 17.Qd1 Rg6 18.Nd2 h4 19.Bh2 Rxg2+ 20.Kh1 Nc2 21.Qxc2 Bxf2 22.Ndf3* 0-1 (44) Beger-Lasker,E GER Crefeld sim 1913 *)* 8.a3 Be6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Kg7 13.c3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng8 15.Qg3 f6 16.Be3+ Kf7 17.Qh4 Ke7 18.b4 Ba7 19.b5 axb5 20.Bxb5 Qe8 21.Bxa7 Rxa7 0-1 (32) Vujica,B (1839)-Aydemir,U (1953) Busovaca op 1st 2024 (4)]

7...0-0 0.33/25

[7...a5= -0.12/20]

8.Nbd2± a6 9.0-0 Bb6 0.53/23

[9...g5= 0.13/24 is superior. 10.Bg3 Ba7]

10.a4 Be6 11.b4 Qe7 12.Qb3 0.16/23

[12.Re1± 0.57/22]

12...g5 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.a5 Ba7 15.b5 axb5 16.Qxb5 -0.42/18

[16.Bxe6!= 0.18/21 fxe6 *(16...Qxe6 17.Qxb5 Nxg3 18.hxg3=)* 17.Qxb5]

16...Nxg3 0.13/20

[16...Bd7∓ -0.42/18]

17.hxg3= Bd7 18.Qb2

[18.Qxb7 Rfb8 19.Qxc7 Nd8 20.Bxf7+ Nxf7∓]

18...h5 19.Bd5

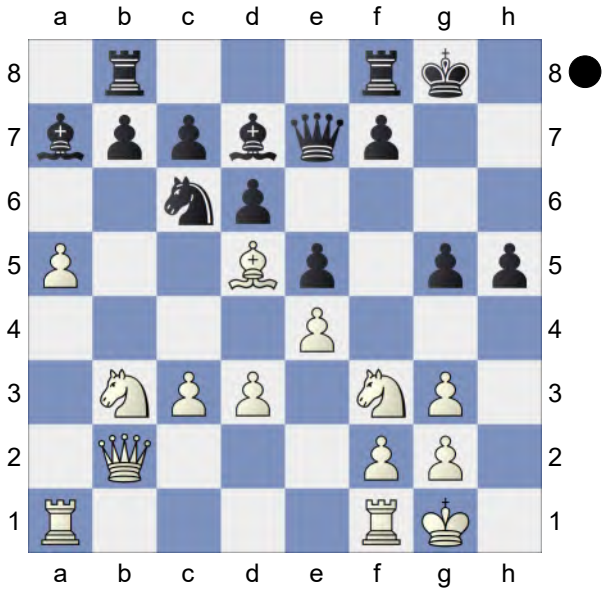
[19.Qxb7 Rfb8 20.Qxc7 Nd8 21.Bxf7+ Nxf7-+]

19...Rab8 0.40/22

[19...h4= -0.22/22 20.gxh4 *(20.Qxb7 Rfb8∓)* 20...g4]

20.Nb3 -0.78/20

[20.Nc4± 0.40/22]



20...Kg7!∓ 21.Qd2 f6 22.d4 Nd8 23.Rfe1 Nf7 0.00/21

[23...Rh8∓ -0.49/23]

24.a6= b5 25.Na5 Qe8 0.58/17

[25...Nd8= 0.22/20 might be stronger.]

26.c4± Hoping for cxb5. **26...bxc4** 0.90/19

[26...h4± 0.49/20 should be considered.]

27.Bxc4 -0.39/19

[White should play 27.Nxc4± 0.90/19 Rec1 is the strong threat. h4 28.gxh4]

27...g4? 1.20/22

[27...h4!∓ -0.39/19]

28.Nh4± White has more active pieces.
28...Bxd4 29.Rac1 0.49/20
[Better is 29.Rab1± 1.08/21]
29...Rb2± **30.Rc2** Chess con chili.
30...Qb8 1.14/22
[⌓30...Rxc2 0.72/25 31.Qxc2 Qa8]
31.Rxb2 0.00/28
[White should try 31.Nc6± 1.14/22 Rxc2 32.Qxc2 Bxc6 33.Nf5+ Kh7 34.Nxd4 exd4 35.e5+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kh6 36.Bxf7 *(36.exf6 Ng5∓)* 36...Rxf7 37.e6 *(37.Qxc6 dxe5 38.Rxe5 d3+-)*]
31...Qxb2= 32.Qxb2 Bxb2 This pair of bishops is nice. **33.Bd5 Bc3 34.Rb1** a7! would now be deadly. **34...Bd4** 3.07/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[34...Bxa5∓ -0.36/27 stays ahead. 35.a7 Bb6]
35.Rb7+- Bc8 4.66/23
[⌓35...Rc8 3.00/21 36.Nc6 Bxc6 37.Bxc6 Nd8]
36.Nc6 White is clearly winning.
[36.Nf5+ Bxf5 37.exf5 Rc8]
36...Bb6 7.03/23
[Avoid the trap 36...Bxb7? 37.Nf5+ *(37.axb7 Nh6+-)* 37...Kh7 38.axb7]
[⌓36...f5 4.57/21 37.Rb8 *(37.Nxf5+ Bxf5 38.exf5 Bb6+-; 37.Rxc7 Bxa6 38.Ne7 fxe4+-)* 37...Bc5]

(Diagram)

37.Rxb6! cxb6 38.a7 Be6 39.Nb8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.41
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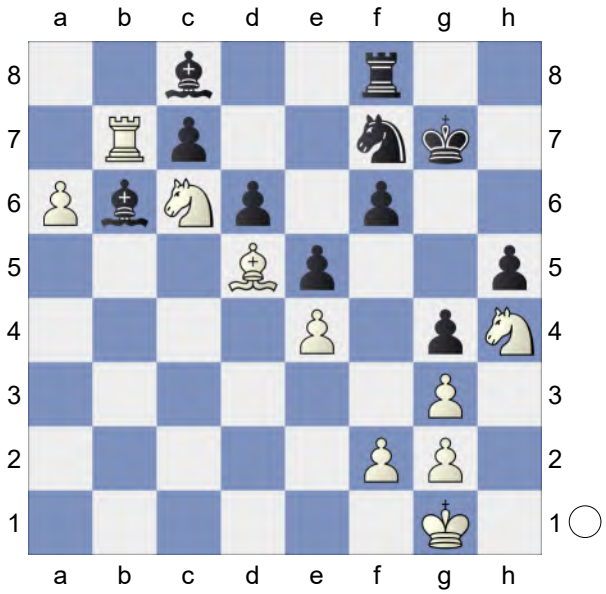

B51
□ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
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[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 (35) By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]
3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.0-0 a6 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.c3 b5 7.a4 b4 8.Bc2 White is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.Re1 Qc7 10.d3 bxc3 11.bxc3 g6 12.Nbd2 Bg7 13.a5 0-0 14.d4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rac8 16.Bd3 e5! 17.dxe5 Ng4 18.Rb1** next exd6 is good for White.

[Wrong is 18.exd6? Qc5 19.Ba3 Qxf2+ *(19...Qxa5?* too greedy. *20.Nc4+-)* 20.Kh1 Qa7-+]

18...Ngxe5 The position is equal. **19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Bf1 d5 21.h3 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Rfd8** Wards off Nd6 **23.Qb3 Bxe4 24.Rxe4** White wants to play Bg5. **24...Rb8 25.Rb4 Nc6 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Qc2 Rxb1**

[27...Qxa5? is the wrong capture. 28.Rxb8+ Nxb8 29.Qc8+ Bf8 30.Qxb8+-]

28.Qxb1 Nxa5 29.Be3 Qb7 30.Qxb7 Nxb7 31.Bxa6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

B95

□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**

■ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**

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[Kitty Kat]

B95: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6, unusual White 7th moves

B95: Défense sicilienne (variante Najdorf avec 6...e6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qf3 h6 8.Bd2N

[8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 *(9...Be7 10.Be2 Ne5 11.Qe3 Nfg4 12.Bxg4 Nxg4 13.Qe2 Bxh4 14.Qxg4 Qg5+ 15.Qxg5 Bxg5+ 16.Kb1 Bd7 17.Rd3 Ke7 18.Rhd1 Rad8 19.Nb3 Bc6 20.Na5 Bf6 21.f3 g5 22.a3 h5 23.Na2 Be5 24.Nb4* 1-0 (42) Cao,S (2545)-Acs,P (2545) Hongrie (54eme championnat) 2004 (4)*; 9...Ne5 10.Qe2 g5 11.f4 gxf4 12.Nf3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Ng6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.e5 Nxe5 16.Ne4 Qg7 17.Nxd6+ Bxd6 18.Qxd6 f6 19.Nxe5 fxe5 20.Bc4 0-0-0 21.Rd2 Qf7 22.Qxe5 Rhf8 23.Rhd1 Qf6 24.Qc5+* 1-0 (27) Felicio,C-Argomaniz,R CADAP VII zt sf1 8385 1983*)* 10.Be2 Be7 11.Qe3 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.f4 Rc8 14.g4 Qb6 15.Qh3 Rxc3 16.Qxc3 Nxe4 17.Qe1 g5 18.Bf3 Ndc5 19.fxg5 hxg5 20.Bg3 Bf6 21.Kb1 d5 22.Rf1 Bg7 1-0 (52) B223 Dxe6-Kerouredan,N (zt) 20/146 Pula 1975]

[8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 *(9.h3 Qc7 10.a4 Be7 11.Qg3 Ne5 12.Be2 Bd7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.0-0-0 0-0 16.e5 Ne8 17.Nf3 Qc7* 6.Bg5-7.Qf3-N,N*)* 9...Qc7 10.a4 Ne5 11.Qg3 Nc4 12.Bxc4 Qxc4 13.f3

Rb8 14.a5 Bd7 15.Nb3 Rc8 16.Rd1 e5 17.Rd2 Be6 18.Rd3 Qc7 19.Bb6 Qc6 20.Nd2 Nh5 21.Qf2 Nf4 22.Re3 Be7 0-1 (48) McKenzie,M (1968)-Trautner,A (2153) CUB corr Cuba 1993 (2.4)]

8...Qb6 9.Nb3 Qc7 White has an edge. **10.0-0-0** -0.24/23

[10.a4± 0.33/21]

10...Nc6 11.Qg3 b5 12.Re1 -0.46/22

[12.Bd3= -0.10/21]

12...Bb7 0.21/19

[Black should play 12...h5∓ -0.46/22]

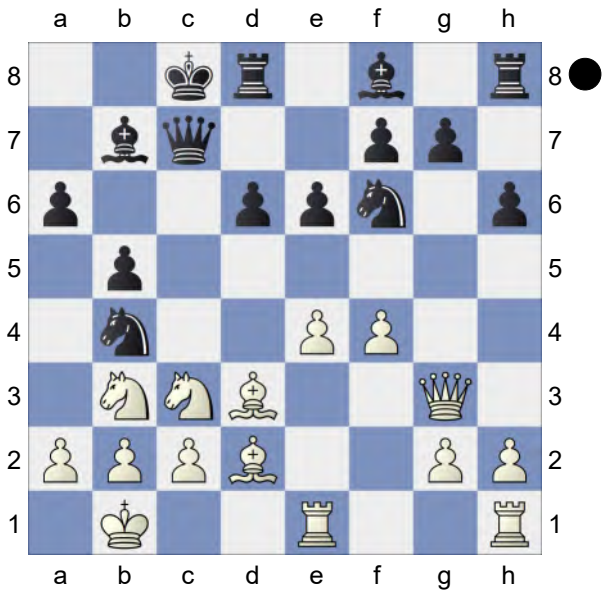
13.f4= 0-0-0 0.66/22

[13...g6= 0.19/23]

14.Bd3 Nb4 1.20/22 White now steadily converts the win.

[14...Nd7± 0.64/20]

15.Kb1±



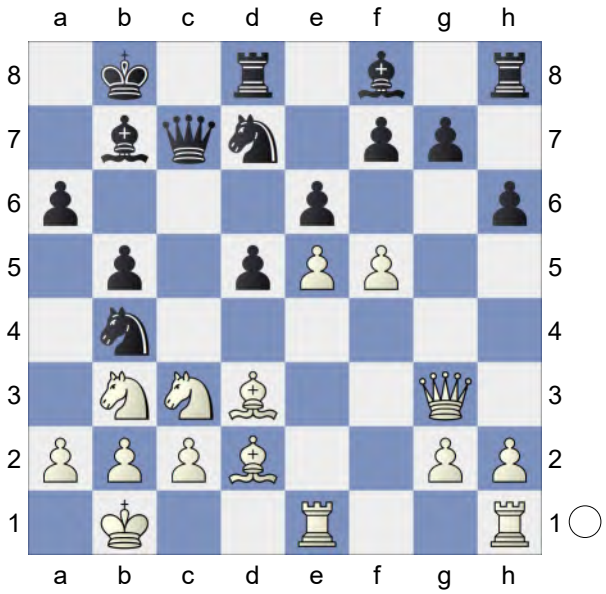
Strongly threatening Nxb5! **15...d5** 1.48/20

[⌓15...Nc6 1.04/18]

16.e5↑ Keeping Black busy. **16...Nd7 17.f5 Kb8** 2.65/20

[17...d4± 1.60/21]

(Diagram)



18.fxe6!+- fxe6 19.Rhf1 Nxd3 20.cxd3 Nxb5! would now be deadly. **20...Nc5 21.Nd4 b4 22.Nce2** Threatens to win with Rc1! **22...Qb6 23.Rc1** aiming for Be3. **23...a5 24.Rf7** Be3 is the strong threat. White is much more active. **24...Rc8** 2.29/19

[⌓24...g5 1.68/20]

25.Qg6 h5 26.Be3 Black must now prevent Nb3. **26...a4** 3.18/18

[⌓26...Qa6 2.10/18 27.Nf4 Rh6]

27.Nf4 Qa6? 4.57/21

[27...a3 2.70/20 is a better defense. 28.Nb3 *(28.Nxh5 axb2 29.Rc2 Qa6∓; 28.Ndxe6? b3-+; 28.Nfxe6 Ba6±)* 28...axb2]

28.Ndxe6 Excellent horsemanship.

[Don't do 28.Nfxe6 b3 29.Nxf8 Rcxf8 30.Qxa6 *(30.Rxg7 Qxg6* Remove Defender *31.Rxg6 Nxd3±; 30.Qxg7 Rc8+-; 30.Rxb7+ Kxb7 31.Qxg7+ Ka8+-)* 30...Nxa6]

28...d4 29.Bxd4 Nxe6 30.Qxe6 Rxc1+ 31.Kxc1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.45

1-0

B22

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**
■ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
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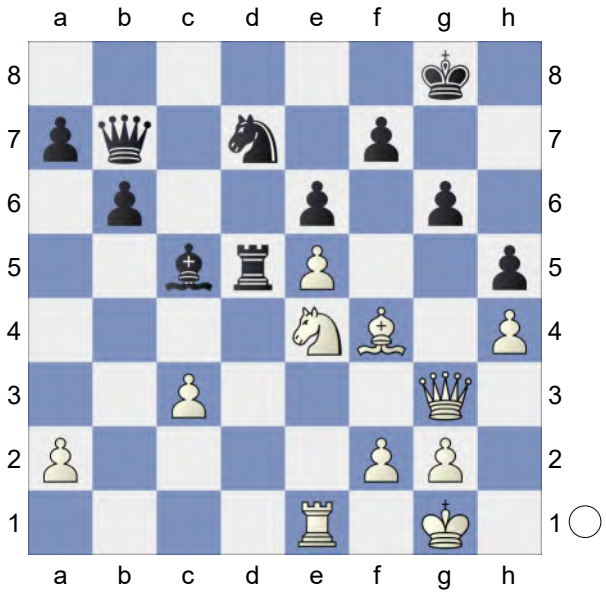
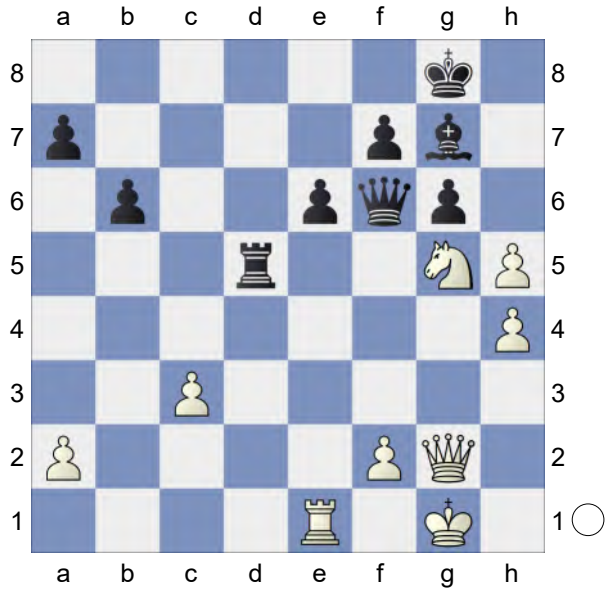
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bc4 dxe5
[7...Nb6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 dxe5 10.dxe5 Nb4 11.Be4 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bd7 13.Nc3 Bc6 14.Bxc6+ Nxc6 15.Nb5 Nd5 16.Rxd5 exd5 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Be7 19.Bg5 Rxa8 20.Rd1 h6 21.Bxe7 Nxe7 22.Nd4 ½-½ (34) Vidit,S (2724)-Maghsoodloo,P (2720) Tata Steel India Rapid 2022 (1)]
8.dxe5 b6N
[8...Bb4+ 9.Nbd2 *(9.Bd2 0-0 10.Bxb4 Nxb4 11.Nc3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Nc2+ 13.Qxc2 Qxc4 14.Ng5 Qh4 15.Nce4 Nc6 16.g3 Qh6 17.f4 Qg6 18.0-0 f6 19.exf6 gxf6 20.Nf3 Nb4 21.Qc4 a5 22.Rae1 b5 23.Qb3 Nd5* 1-0 (65) Magrin-Merkulov EU/FSM/29 corr ICCF 1990*)* 9...Nb6 *(9...0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qe2 Nf4 12.Qe4 Ng6 13.Bd3 Bxd2 14.Bxd2 Ncxe5 15.Nxe5 f5 16.Qe2 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Qxd3 18.Bb4 Re8 19.Bc3 Qd7 20.Rad1 Qf7 21.Rd3 Kh8 22.Rfd1 h6 23.h4 Kh7 24.Rg3* ½-½ (53) Pedmanson,A (2535)-Rios,E Bled/Portoroz 27/526 1979 (4)*)* 10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Bc6 12.a3 Be7 13.Qc2 N8d7 14.Ne4 Rc8 15.Qb1 Nc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Rd1 Nd5 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.b4 Ba4 21.Rc1 0-0 22.Bc4 Qd8 23.Qe4 1-0 (41) Ajay,S (2184)-Mohd,T (1496) Asia-ch U20 Jamshedpur 2023 (4)]
9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 White is slightly better. **10...Bc5 11.Rd1 0-0! 12.Bd3** Bxh7+! is the strong threat. **12...Nd7 13.Ng5** -0.55/23
[13.Nc3= 0.04/22 Nxc3 14.bxc3]
13...g6 0.18/19
[13...h6∓ -0.55/23 14.Qe4 f5 15.exf6 N5xf6 16.Qxe6+ *(16.Qxb7 hxg5 17.Nc3 Ng4=)* 16...Kh8 17.Nf7+ Rxf7 18.Qxf7 Ng4]
14.Nc3= Nxc3 15.bxc3 Black must now prevent Bb5. **15...Qc7! 16.Bf4 Rfd8** 0.13/22
[16...Nf6∓ -0.31/22]
17.Qg4 Nf8
[17...Nxe5? 18.Qh3 Bxf2+ 19.Kh1+-]
18.h4 Rd7 19.Be4 Rad8 20.Rxd7 Rxd7 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Re1 Ne4 would now be deadly. **22...h5 23.Qg3 Rd5** 0.53/22
[Black should try 23...Qd5= 0.03/23]
24.Ne4± Hoping for Nf6+. **24...Nd7** 1.09/19
[24...Be7± 0.41/23]

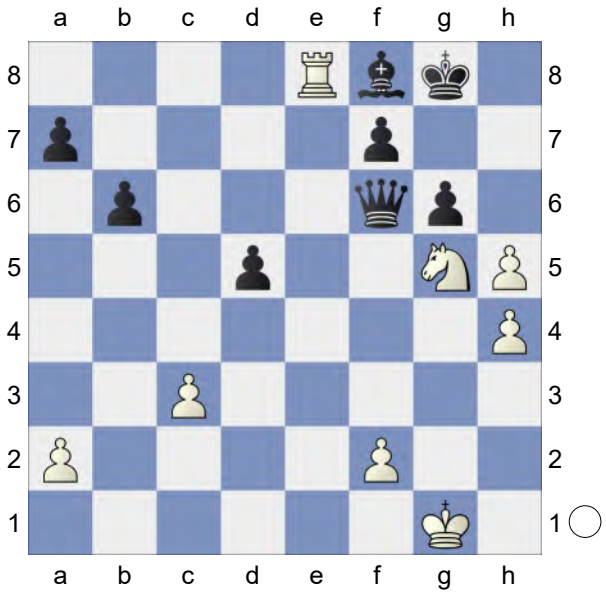


25.Qg5!± Threatens to win with Qd8+. White is more active. **25...Bf8** 2.51/23
[25...Qb8± 1.28/24 was necessary.]

26.g4 Bg7 27.gxh5? 0.08/18
[White should play 27.Nd6+- 2.65/22 Qc6 28.Qe7 *(28.gxh5 Qxc3 29.Rc1 Qf3=)* 28...Rxd6 29.exd6]
27...Nxe5= 28.Bxe5 Remove Defender
28...Bxe5 29.Qg4
[29.hxg6 Bh2+ 30.Kxh2 Rxg5 31.gxf7+ Qxf7 32.hxg5 Qf4+ 33.Kg2 Qg4+ 34.Kh2 Kg7]
29...Bg7 30.Qg2 Strongly threatening c4.
[30.hxg6? f5 31.Qg2 fxe4 32.Qxe4 Bxc3-+]
30...Qe7!
[30...gxh5? loses. 31.Nf6+ Kf8 32.Qxd5 *(32.Nxd5 Qxd5 33.Qxd5 exd5+-)* 32...Qxd5 33.Nxd5 exd5 34.Rd1+-]
31.Ng5 Qf6? 6.75/21
[31...gxh5? too greedy. 32.Qxd5 Bh6 33.Qf5 exf5 34.Rxe7+-]
[31...Bf6= -0.12/26 32.Qxd5 exd5 33.Rxe7 Bxe7]



This move loses the game for Black.
32.Qxd5!!+- White is clearly winning.
32...exd5
[32...Bf8 33.Nxe6]
33.Re8+ Bf8



34.Rxf8+! Decoy **34...Kxf8 35.Nh7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

B11
□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
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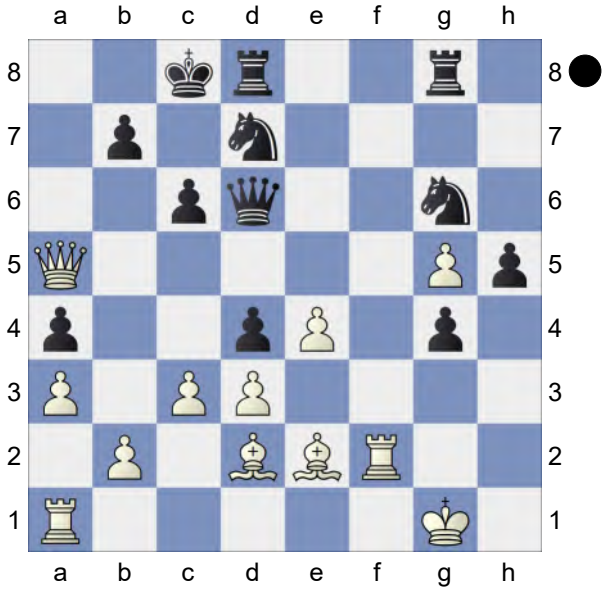
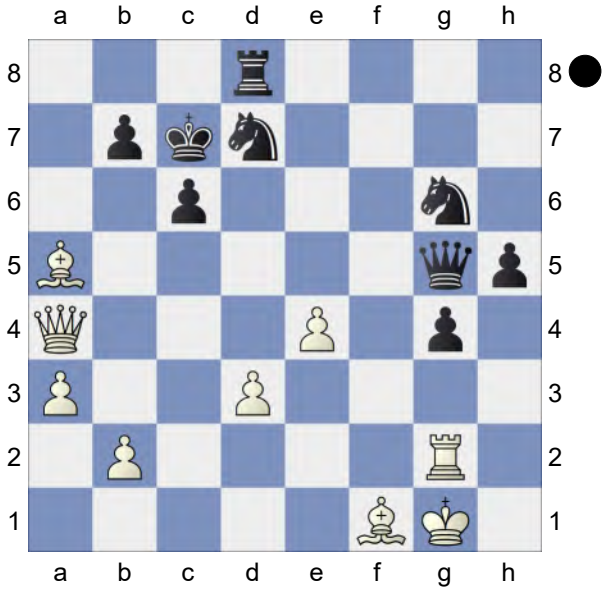
[Kitty Kat]

B11: Caro-Kann: Two Knights Variation
1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.Be2 d4 7.Nb1 Ne7 8.d3 White is more active. **8...Ng6** White is slightly better. **9.g3 h5 10.h4! a5 11.Qg2N**
[11.Nd2 a4 12.a3 Nd7 13.Qg2 e5 14.Nf3 Be7 15.Ng5 Qa5+ 16.Bd2 Qb6 17.Bc1 Qa5+ 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Bc1 Qa5+ ½-½ Djukic,N (2515)-Bluebaum,M (2640) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (5.10)]
11...a4 12.a3 e5 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Nd2 Be7 15.Nf3 Ngf8 16.Ng5 -0.48/21
[White should try 16.Bd2= 0.21/20]

16...f6!∓ 17.Nh3 -0.79/21
[17.Nf3∓ -0.35/22 should be considered.]
17...g5!∓ 18.hxg5 fxg5 White must now prevent ...g4. **19.Qf3** -1.18/28
[⌓19.f4 -0.73/22 g4 20.Ng5]
19...g4 20.Qf5 Bf6 21.Ng5 Qe7 22.f4 Rg8 23.Bd2 exf4 -0.68/19
[23...Rg7∓ -1.18/22 24.c3 *(24.Bb4 c5∓)* 24...dxc3 25.bxc3 0-0-0]
24.gxf4∓ Bxg5 0.04/20
[24...0-0-0∓ -0.65/20]
25.fxg5= Ng6 26.c3 -0.81/20
[26.Qf2!= 0.04/20 keeps the balance.]
26...0-0-0 Strongly threatening ...Rdf8.
27.Qa5
[27.cxd4? perishes. Rdf8 28.Bb4 *(28.Qa5? Qd6-+)* 28...Rxf5-+ *(28...c5 29.Bxc5 Rxf5 Pin 30.Bxe7-+)*]
27...Qd6 aiming for ...Qg3+. **28.Rf2**



Rgf8 -0.40/21
[28...Nc5!∓ -0.95/22 ...Nb3 is the strong threat. 29.Raf1 Nb3 30.Qa8+ Qb8 31.Qxb8+ Kxb8]
29.Raf1!∓ Qg3+ 30.Rg2 Rxf1+ 31.Bxf1 Qe5 32.Qa8+ Kc7 -0.04/19
[32...Nb8!∓ -0.48/24 33.Rf2 Qg3+ 34.Rg2 Qh4]
33.Qxa4= dxc3 34.Bxc3 Qxg5 35.Ba5+ -1.01/23
[35.Bd2!= 0.00/20 Qe5 36.Ba5+ b6 37.Bc3]



35...Kb8 0.00/27
[35...Kc8!∓ -1.01/23 Hoping for ... Qe3+. 36.Bd2 *(36.Bxd8 Kxd8 37.Qb4 Nh4∓)* 36...Qe5 37.Qa8+ Nb8]
36.Bxd8 The position is equal.
36...Qxd8 37.Qd4 Qe7 Inhibits Qd6+.
38.Rf2 Nde5 39.Qe3
[39.Bg2 seems wilder. Nh4 40.Kf1 Nhf3 41.Qe3]
39...Nf3+
[39...Nh4 with more complications. 40.Be2 Nef3+ 41.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 42.Kf1 Qe5]
40.Rxf3! gxf3 41.Qxf3 Threatens to win with Qg3+. **41...Qg5+ 42.Qg2 Qe3+ 43.Qf2 Qg5+ 44.Qg2 Qe3+ 45.Qf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

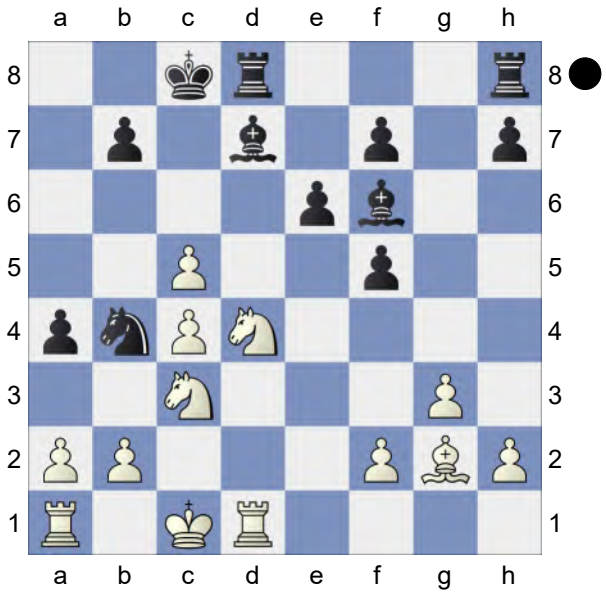
C11

□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**
■ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.5) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

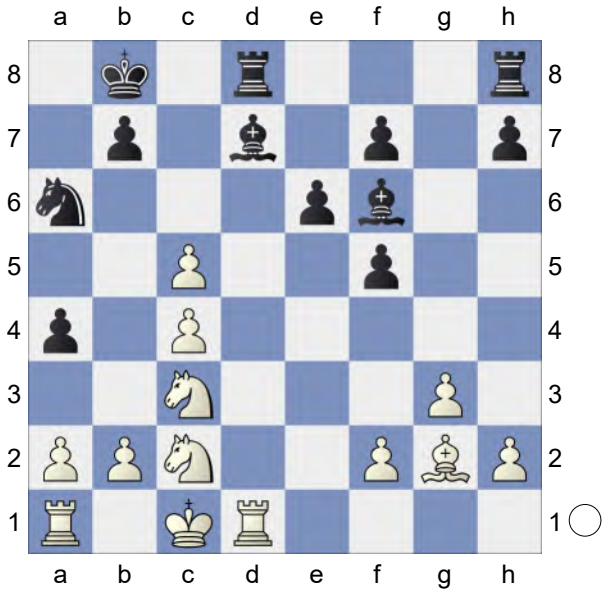
C13: French: Classical System: 4 Bg5 Be7, Alekhine-Chatard Attack
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nf3 a6 8.c4 f5 9.Nc3 Bf6 10.Qd2 c5 11.dxc5N -0.42/20
[11.d5= 0.28/23 0-0 12.0-0-0 Bg7 13.Kb1 exd5 14.Nxd5 Nc6 15.h4 b5 16.h5 h6 17.Rh3 f4 18.Qxf4 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Kh8 20.Rd2 bxc4 21.Bxc4 Rb8 22.a3 Na5 23.Ba2 Rb7 24.Qa4 Qc8 25.Ne3 Rb5 26.Qe4 0-1 (31) Lutz,C (2631)-Morozevich,A (2679) It Biel SUI 2003 (10)]
11...Qxd2+∓ 12.Kxd2 a5 13.g3 Bd7 Black has strong compensation. **14.Bg2 Na6 15.Rhd1 0-0-0** -0.48/22
[15...Nxc5∓ -0.84/19 ...Ba4 is the strong threat. 16.Ke2 Ra6]
16.Kc2 -1.12/22
[16.Ke3∓ -0.48/22]
16...a4 -0.58/21
[16...Bc6∓ -1.12/22 17.Ne1 Nb4+ *(17...Nxc5 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Rd1=)* 18.Kb3 Bxg2]
17.Nd4 Nb4+ 18.Kc1!

(Diagram)

Kb8 0.10/23
[18...Be8!∓ -0.81/23 19.a3 Nd3+ *(19...Rxd4 20.Rxd4∓; 19...Na6 20.Ndb5∓)* 20.Rxd3 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Bxd4]
19.Nc2= Na6
[19...Bxc3 simplifies 20.bxc3 Na6 21.c6 Bxc6 22.Bxc6 Rxd1+ 23.Kxd1

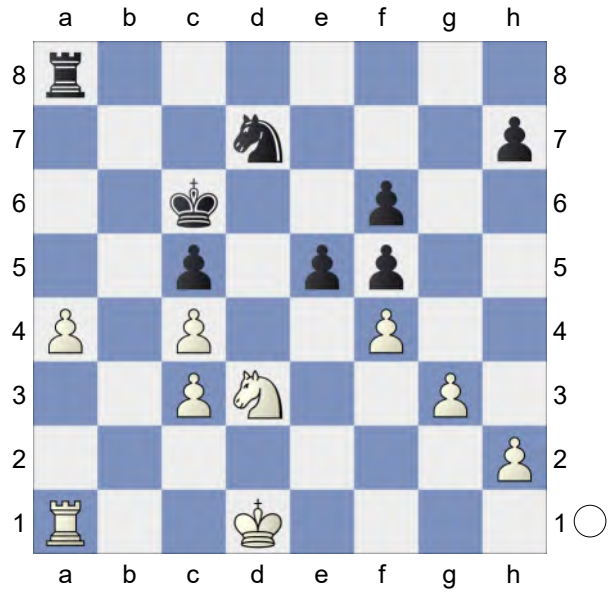


Rd8+]



20.c6 bxc6
[20...Bxc6 simplifies 21.Bxc6 Bxc3 22.bxc3 bxc6 23.Nb4 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 Nc5]
21.Nxa4 Kc7 22.Rb1 c5 23.Nc3 Bxc3 0.70/22
[23...h5 0.34/25 was preferrable.]
24.bxc3± Bc6 Wards off Rb7+ **25.Bxc6**
[25.Rxd8 simplifies Rxd8 26.Bxc6 Kxc6 27.a4]
25...Kxc6 26.Ne1 Rxd1+ 27.Kxd1=

Endgame. Strongly threatening Nd3. KRN-KRN **27...Nb8 28.Nd3 Nd7** Wards off Ne5+ **29.a4 Ra8 30.Ra1 e5 31.f4 f6** 1.09/24
[31...e4?! 32.Nb2±]
[31...exf4!= 0.21/24 32.gxf4 Nb6]

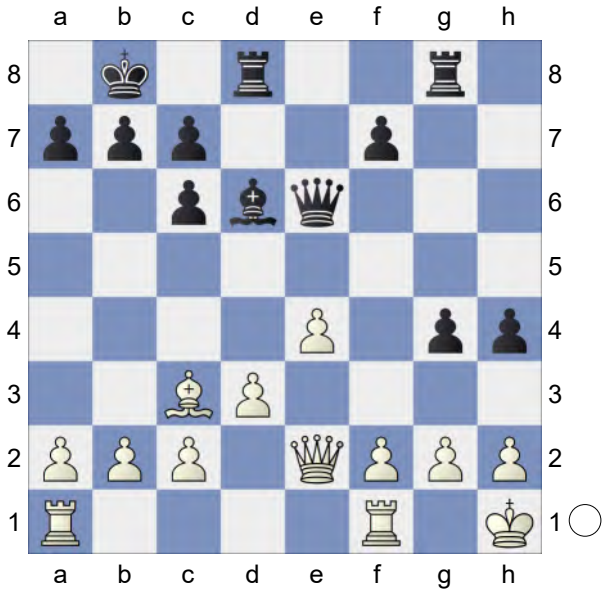


32.Kc2!± h5 33.Rf1 0.40/29
[White should play 33.a5± 1.02/23]
33...e4 34.Nb2 h4! 35.Nd1 With the idea Kb3. **35...hxg3** 1.20/23
[35...Rxa4= 0.03/26 remains equal. 36.Kb3 Ra8]
36.hxg3 Rxa4 37.Kb3 0.16/32 Wards off Ra2
[37.Ne3± 1.08/31]
37...Ra8 38.Ne3 Rb8+ 39.Kc2 Nb6 40.Rh1 Kd7 41.Ra1 Rb7 42.Ra6 Kc7 43.Kd1
[43.Nxf5 Nxc4 44.Ra4 Nd6 45.Nxd6 Kxd6]
43...Kd7 44.Kc1 White is more active.
[44.Nxf5 Nxc4 45.Rxf6 Rb1+ 46.Ke2 Rb2+ 47.Kf1 Rc2=]
44...Kc7 45.Kd2 0.22/27
[45.Nxf5?! Nxc4 46.Rxf6 Rb3+-]
[45.Kc2!± 0.58/26]
45...Kd7 0.64/28
[45...Rb8= 0.22/27 feels stronger.]
46.Kc2 0.22/30
[Don't play 46.Nxf5 Nxc4+ 47.Kc2 Rb2+ 48.Kd1 Rd2+ 49.Ke1 Rc2=]
[46.Ke2± 0.64/28]
46...Kc7= 47.Ra1
[Don't take 47.Nxf5 Nxc4 48.Ra4 Nd6 49.Nxd6 Kxd6±]
47...Kd7 1.10/25
[Black should try 47...Kc6± 0.40/28]
48.Rb1 0.32/26
[48.Nxf5± 1.10/25 Hoping for Ne3. Nxc4 49.Ra4]
48...Kc6!± 49.Rh1 Na4 The position is equal. **50.Rh6 Rb2+ 51.Kc1 Re2 52.Rxf6+ Kd7 53.Nxf5** Rd6+ would now be deadly. **53...Nxc3 54.Rd6+ Kc7 55.Re6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
[55.Rd2!? Re1+□ 56.Kc2=]
½-½

C65
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
■ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.6) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

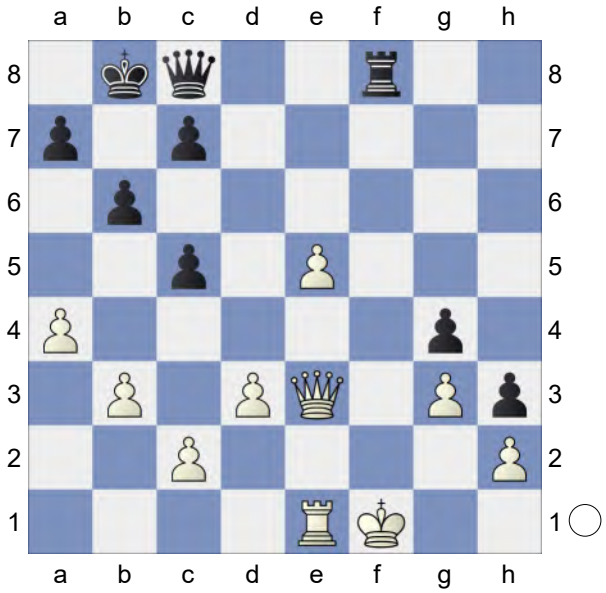
C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.0-0
[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Qe2 Qxe5-+]
6...Bg4 0.47/23
[6...Nd7= 0.08/22]
7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 The position is equal.
8...Qe7 9.Nbd2! 0-0-0 10.Bg3 g5N 0.64/22
[Better is 10...Rhe8= 0.00/20]
[10...Nd7 11.h3 Bh5 12.c3 a6 13.b4 Ba7 14.a4 g5 15.Qc2 Bxf3

16.Nxf3 h5 17.h4 f6 18.Rfd1
26. Ruy Lopez Anti-Berlin-Anti-Berlin 4.d3 Bc5 − 6...]
11.Bxe5± Rhg8 12.Bc3 Nh5 13.Kh1 Nf4 14.Qe1 h5 15.Ng1 Be6 16.Nb3 -0.31/23
[16.Ne2± 0.37/21]
16...Bd6 0.78/24
[16...Bb6!∓ -0.31/23 stays ahead.]
17.Nd4 h4 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Qe3 Kb8 0.66/22
[19...f5!= 0.30/23 should be considered.]
20.Ne2 Nxe2 21.Qxe2 g4 1.03/24
[21...f5± 0.53/20]



Dodges Qf3 **22.f4** 0.57/21
[22.f3!± 1.03/24]
22...f5 23.Rae1 h3 24.g3 Rde8 25.b3 Rgf8 26.a4 c5 1.21/23
[⌓26...b6 0.79/20]
27.Kg1± Qd7 28.Qf2 b6 29.exf5 1.01/21
[⌓29.a5 1.42/24]
29...Qxf5 2.06/23
[29...c4± 1.01/21 was called for.]
30.Be5 Bxe5 31.fxe5 Qc8 32.Qe3 aiming for Rxf8. **32...Rxf1+ 33.Kxf1**

Endgame. Hoping for e6. KQR-KQR
33...Rf8+? 2.86/26
[33...c4± 0.85/21]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
34.Ke2!+- Qe6 35.Qe4 a5 36.Rf1 Rxf1 5.38/19
[36...Re8 2.55/20 keeps fighting. 37.Rf5 c4]
37.Kxf1 KQ-KQ. White is clearly winning. **37...Qh6 38.Kf2**
[38.Qxg4 Qc1+ 39.Kf2 Qxc2+ 40.Qe2 *(40.Ke3? Qxh2 41.Qg8+ Ka7-+)* 40...Qxb3+-]
38...Qc1 39.Qe2 e6! would now be deadly.
[39.Qxg4 Qxc2+ 40.Qe2 *(40.Ke3? Qxh2 41.Qg8+ Ka7-+)* 40...Qxb3+-]
39...Qh1 40.Ke3
[40.Qxg4? Qxh2+ 41.Ke3 Qg1+ *(41...Qxc2 42.Qxh3 Qxb3 43.Qg4±)* 42.Kd2 h2 43.Qg8+ Ka7-+]
40...c6 41.e6
[Weaker is 41.Qxg4 Qxh2 42.e6 *(42.Qg8+ Ka7=)* 42...Qg1+ 43.Kd2 h2+- *(43...Qf2+ 44.Qe2±)*]
41...Qc1+ 42.Kf2 Intending e7! and mate. **42...Qh1 43.e7**

[43.Qxg4 Qxh2+ 44.Ke3 Qg1+ 45.Kd2 Qf2+ 46.Qe2 Qxe2+ 47.Kxe2 h2±]

43...Qxh2+ 44.Ke3 Qxg3+ 45.Ke4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.44

1-0

E20

□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.7) 10.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

E01: Catalan: Early deviations

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 c6

[5...0-0 6.a3 *(6.Nf3 dxc4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qa4 Nd5 9.Qc2 Be7 10.Rd1 Rb8 11.e4 Ncb4 12.Qb1 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nd3 14.Qb5 Nxc1 15.Raxc1 c5 16.Qxc4 Qc7 17.Ne5 b5 18.Qe2 Bb7 19.f4 Rfc8 20.d5 exd5* 1-0 (29) Goltseva,E (2378)-Kazakouski,V (2577) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (8) *)* 6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nf3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc6 11.0-0 Ne4 12.c4 Re8 13.Bb2 Na5 14.cxd5 Nc4 15.Rb1 Nxb2 16.Rxb2 Qxd5 17.Qd3 Bd7 18.Rfb1 Rab8 19.Rb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 1-0 (44) Mamedyarov,S (2748)-Safarli,E (2664) Gashimov Memorial 3rd 2016 (7)]

6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Nd2N

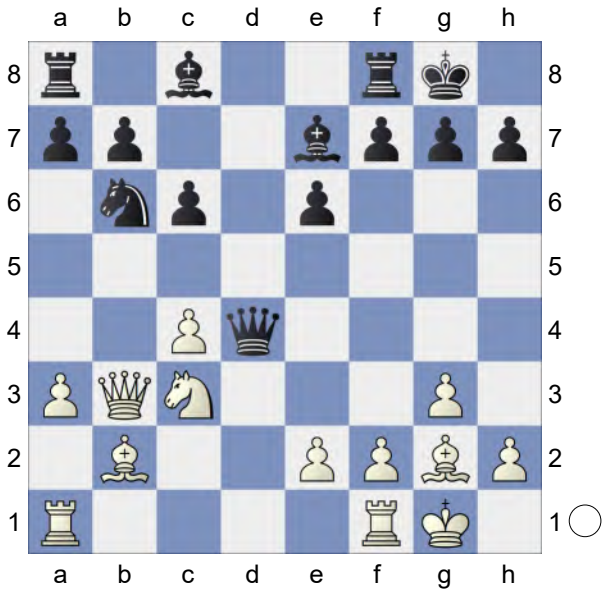
[7.0-0 dxc4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.a4 Qe7 10.Bf4 Nd5 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 a5 13.e4 N5b6 14.Be3 Rd8 15.Rad1 Nf8 16.d5 Qc7 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Bg4 19.f3 Bd7 20.Qf2 Nc8 21.f4 Bg4 1-0 (34) Maze,S (2573)-Lysyj,I (2631) Biel MTO op 43rd 2010 (11) 22.Rd2 Re8 23.h3 Bh5 24.g4 Bf7 25.Nf5 Ne7 26.Bb6 Qb8 27.Rfd1 Nc8 28.Be3 Ne6 29.h4 Bf8 30.Rd7 g6 31.e5 gxf5 32.gxf5 fxe5 33.Ne4 Bg7 34.Rxf7 1-0 Moore,T (2573)-Lusgin,V (2631) corr 15DMP board 1 2003 (11)]

[7.Qb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rd1 Nb6 10.c5 Nbd7 11.Qc2 b6 12.cxb6 axb6 13.e4 Ba6 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Bd2 Nhf6 16.Rac1 Qb8 17.e5 Ne8 18.Bg5 Qd8 19.h4 h6 20.Be3 Nc7 21.Qd2 Kh7 1-0 (33) Bellon,L (2515)-Burt,G (2445) Southern Open 2002 (4)]

7...Nb6 8.a3 Be7 9.b3 White is slightly better. **9...0-0 10.0-0 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Nfd5** 0.80/22

[11...Nxc4± 0.34/21 feels stronger. 12.bxc4 e5]

12.Bb2 Nxc4 13.bxc4 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qxd4



15.Nd5! Discovered Attack **15...Qc5 16.Nxe7+**

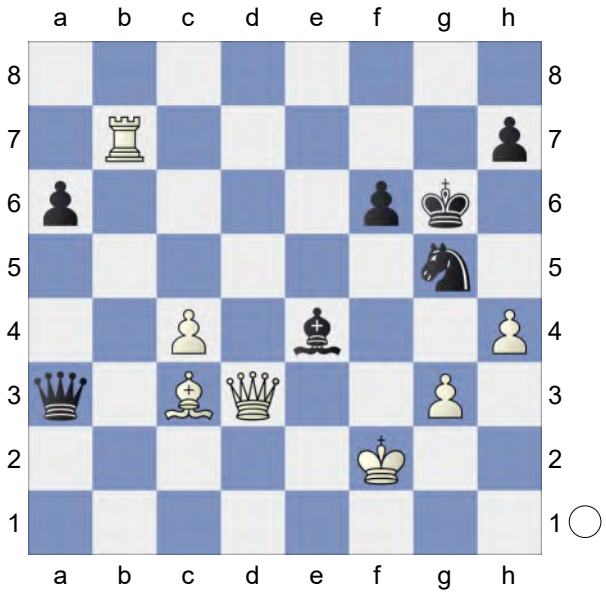
[16.Qc3!? f6□ 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.a4=]

16...Qxe7 17.a4 aiming for a5. **17...Nd7**

18.a5 Ba3 would now be deadly. White has strong compensation. **18...Rb8** **19.Rfd1↑** White has good play. **19...f6** 0.97/17 White stays focused until the end.
[19...Re8± 0.51/23]
20.Rd2± Rf7 21.Rad1 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **21...c5 22.Qa4 a6** 2.26/21
[22...Qd8± 1.52/18 was called for.]
23.Ba3+- A strong pair of Bishops. **23...g5** 3.09/19
[23...h6 2.13/19 keeps fighting. 24.Rd6 f5]
24.Rd6 Kg7 25.Qb3 Qd8? 4.44/21
[25...e5 2.54/18 might work better. 26.R1d5 g4]
26.Bh3 Qxa5 4.83/20
[⌓26...Qe8 3.39/18 27.Bb2 *(27.Rxe6 Re7+-)* 27...Re7]
27.Bxe6
[27.Rxe6 Nf8 28.Re8 Qc7±]
27...Ne5 28.Bxf7 Nxf7 29.Rb6 Bg4 30.f3
[30.Rxb7 Rxb7 31.Qxb7 Qxa3∓]
30...Rd8 Threatens to win with ...Rxd1+.
31.Rxb7
[31.fxg4 Rxd1+ 32.Qxd1 Qxb6=]
31...Bc8 32.Re7
[Weaker is 32.Rb8 g4 33.fxg4 Rxd1+ 34.Qxd1 Bxg4+-]
32...g4 33.Rxd8 Overworked Piece **33...Qxd8 34.Bxc5 Qa5 35.Bb4 Qa1+ 36.Kg2** Hoping for c5. **36...Kg6 37.fxg4** Strongly threatening c5. **37...Bxg4 38.Qd3+ Bf5 39.e4 Bg4 40.Bc3 Qa3 41.Rb7 Ng5 42.h4 Bf3+ 43.Kf2 Bxe4**

(Diagram)

44.Rg7+!! Skewer, Decoy **44...Kh5**
[44...Kxg7 45.Bxf6+]
45.g4+ White mates. **45...Kh6**



46.hxg5+ fxg5 47.Qh3#
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.33
1-0

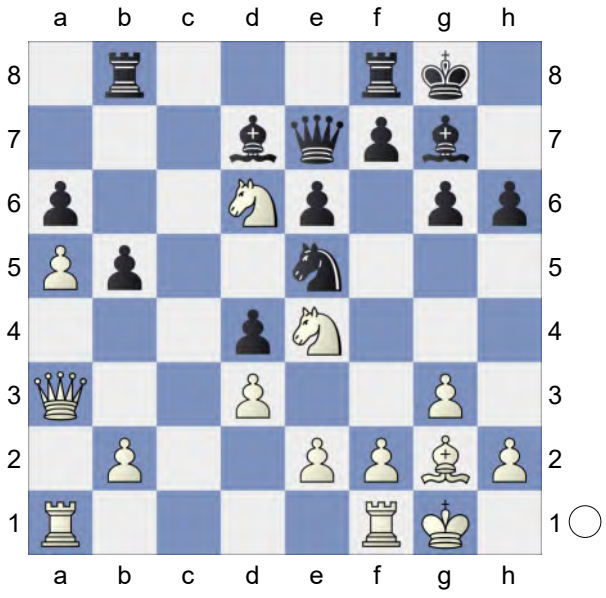
A35
□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**
■ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.8) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5
1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 g6N
[6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 e5 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.Rb1 Qc7 11.Qc2 *(11.Nd2 Be6 12.Qa4 Rac8 13.Nc4 b6 14.Qb5 Bd7 15.Qa6 Nb8 16.Qb7 Qxb7 17.Bxb7 Rc7 18.Bd5 Bc6 19.Ne3 Bg5 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 Bf6 22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Nd5 Rd7 24.c4 Re8 25.e3 Ne7* ½-½ (33) Petitpas,F (2533)-Vaisman,V (2612) Daring Defences 2020 (1.4)*; 11.Be3 Be6 12.Qa4 b6 13.Nd2 Rac8 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Qd7 16.Nc4 Rfd8 17.Bxc6*

Qxc6 18.Qxa7 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Qe4 20.Qxb6 Bf6) 11...Bf5 12.Nd2 Rab8 13.Qa4 Bd7 14.Ba3 Kh8 15.Qc2 f5 16.Nf3 b5 17.Bc1 Be6 18.Bd2 Rfd8 19.Bg5 c4 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.d4 0-1 (46) Davidson,J-Soultanbeieff,V Spa International Masters 1926 (4) e4 22.Ne5 b4 23.e3 a5 24.cxb4 axb4 25.Rfc1 c3 26.Qa4 Nd5 27.Bf1 Ra8 28.Qc6 Qe7 29.Bc4 Ra5 30.Bxd5 Bxd5 31.Qb6 Ra4 32.Qb5 Rxa2 33.Qxb4 Qxb4 34.Rxb4 Rb2 35.Ra4 c2 36.Kg2 1-0 (46) Davidson,K (2154)-Shah,V (2054) Titled Tuesday intern op 23rd May Early blitz 2023 (4)]

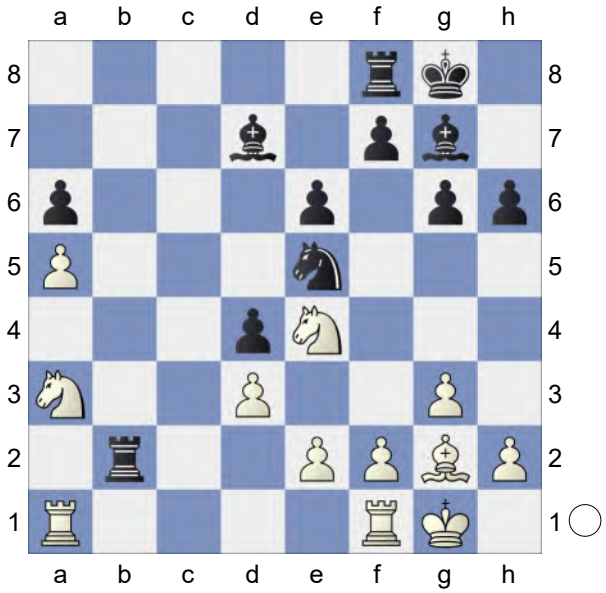
7.Qa4 Bg7 Dodges Ne5 **8.Ng5 e6 9.Nge4 Nb6** White has an edge. **10.Qd1 Qe7 11.d3 h6** Prevents Bg5. **12.Be3 Nd4! 13.a4 0-0 14.a5 Nd7 15.0-0 Rb8 16.Bxd4 cxd4 17.Nb5 a6 18.Nbd6 Ne5 19.Qb3** Threatening Qb6. **19...Bd7 20.Qa3 b5** 0.81/22

[20...Bc6= 0.06/24 keeps the balance.]



21.Nxb5! Discovered Attack **21...Qxa3 22.Nxa3** aiming for Rfb1. **22...Rxb2** 1.38/25

[22...Rfc8!± 0.57/22]



23.f4!± Ng4 24.Nc5↑ White has strong initiative. **24...Rd8** 1.99/23

[24...Bc8± 1.17/23]

25.Nc4+- Rc2

[25...Rxe2? 26.Bf3 *(26.Nxa6 Ne3=)* 26...Nxh2 27.Bxe2+-]

26.Nxa6 And now Nb4 would win. A dynamic duo of knights. **26...Ne3 27.Nb4 Rxe2** 2.72/26

[⌓27...Rxc4 1.98/26 28.dxc4 d3 29.Nxd3 Nxf1 30.Rxf1 Bd4+ 31.Kh1 Rc8]

28.Bf3 Nxf1 29.Bxe2 Ne3

(Diagram)

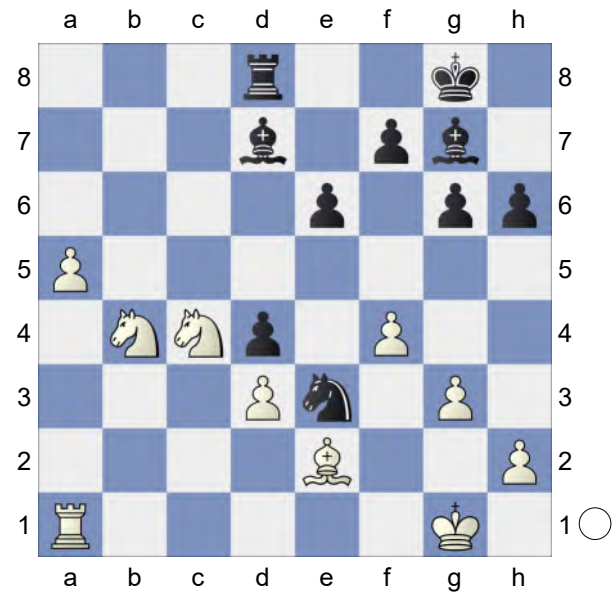
...Nxc4 would now be deadly. **30.Nb6** a6 is the strong threat. **30...Bf8** 3.43/27

[⌓30...Be8 2.22/24 31.Bf3 Bf8]

31.Nxd7 Bxb4 32.Ne5 Bc3 33.Ra2 Nd5 34.a6 Nb4 35.Ra4 f6 36.Nc4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise)

[Much less strong is 36.Nxg6 e5

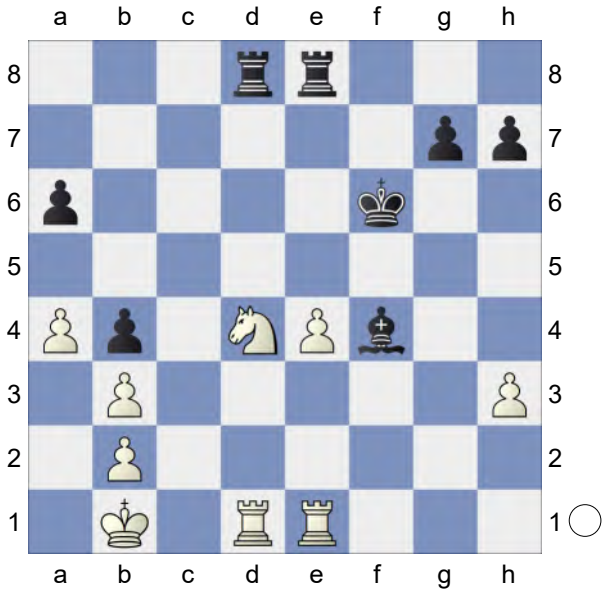


37.a7 *(37.fxe5 Kf7+-)* 37...Kg7]
1-0

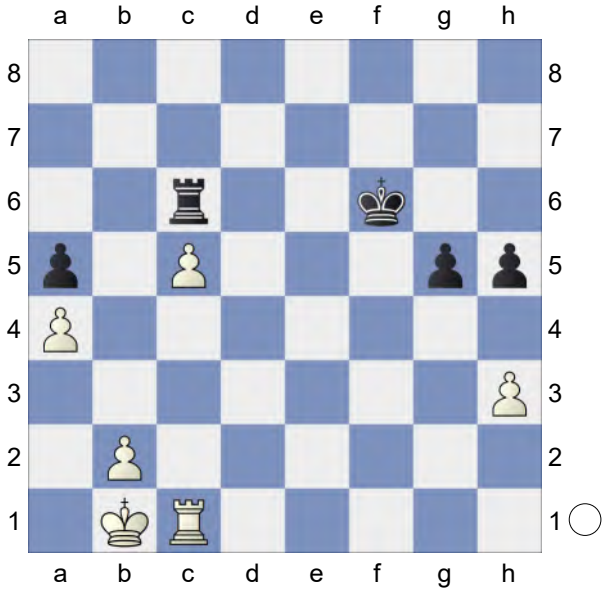
B90
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.9) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B87: Sicilian Scheveningen/Najdorf: 6 Bc4, with early ...b5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6
[6...g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Be3 b5 *(8...Qc7 9.Bb3 Nc6 10.Qd2 Bd7 11.g4 0-0 12.0-0-0 b5 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bh6 a5 15.h4 a4 16.Bd5 Bxd5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Qc4 20.Kb1 h6 21.Rhe1 Ra7 22.Re4 Qc5 23.h5* 0-1 (34) Maroczy Bind,G (1777)-Fuksikova,I (1777) 129/(46) Wijk aan Zee 2016 (3)*)* 9.Bb3 Bb7 10.Qd2 Nbd7 11.Bh6 Bxh6 12.Qxh6 b4 13.Na4 Qa5 14.Qd2 0-0 15.a3 Qe5 16.axb4 d5 17.0-0-0 dxe4 18.f4 Qh5 19.Rhg1 e5 20.g4 Nxg4 21.Ne6 ½-½ (52) Sutovsky,E (2692)-Stefansson,H (2557) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (2)]
7.Be3 b5N
[7...Be7 8.f3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.0-0-0 Na5 13.Nce2 Nxb3+ 14.Nxb3 Bd7 15.g4 Bc6 16.Nbd4 Re8 17.Ng3 Nd7 18.Ngf5 Ne5 19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Bf4 Nc4 21.Qf2 Rec8 22.Kb1 0-1 (41) Daskalov,E (2130)-Evstatiev,G (2195) Sofia Hemus op 11th 2004 (3) Qb4 23.Bc1 a5 24.h4 a4 25.g5 Bd7 26.c3 Qb6 27.Ka1 Na5 28.Qg2 Qxd4 29.Rxd4 Nb3+ 30.axb3 axb3+ 31.Kb1 Bf5+ 32.Re4 dxe4 33.fxe4 Ra4 34.Be3 Bxe4+ 35.Qxe4 Rxe4 36.Bd4 Rce8 37.Kc1 0-1 (40) Stilling,W (2130)-4...Nf6 (2195) (zt) 49/748 Stara Zagora 1990 (3) Re2 38.h5 b5 39.h6 gxh6 40.Rxh6 0-1 Daskalov,G-Bobotsov,M BUL-ch14 Sofia 1960 (4)]
8.Bb3 Be7 9.a3 0-0 10.Qe2 Bb7 0.18/20
[10...Qc7 -0.20/22 is superior.]
11.f3= Nbd7 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.g4 Nxb3+ 14.cxb3 d5 15.g5 Nh5 16.exd5 Nc6 is the strong threat.
16...Bxg5 17.dxe6 next Kb1 is good for White. **17...Nf4 18.Bxf4**
[18.exf7+!? Rxf7 19.Qd2= *(19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.Ne6 Re4+ 21.Nxg5* Remove Defender *Qxg5+ 22.Qd2 Qxd2+ 23.Rxd2 Rf4∓)*]
18...Bxf4+ This pair of bishops is nice.
19.Kb1 Qf6 20.Rhe1 fxe6 21.Qxe6+
[21.Nxe6 Rae8 22.Rd4 Bb8-+ *(22...Qxd4 23.Nxd4 Rxe2 24.Rxe2∓)*]
21...Qf7 22.Ne4
[22.Ka2!?]
22...Rae8 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.Nf5 Bxe4+ 25.fxe4 Rd8 26.h3 Kf6 27.Nd4

Rfe8 28.a4 The position is equal. **28...b4**



29.e5+! Decoy **29...Bxe5**
[29...Rxe5 30.Rxe5 Bxe5 31.Rf1+ Kg6 32.Nc6±]
30.Nc6 Rxd1+ 31.Rxd1 Endgame. KRB-KRN **31...g5 32.Nxb4 Re6 33.Nd3 Bd6 34.b4 h5 35.Nc5 Bxc5 36.bxc5** aiming for Ka2. KR-KR **36...a5 37.Rc1** Black must now prevent c6. **37...Rc6**



38.b4! axb4 39.Kb2 Strongly threatening Kb3. **39...g4 40.hxg4 hxg4 41.Kb3 Ke7 42.Kxb4 g3 43.Kb5 Kd7 44.Rh1 Rg6! 45.c6+ Kc7 46.Rh7+ Kd8! 47.Rh8+**
[47.Kb6!? g2□ 48.Kb7 Rxc6 *(48...g1B 49.c7+ Ke8 50.c8Q#)* 49.Rh8+ *(49.Rg7? Rc7+* Promotion *50.Rxc7 g1Q-+)* 49...Kd7 50.Rg8=]
47...Kc7 ...Rg5+ would now be deadly. **48.Rh7+ Kd8! 49.Rh8+** A balanced but interesting game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
[49.Kb6!? g2□ 50.Kb7 Rxc6 *(50...g1B 51.c7+ Ke8 52.c8Q#)* 51.Rh8+ *(51.Rg7? Rc7+* Promotion *52.Rxc7 g1Q-+)* 51...Ke7 52.Rg8=]
½-½

D37
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.10)
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5
[5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 1-0 (66) Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1)]
[5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 f6 1-0 (21) Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires:

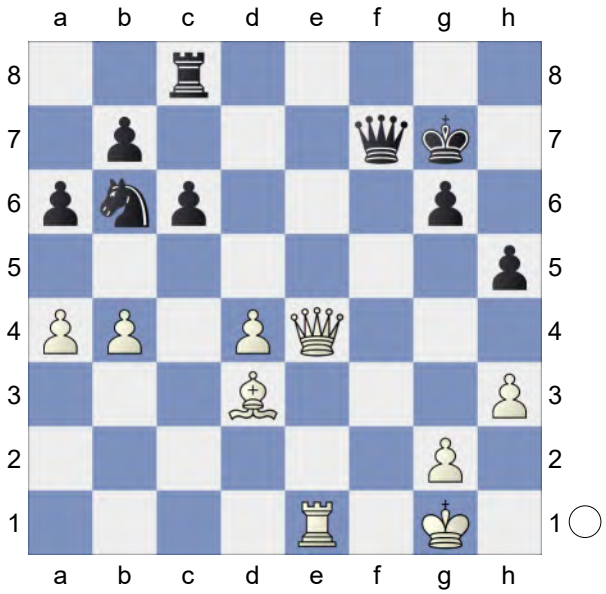
Plichta's Queen's 2023]
5...exd5 6.h3 c6 7.Bf4N
[7.Qc2 g6 8.Bh6 Bf5 9.Qc1 Nbd7 10.e3 Ne4 11.Be2 Nd6 12.Nd2 Be6 13.Qc2 Bf5 14.Qb3 Qb6 15.g4 Qxb3 16.axb3 Be6 17.b4 a6 18.Nb3 f5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.bxc5 Ne4 21.gxf5 gxf5 1-0 (59) Morozevich,A (2737)-Roiz,M (2668) Saratov Governor's Cup 2011 (11)]
7...Bd6 8.Bxd6 White is slightly better. **8...Qxd6 9.e3 Bf5 10.Nh4 Be4 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 h6 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bd3 g6** Prevents Nf5 **15.Rc1 Qe7 16.Nf3 0-0 17.Qb3 Nd6 18.Qc2 Kg7 19.Nd2 h5 20.Rce1 Rae8 21.a4 a6 22.b4 Nb6 23.Re2 Rc8 24.Rfe1 Rfe8 25.f3 f5** 0.81/21
[25...Qf6= 0.23/20]
26.e4± dxe4 27.fxe4 fxe4 28.Nxe4 Nxe4 29.Rxe4 0.37/21
[White should play 29.Bxe4± 0.98/24 Qxb4 30.Bxg6 Discovered Attack, Double Attack Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Qxd4+ 32.Kh1]
29...Qd7± 30.Qe2 Rxe4 31.Qxe4 Qf7 2.12/22
[31...Qd6± 0.51/28]

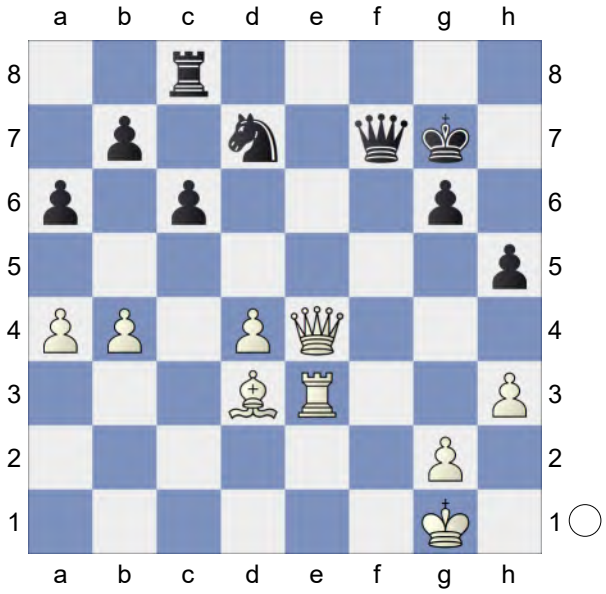
(Diagram)

32.Re3!+- Threatens to win with Rg3.
32...Nd7

(Diagram)

33.Rf3 0.16/25
[33.Qe6!+- 1.87/21 Qd6 is the strong threat. Qxe6 34.Rxe6]
33...Qe8 34.Qh4 Hoping for Qg5.
34...Qe6! 35.Bc4 Deflection **35...Qxc4** The position is equal. **36.Qe7+ Kg8**





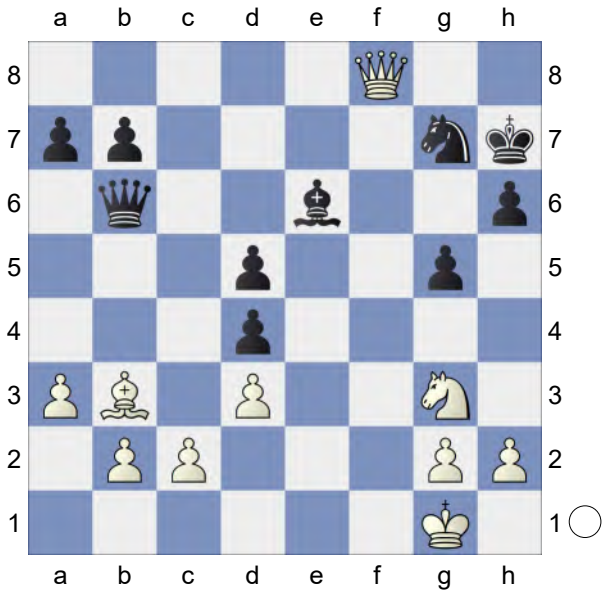
37.Qxd7 Rf8 38.Rg3 Rf6 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Qc7+
[Reject 40.Qxb7+ Rf7 41.Qb8 Rf1+ 42.Kh2 Qxd4-+]
40...Qf7 41.Qxf7+ Rxf7 42.Re3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

C48
□ **Fawzy,Adham** 2493
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** 2636
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.11) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

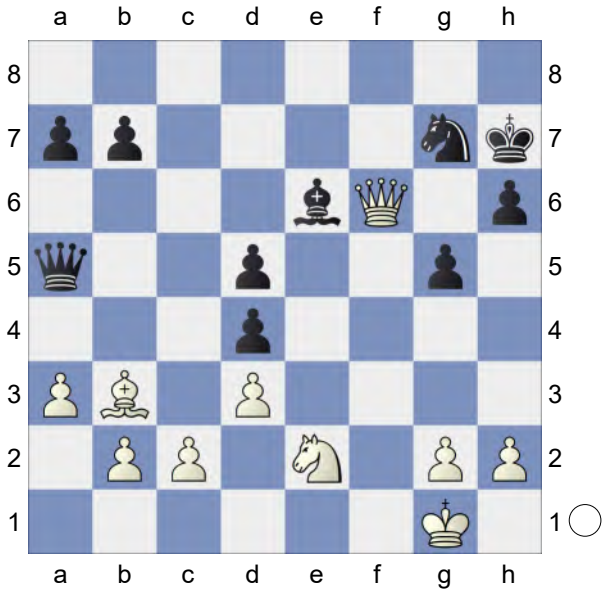
C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.d3 0-0 6.a3 Nd4 7.Nxd4 exd4 8.Ne2 The position is equal. **8...c6 9.Bc4 Bc7 10.0-0 Re8**
[10...d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd4 Bxh2+ 13.Kxh2 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 Qxd4 15.c3 Qf6 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.d4 Re8 18.Re1 Bf5 19.Bf4 Be4 20.Be5 Qb6 21.Qd2 Re6 22.Re3 Rg6 23.Rg3 Re8 24.Bf4 Rge6 25.Re1 ^ -^ (62) Klarenbeek,H (2500)-7. ♘g5 e6 8. ♘ f3 ed5 (2594) 106/177 Enschede 2009 (14.8)]
11.Bf4N
[11.Nxd4 d5 12.exd5 Bg4 Four Knights Bb5-N,N 2022]
11...d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bb3 Black must now prevent Bxc7. **13...Bb6 14.Ng3 Bg4 15.Qc1 h6 16.Re1 g5** 1.30/21
[16...Be6± 0.44/22]
17.Rxe8+± Nxe8 18.Bd2 Ng7 19.f4! f6 20.Qf1 Kh7 21.Re1! Hoping for h3. **21...Qd7** 2.59/17
[21...Bc7± 1.43/19 22.Qf2 Kg8]
22.fxg5+- fxg5 23.Bb4 Re8 Wards off Re7 **24.Rxe8 Nxe8 25.Qf8 Ng7 26.Be7 Be6 27.Bc5 Qc7 28.Bxb6 Qxb6**

(Diagram)

29.Qf6!→ White is out for blood.
29...Qc5 2.52/22
[29...Qa5± 1.39/23 30.Qxd4 Nf5]



30.Ne2 Qa5

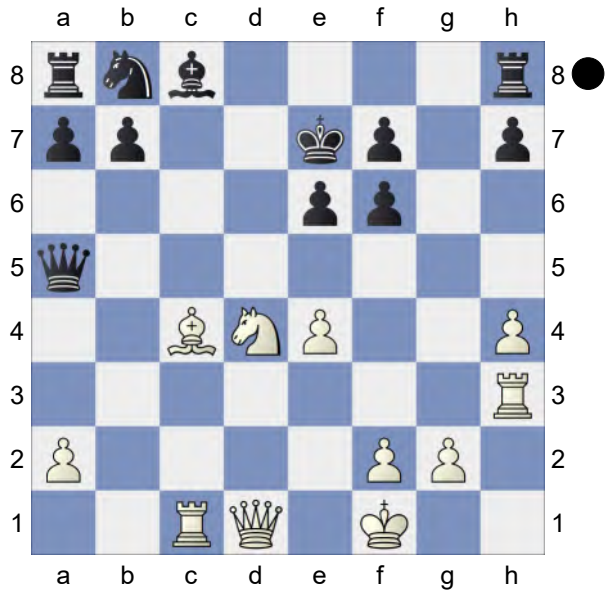


31.Kf2 Wards off Qe1+
[31.Nxd4 Qe1+ 32.Qf1 Qe3+ 33.Qf2 Qc1+ 34.Qf1 Qe3+ 35.Qf2 Qc1+ 36.Qf1 Qe3+=]
31...Bg4 32.Qxd4 Bxe2 4.05/17
[32...Be6 2.52/19 33.Qe3 Qc7]
33.Kxe2 Endgame. KQB-KQN **33...Ne6**
34.Qe3 Active counter play!
[34.Qxd5? Nf4+ 35.Kf3 Nxd5-+]
34...Nf4+ 35.Kf1 Qd8 36.g3
[Don't take 36.Qxa7 Qc8 37.Qb6 Qe8]

36...Ng6 37.Qxa7 White is clearly winning. **37...Qd7 38.Qd4 Qh3+ 39.Kg1 Nf4** 7.63/22
[⌓39...Qh5 4.59/19 40.Bxd5 *(40.Qxd5 Qd1+ 41.Kf2 Qd2+ 42.Kf3 h5+-)* 40...Qd1+ 41.Kg2 h5]
40.gxf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0

D39
□ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.12)
[Kitty Kat]

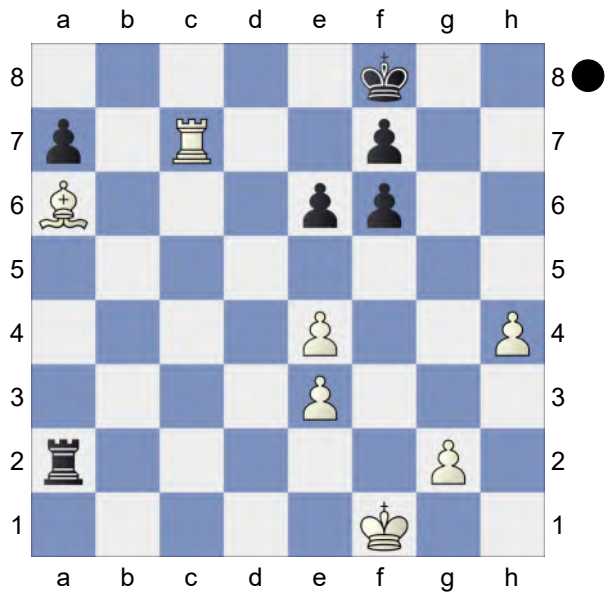
D39: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence with 5 Bg5 dxc4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.e4 c5 7.Bxc4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qa5 10.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 11.Kf1 gxf6 12.Rc1 Qa5 13.h4 With the idea Rh3. **13...Ke7 14.Rh3**



Hoping for e5! **14...Rd8** 0.66/22
[14...Nc6= 0.14/22]
15.Rd3 0.02/21 White is more active.
[15.Nf5+± 0.66/22 exf5 16.Qh5]
15...Nc6 16.Nxc6+ bxc6 17.Rxd8
[17.e5 looks sharper. Ba6 18.exf6+ Kxf6 19.Qf3+]
17...Qxd8 18.Qh5 e5! is the strong threat.
[18.Qf3 Qd4 19.Kg1 Bd7 20.Bb3 Rc8 21.Rd1 Qc5 22.Qd3 Be8 23.g3 Qe5 24.Bc4 c5 25.f4 Qd4+ 26.Kh2 Rd8 27.Qxd4 Rxd4 28.Rc1 Bc6 29.Bb3 Rd2+ 30.Kg1 Bxe4 31.Rxc5 Rg2+ 32.Kf1 Rxg3 0-1 (42) Sunilduth Lyna,N (2669)-Aronian,L (2736) Airthings Masters Play In rapid 2023 (9)]
18...Qd4 19.Qxh7 Rb8 20.Qh5N
[20.Bb3 Ba6+ *(20...a5 21.Kg1 a4 22.Rd1 Qa7 23.e5 fxe5 24.Qg8 Bd7 25.Qg5+ Ke8 26.h5* D 39/15 2003*)* 21.Kg1 Bd3 22.Qg7 Bxe4 23.Qg3 Rh8 24.Rc4 Qa1+ 25.Kh2 f5 26.Ra4 Ra8 27.Qc7+ Kf6 28.Qg3 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO D3 1998]
20...Rb2 21.Qf3 c5 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.fxe3= Endgame. KRB-KRB **23...Bb7 24.Bd3 Rd2 25.Rc3 Rxa2 26.Rxc5** Black must now prevent Rc7+. The position is equal. **26...Kf8 27.Rc7 Ba6 28.Bxa6**

(Diagram)

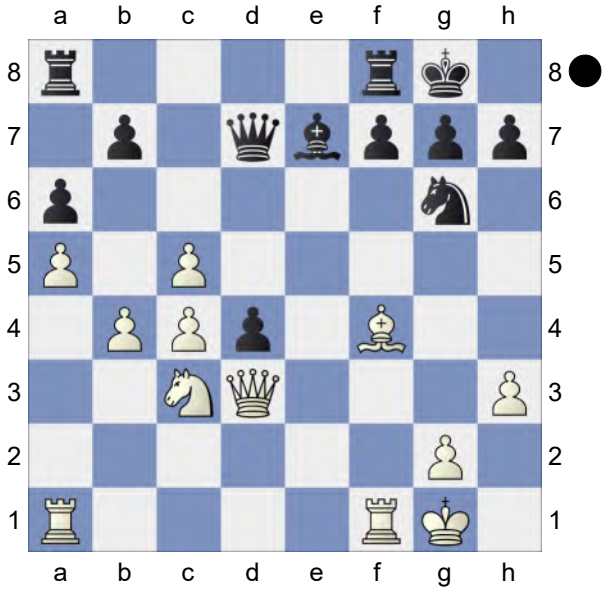
Deflection **28...Rxa6** KR-KR **29.Kf2 Ra2+ 30.Kf3 a5 31.Ra7 a4 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.g4 a3 34.Kg3 Ra1 35.Kg2 Ra2+ 36.Kg3 Ra1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½



B12

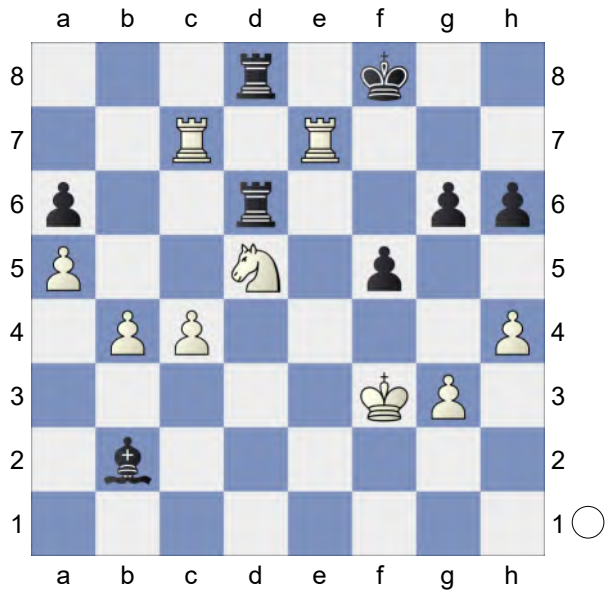
□ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
■ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.13)
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.h3N
[5.Be2 cxd4 6.cxd4 Bf5 7.Nc3 e6 8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h5 10.gxh5 Be4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Be3 Nge7 13.Kf1 Nf5 14.Bb5 Qb6 15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.Qc2 Rxh5 17.Qxe4 Rc8 18.b3 Qb5+ 19.Kg2 Be7 0-1 (46) Ezra,P (2339)-Arfan,A (2405) Budapest One Week GM-B 08 2024 (7)]
[5.Ne2 Bf5 6.dxc5 e6 7.Be3 Nge7 8.Nd4 Nxe5 9.Bb5+ N5c6 10.Nd2 e5 11.N4f3 a6 12.Ba4 Qc7 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.b4 d4 15.cxd4 exd4 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bh4 Nd5 18.Bg3 Qd7 19.Nc4 b5 1-0 (26) Trkaljanov,V (2677)-Del Rio Perezagua,M (2312) 125/114 2015 (11)]
[5.Nf3 Bg4 *(5...cxd4 6.cxd4 Bg4 7.Bb5 e6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Nc3 Nf5 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Na4 Qb4* 1) Advance Variation Sideline-4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 with 7.Bb5*)* 6.Bb5 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 e6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nf5 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Rac1 Qb6 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Nb3 0-0 15.Rc2 Qa6 16.a3 Qa4 17.Rc3 Rab8 18.Qd1 Rb7 19.Bc1 Rfb8 1-0 (61) Byambaa,U (2066)-Royzen,I (1844) San Francisco TNM Fall op 2013 (2)]
5...Bf5 6.dxc5 Nxe5 7.Nf3 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 The position is equal. **8...Qd7 9.a4 a6** Against Bb5 **10.Bd3! Bxd3 11.Qxd3 e5 12.b4 Ne7 13.0-0 Ng6 14.c4 d4 15.f4!↑** White has some pressure. **15...exf4 16.a5 Be7 17.Bxf4 0-0?** 2.08/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[17...Nxf4± 0.40/21 18.Rxf4 0-0-0]
18.Nc3+-



Pin **18...Nxf4 19.Rxf4 Qe6 20.Nd5** Hoping for Re4!
[20.Qxd4 Bf6 21.Rxf6 Qxf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6±]
20...Bg5 21.Re4
[Much less strong is 21.Rxd4 Rae8

22.Rf1 Qe2+-]
21...Qg6 22.Rae1
[22.Rxd4 Qxd3 23.Rxd3 Rae8+-]
22...Kh8 23.Rxd4 Qh6 Black is weak on the light squares **24.Qf5 Bh4 25.Ree4 Bg3 26.Re3 Bh4 27.Rde4 Rad8 28.Kh2 Kg8 29.Re2 g6 30.Qg4 Bg5** ...f5 would now be deadly. **31.Qf3 f5 32.Re6 Qh4 33.Qg3 Qh6 34.Qe5** Prevents Rxd5. **34...Qh4 35.Qg3 Qh6** aiming for ...Rxd5! **36.Ne7+ Kh8** Strongly threatening ...Bf4. **37.Qe5+ Qg7 38.Nd5 Kg8 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Kg3 Rd7 41.Kf3 Rfd8 42.g3** White is clearly winning. **42...Kf8 43.h4 Bc1 44.c6 bxc6 45.Rxc6 Rd6 46.Rc7 h6 47.Ree7** White threatens Rf7+ and mate. **47...Bb2**

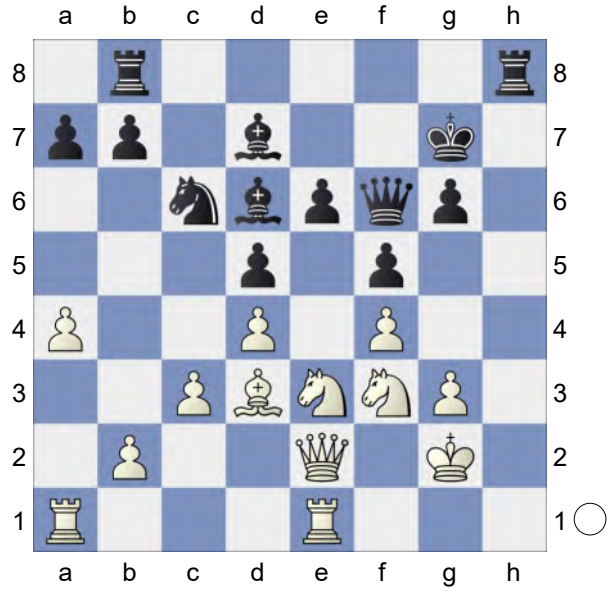


48.h5! g5
[48...gxh5 49.Rh7]
49.Rf7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

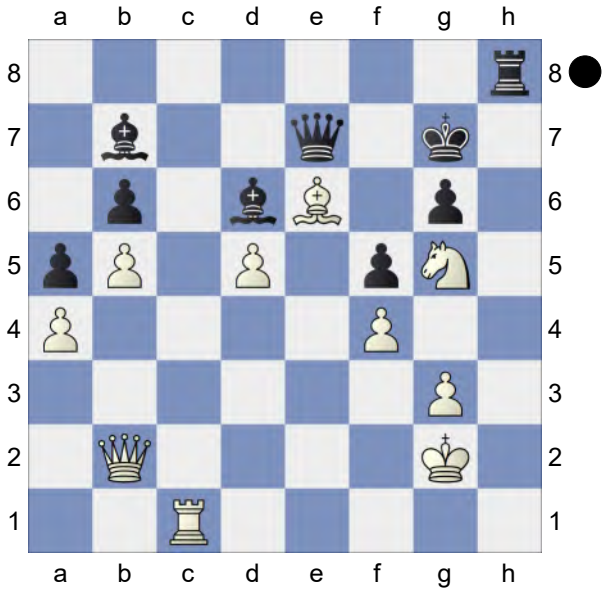
D02
□ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.14)
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N
[3.Bg5 Be7 4.Bxe7 Qxe7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.h3 *(12.0-0 Bg4 13.Be2 c6 14.Nd4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rfe8 16.Rfe1 h5 17.h3 Qe5 18.Qf3 g6 19.Rad1 Kg7 20.g3 h4 21.g4 Rad8 22.Qg2 Ne4 23.Nf3 Qf6 24.g5 Qf5 25.Nxh4 Qxg5 26.Qxg5 Nxg5* (43) 10) Queen/^s Gambit Declined-Terry,R 1... e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 12...c5 13.0-0 b6 14.Qe2 Bb7 10) Queen/^s Gambit Declined-Queen/^s Gambit Declined Odds 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
[3.g3 c5 4.c4 dxc4 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Qa4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qxd4 8.Bxc6+ Bd7 9.Be3 Bxc6 10.Qxc6+ bxc6 11.Bxd4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Nf6 13.Kg2 c5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.Kf3 Ke7 17.a3 Ba5 0-1 (36) Sulava,N (2526)-Rublevsky,S (2657) EU-ch 2nd Ohrid 2001 (1)]
[3.c4 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Re8 9.Bg5 c6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Qd8 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Rfe1 Rd8 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Ne5 Nd7 0-1 (44) Zhu,Y (1848)-Garcia Sanjuan,J (2438) 89/89 Wijk aan Zee 2004 (1)]
3...Nf6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 cxd4 7.exd4 Nh5 8.Be3 Bd6 Dodges Ne5 **9.Bd3** White has an edge.

9...Nf4 10.Bxf4 Bxf4 11.0-0 0-0 12.Re1 g6 13.Nf1 Bd7 14.Ne3 h5 15.g3 Bd6 16.Nd2 Rb8 17.a4 Kg7 18.f4 h4 19.Nf3 hxg3 20.hxg3 Rh8 21.Kg2 f5 1.18/21
[21...Rh5= -0.03/21 remains equal.]
22.Qe2± Qf6



23.Nd1 0.67/23
[23.Bb5!± 1.19/20]
23...a6!± 24.Nf2 Rbe8 1.12/24
Black is on the road to losing.
[24...Nd8!± 0.63/22 is more appropriate.]
25.Nh3 Nd8 26.Nhg5 Rh5 1.29/24
[Black should try 26...Nf7 0.81/23]
27.Rh1± Reh8 28.Rxh5 Rxh5 2.17/21
[28...gxh5± 1.20/19 29.Re1 Bxa4 30.Nxe6+ Nxe6]
29.b4 Hoping for b5. **29...Bc8** 2.35/21
[29...Nf7± 1.53/19 was necessary.]
30.Rc1 Qe7 2.17/21
[⌓30...Nf7 1.65/16]
31.b5 a5 3.27/19
[⌓31...axb5 1.80/18 32.Bxb5 *(32.axb5 Nf7±)* 32...Nf7]
32.c4+- dxc4 33.Bxc4 Rh8 4.84/20
[⌓33...b6 3.39/19 34.Re1 Rh8]
34.Bb3 Nf7 35.Nxf7
[35.Nxe6+ Bxe6 36.Qxe6 Re8+-]
35...Qxf7 36.Ng5! White is clearly winning. **36...Qe7 37.Bxe6**
[37.Nxe6+ Bxe6 38.Qxe6 Re8 39.Qxe7+ Rxe7±]
37...b6 6.52/21
[⌓37...Bxe6 4.41/19 38.Nxe6+ Kf6]
38.d5
[Worse is 38.Rxc8 Rxc8 39.Qd2 Rc7=]
38...Bb7 Threatens to win with ...Bxd5+.
39.Qb2+



Skewer **39...Qf6 40.Qxf6+ Kxf6 41.Nf7 Rc8 42.Rxc8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

E43
□ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.15)
[Kitty Kat]

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Bd2 Bb7 6.Nf3 Bxc3 7.Bxc3 Ne4

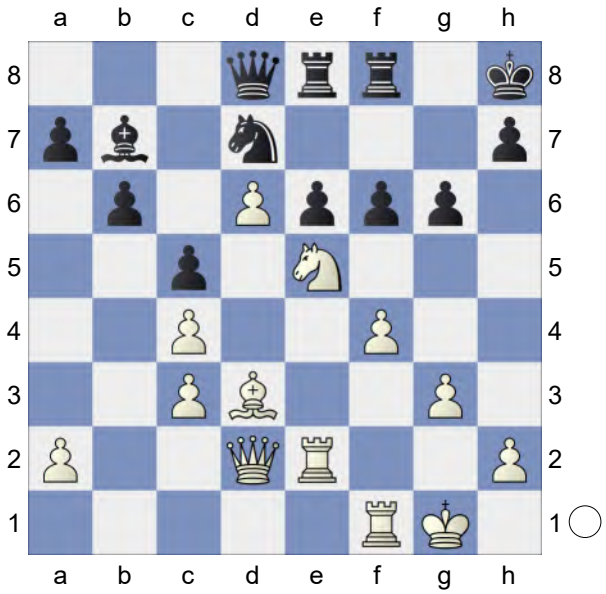
8.Bd3 -0.09/20
[8.Bb4± 0.41/20]
8...Nxc3= 9.bxc3 d6N
[9...f5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe2 Qf6 12.e4 fxe4 13.Bxe4 Bxe4 14.Qxe4 Nc6 15.Rad1 Qf4 16.Rfe1 Rae8 17.Qxf4 Rxf4 18.d5 Na5 19.dxe6 dxe6 20.Ng5 e5 21.c5 h6 22.Ne4 Nc6 23.f3 Rff8 24.Rd7 ½-½ (32) Purdy,C-Tartakower,S Match/Nation AUS-FRA 1946 (1.2) Rf7 25.Red1 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 Re7 27.Rd1 Kf7 28.Kf2 Ke6 29.Ke3 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Kxd7 31.cxb6 cxb6 32.h4 ½-½ Boschmann,W-Zbarsky,Z New York (or Havana) 1893 (1.2)]
10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd2 Qg5 Dodges Qh5
12.g3 c5 0.16/20
[12...Nd7∓ -0.36/21]
13.Qe2 Nc6 0.31/22
[13...Qe7= -0.05/23]
14.f4± Qe7 15.d5 Nb8 16.e4 Nd7 17.Rae1 Rae8 18.Nf3 g6 19.Qd2 Kh8 1.38/20
[Black should try 19...e5± 0.47/22]
20.Re2 0.58/19
[20.f5!± 1.38/20]
20...Qf6 1.18/21
[20...e5± 0.58/19]
21.e5 0.63/21
[21.Bc2!± 1.18/21]
21...dxe5! 22.Nxe5 Qd8 23.d6 White is much more active. **23...f6**

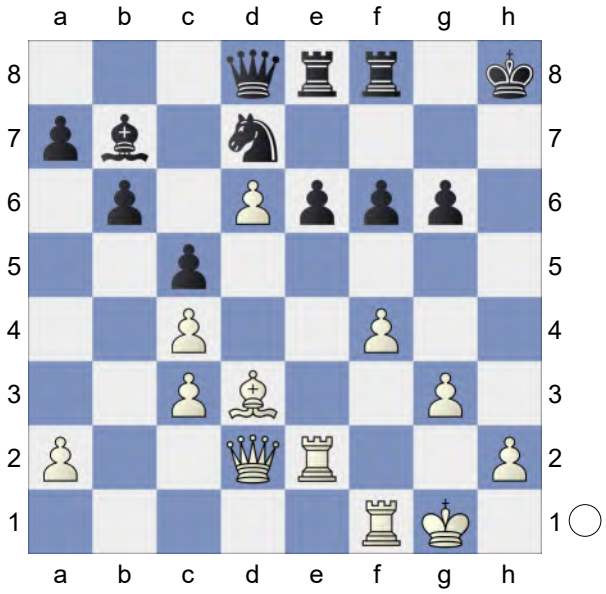
(Diagram)

24.Nxg6+ hxg6

(Diagram)

25.f5! Kg7 Wards off Qh6+
[Not 25...gxf5 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Rf4]

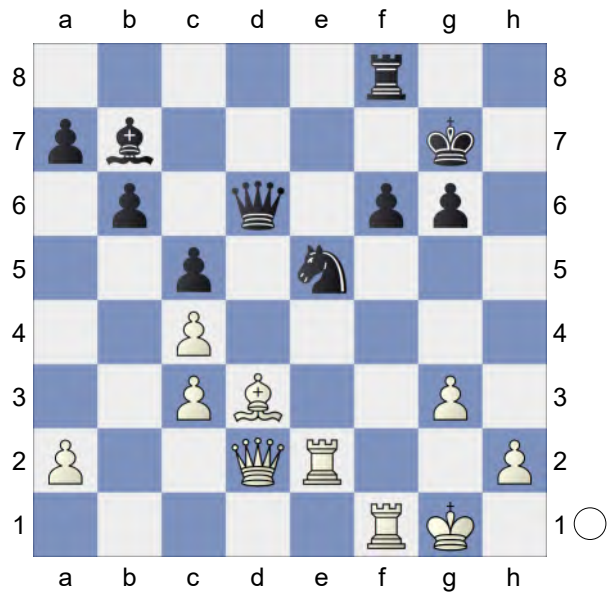


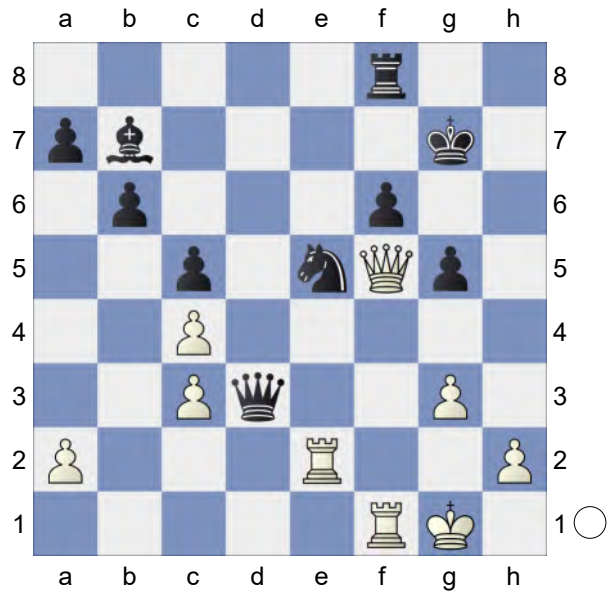


26.fxe6 Ne5 Discovered Attack **27.e7** Really sharp! **27...Qxd6 28.exf8Q+ Rxf8** 1.35/24
[Black should play 28...Qxf8 0.94/21 29.Re3 f5]

(Diagram)

29.Qf4!± Threatens to win with Bxg6!
29...g5
[29...Ba6 30.Re3]
30.Qf5 Qxd3





31.Rxe5 Pin **31...Qxf5 32.Rexf5+-** Endgame. KRR-KRB **32...Ba6 33.Rd5** 1.35/21

[33.R1f2+- 1.74/24]

33...Bxc4± 34.Rd7+ Kg6 35.Re1 Hoping for a4. **35...a5** 2.21/22

[35...Bxa2± 1.15/19 36.Rxa7 Bc4]

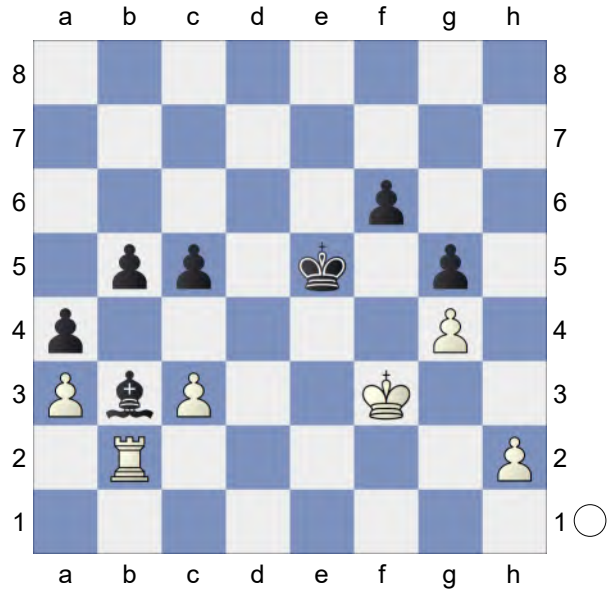
36.a3+- b5 37.g4 0.28/27

[37.Rc7+- 1.71/19]

37...Rf7 38.Red1 Be6 39.Rxf7 Kxf7= KR-KB **40.Rb1 Bc4 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Ke3 Ke5 43.Rb2 a4** 1.16/32

[43...b4!= 0.22/30 44.cxb4 *(44.axb4 axb4 45.cxb4 cxb4+-)* 44...cxb4]

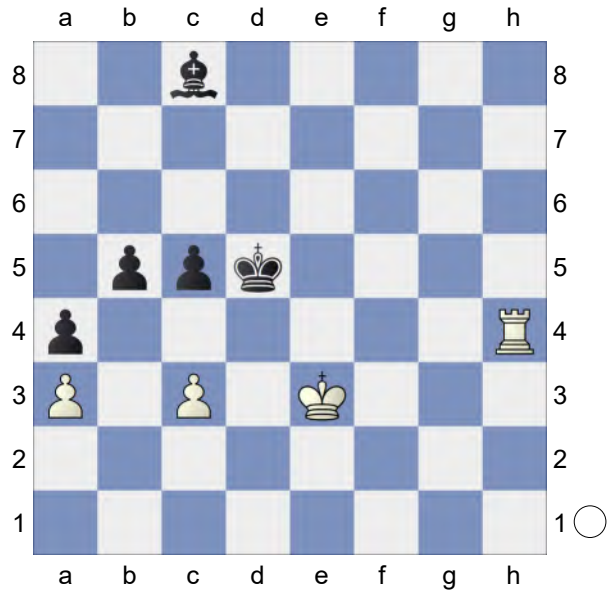
44.Kf3 Bb3



45.Ke3! Bc4 46.h3 Bb3 47.Rh2 f5 48.gxf5 Kxf5 49.Rf2+ Ke5! 50.Rf8 0.06/25

[50.Rg2± 0.53/26 feels stronger. Kf5 51.Rf2+ Ke5 52.Rf8]

50...Be6! The position is equal. **51.Rh8** Strongly threatening Rh5. **51...Kd5 52.Rh6 Bd7 53.h4 gxh4 54.Rxh4 Bc8**

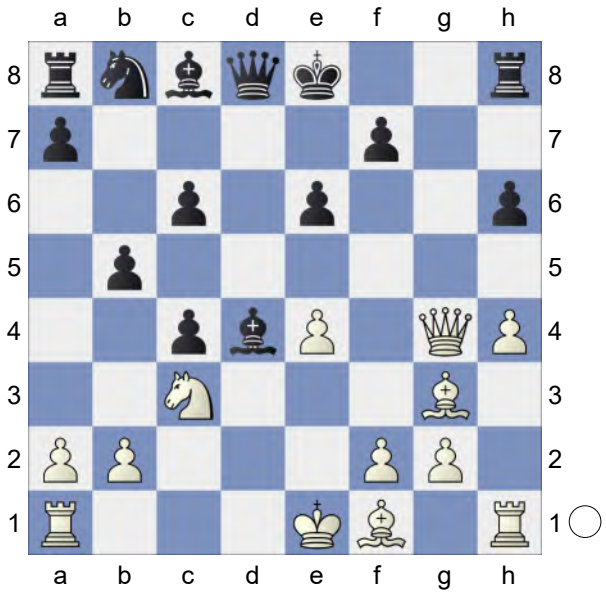


55.c4+! bxc4 56.Rh6 Bg4 57.Kd2 c3+ Deflection **58.Kxc3 Bd1 59.Rh1** Black escapes into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

D43
□ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**
■ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2466**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.16)
[Kitty Kat]

D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6
Sokolov,Ivan: 'Sokolov,I: 'Inf 72/(385)''
1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.h4 0.11/18
[9.Be2± 0.48/20]
9...g4!= 10.Ne5 Bg7N 0.92/18
[10...Bb4= 0.11/20 remains equal. 11.f3 *(11.Be2 Nxe4 12.0-0 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bxc3 14.Bxg4 0-0 15.Bh5 f5 16.Rb1 Bxd4 17.Ng6 e5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxd1 20.Rbxd1 c3 21.Rfe1 Be6 22.Ng6 c2 23.Rc1 Rf6 24.Rxc2 Bf7 25.Nf4 Na6* 1-0 (60) Om,P (2183)-Somani,A (2218) corr AICCF 1513 2014*)* 11...Nh5 12.Bf2 Qa5 13.Qd2 g3 14.Be3 f6 15.Ng4 *(15.Ng6 Rg8 16.Nf4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 h5* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO D4 2003*)* 15...f5 16.Ne5 f4 17.Bg1 Bb7 18.Rc1 Rg8 19.a3 Bd6 20.Ng4 Nd7 21.Qc2 0-0-0 22.Nxh6 Rg7 23.Be2 c5 24.d5 exd5 25.Nf5 Rg6 0-1 (55) Sokolov,I (2625)-Thorhallsson,T (2480) VISA GP Reykjavik 1998 (3)]
[10...Nbd7 11.Be2 Bb7 *(11...Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Rg8 13.0-0 Bb7 14.g3 a6 15.Re1 Bb4 16.Qc2 Qe7 17.a4 Rd8 18.Rad1 Rg6 19.b3 cxb3 20.Qxb3 Kf8 21.Qb2 Ba5 22.Qc1 Qb4 23.Rd3 Nxe4 24.h5 Rg5 25.Nxe4 Qxe1+ 26.Qxe1* ½-½ (48) Bellmann,H (2486)-Pilalis,H (2482) corr EM/M/A077 2000 *)* 12.Nxd7 Qxd7 13.Be5 Qe7 14.b3 Rg8 15.Qc2 Nd7 16.Bg3 e5 17.d5 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Qc5 19.bxc4 f5 20.h5 Rc8 21.Rb1 f4 22.Bh4 f3 23.gxf3 gxf3 24.Bxf3 Qxc4 25.Qxc4 1-0 (40) Bellmann,H (2206)-Offenborn,H (2153) GER M101 corr 1999]
11.Nxg4± White has more active pieces. **11...Nxg4** White is better. **12.Qxg4 Bxd4**



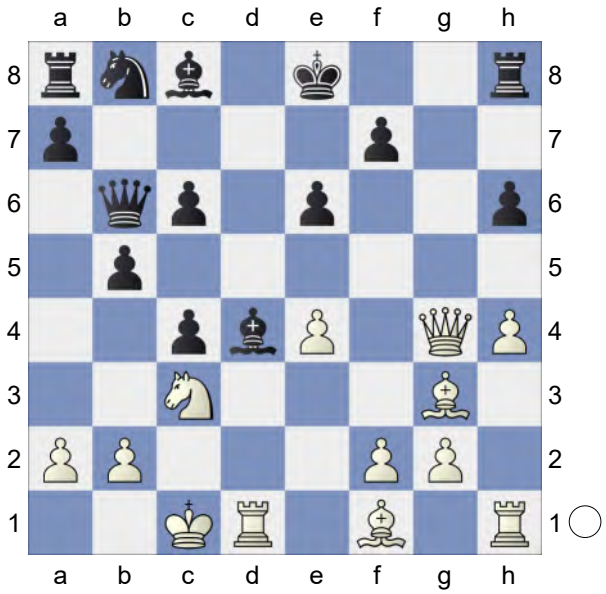
13.0-0-0! Qb6

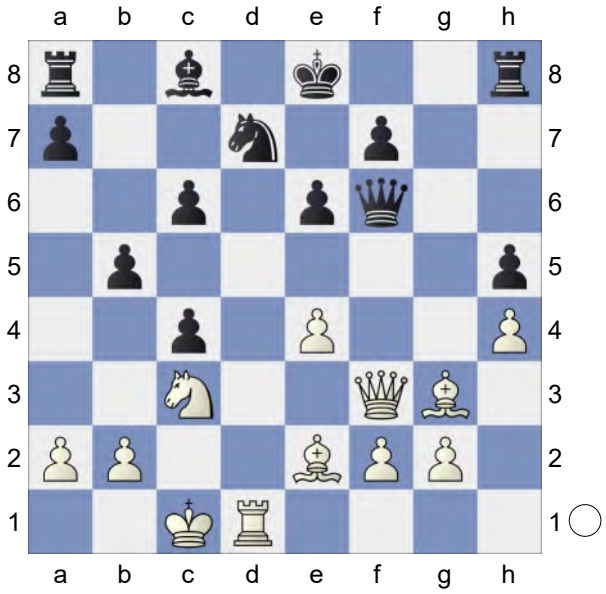
(Diagram)

14.Rxd4 0.47/19 **Qxd4±** **15.Be2** Strongly threatening Rd1. **15...Nd7! 16.Rd1 h5! 17.Qf3**
[17.Rxd4 hxg4 18.e5 Nc5∓]
17...Qf6

(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...Qxf3. **18.e5!** Discovered Attack **18...Qxf3**
[18...Nxe5 19.Qxf6 Bd7 20.Qxh8+

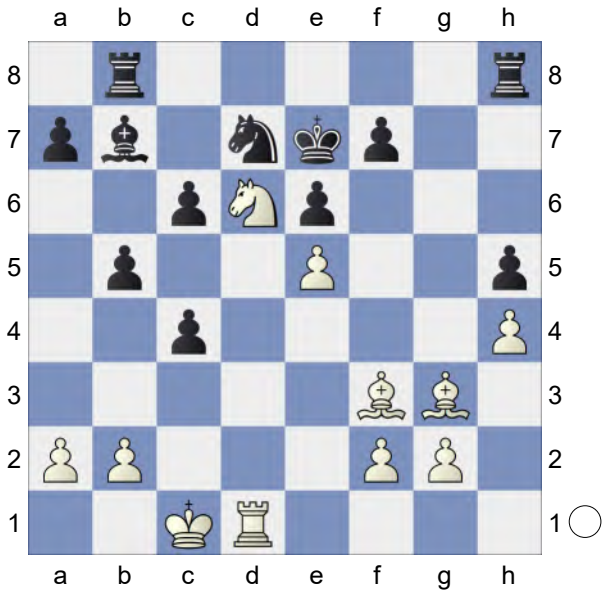




Ke7 21.Qxe5 *(21.Qxa8 Ng6 22.Rxd7+ Kxd7 23.Qxa7+ Ke8 24.Bd6 e5 25.Bxh5 c5 26.Qc7 Nxh4 27.Bxf7#)* 21...Rg8 22.Rxd7+ *(22.Bxh5 Rxg3 23.fxg3 Kd8 24.Qd6 Kc8 25.Qxd7+ Kb8 26.Qe7 f5 27.Rd8#)* 22...Kxd7 23.Qc7+ *(23.Qxh5 Rg6+-; 23.Bxh5 Rxg3 24.fxg3 f5 25.Bf7 Kd8 26.Bxe6 Ke7 27.g4 fxg4 28.Ne4 Kf8 29.Qf6+ Ke8 30.Nd6#)* 23...Ke8 24.Bd6 Rxg2 25.Qe7#]

19.Bxf3 Bb7 20.Ne4 Dodges Nc5

20...Ke7 21.Nd6 Rab8



22.Nxf7! Decoy **22...Rhf8 23.Ng5**
[23.Bxh5 Nc5 24.Nd6 Nd3+ 25.Kc2 c5-+]
23...Rxf3 24.gxf3
[24.Nxf3 c5∓]
24...Nc5 25.Rd6 Rd8 26.Kc2 a6 27.Kc3 Na4+ 28.Kc2 Nc5
[28...Rxd6 29.exd6+ Kd7 30.Nh7±]
29.Bf4 And now Be3 would win.
29...Rxd6 The position is equal.
30.exd6+= Endgame. KBN-KBN
30...Kd7 31.Nh7 Hoping for Nf6+.
31...e5! 32.Bxe5 aiming for f4. **32...Ke6 33.f4 Nd7** Repels Nf8+ **34.Ng5+ Kf5 35.Nf7 c5** next ...Bd5 is good for Black. **36.Bh8 Be4+ 37.Kd2 Kxf4 38.Ne5** Dodges Bc6. Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

A00

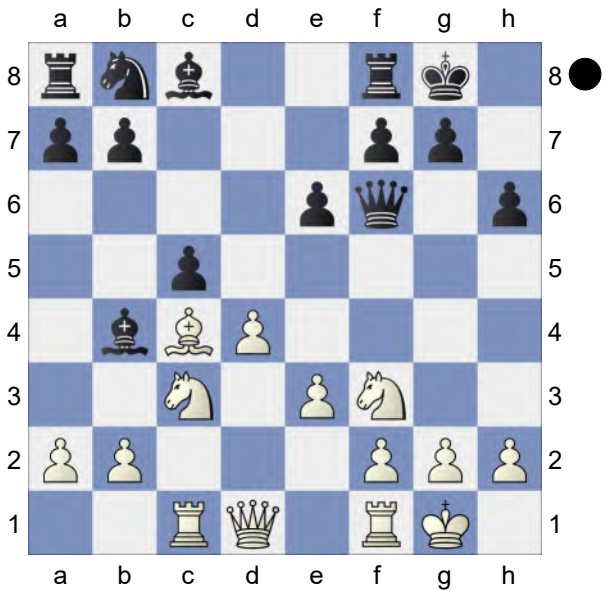
□ **Goutham Krishna H** 2466
■ **Narayanan,S.L.** 2647
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.17) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A00: Irregular Openings
Inf 66/(1) Inf 23/(3) **1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.0-0 h6**
[5...0-0 6.Nc3 h6 7.e4 c6 8.Re1 Re8 9.h3 Na6 10.Nh4 Nc7 11.a3 Rb8 12.Qf3 b5 13.Nf5 Bf8 14.g4 a5 15.g5 hxg5 16.Bxg5 d4 17.Ne2 Ne6 18.Nh6+ gxh6 19.Bxf6 Ng5 20.Bxd8 (21) Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO SMALL 2003]
6.c4 c6 7.cxd5N
[7.Qb3 0-0 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nc3 d4 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Qxd5 Nc6 12.Bd2 Be6 13.Qb5 Qc7 14.Rfc1 a6 15.Qa4 Rfc8 16.a3 Qb6 17.b4 Ne7 Hickl,J (2580)-Kindermann,S (2575) Nussloch_153659 1996]
[7.b3 0-0 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Qe7 10.Nc2 Na6 11.Ne3 d4 Petran,P-Pribyl,J CSSR CSSR 23/(3) 1977]
7...cxd5 8.Nc3 Black has an edge. **8...Nc6 9.e4 d4 10.Nd5 0-0 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Ne1 g5 13.Bd2 Kh8 14.Qh5 Rg8 15.Bh3 Qg6 16.Qxg6 Rxg6 17.Bxc8 Rxc8 18.Nf3 f6 19.Rfc1** -0.32/22
[19.h4= 0.06/23]
19...Rg7 20.Rc2 Rgc7 21.Rac1 Kg7 22.Kf1 a5 23.h4 a4 24.a3 -0.58/25
[24.h5= 0.09/22]
24...Kg6 0.00/25
[Better is 24...g4!∓ -0.58/25 25.Nh2 h5]
25.g4= The position is equal. **25...Nd8 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.h5+ Kf7 28.Rxc7+ Bxc7** Endgame. KBN-KBN **29.Ke1 Nc6 30.Ng1 Bd6 31.Ne2 Ke6 32.Ng3 Ne7 33.Kd1 Kd7 34.Ba5 Bc5 35.Kc2 b6 36.Bd2 Kc6 37.Kb1 b5 38.Ba5 Bb6 39.Bb4 Bc5 40.Ba5 Bb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

D38

□ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** 2646
■ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** 2437
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.18)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 dxc4 9.Bxc4 c5 10.0-0



Threatens to win with Ne4. **10...cxd4 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.a3 Ba5 13.exd4 Rd8 14.Rc2 Bd7**
[14...Nd7 15.Qe2 Nf6 16.Nc5 Bc7 17.Bb5 Rb8 18.Rfc1 Bf4 19.Re1 Bc7 20.g3 Bb6 21.b4 a5 22.Kg2 axb4 23.axb4 Bc7 24.Rb1 Nd5 25.Bd3 Bd6 26.b5 b6 27.Na6 Ra8 28.Ne5 Bxe5 29.dxe5 ½-½ (69)

Makhnev,D (2551)-Yilmaz,M (2587) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (11.1)]

15.Re2 Bc6 16.Qc2! Bxe4N 0.17/24

[16...Rc8 -0.25/18 is superior. 17.Qd3 Bc7]

[16...Bd5 17.Bxd5 Rxd5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Nc3 Rd6 20.d5 Ziatdinov (2247)-Baracu,N (2357) Slovenija 146/196 2020]

[16...Bb6 17.Rfe1 Kh8 18.Neg5 hxg5 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6 Qxe6 21.Bxe6 Bxf3 22.Qf5 Be4 23.Qxe4 Rxd4 24.Qf3 g4 25.Qf8+ Kh7 26.Bf5+ Kh6 27.Bc2 Rd2 28.Qh8+ Kg5 29.Qxg7+ Kh5 30.Qg6+ Kh4 31.Qh6# 1-0 Giri,A (2764)-Gukesh,D (2725) Tata Steel Chess Masters 2023 (2)]

17.Qxe4 The position is equal. **17...Nc6 18.h4 Bb6 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.d5** Bd3 would now be deadly. **20...exd5 21.Bxd5**

[21.Rxd5 simplifies g6 22.g3 Kf8 23.Kg2]

21...Rd6

[21...g6 simplifies 22.Rdd2 Rd6 23.g4 Rad8]

22.Ng5 hxg5 23.hxg5 Qxg5

[23...Qg6?! 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qf4+±]

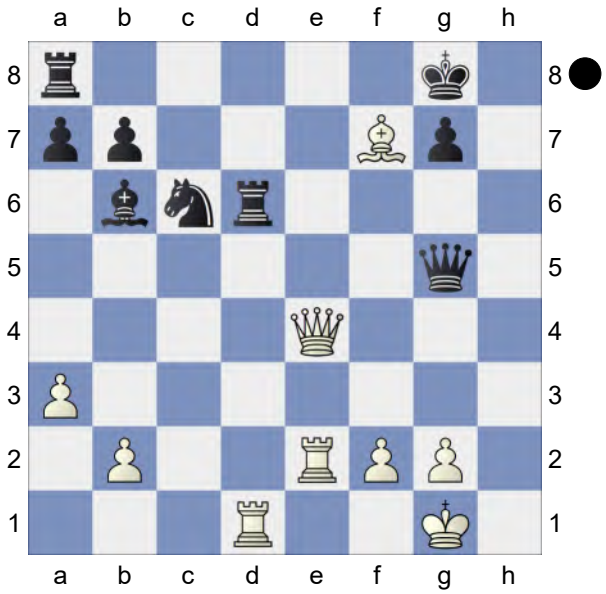
24.Bxf7+!

(Diagram)

Discovered Attack **24...Kxf7 25.Rxd6 Qc1+ 26.Re1** Chess con chili. **26...Bxf2+!** Decoy **27.Kxf2** White wants to mate with Rd7+. **27...Qc5+**

[27...Qxb2+? too greedy. 28.Kg1 Qb6+ 29.Re3+-]

28.Re3 Qxd6 29.Qc4+ Kf8 Strongly threatening ...Nd4. **30.Rf3+ Ke7** And now ...Rf8 would win. **31.Qf7+ Kd8**



Hoping for ...Rc8. **32.Qf8+**

[32.Qxg7 Kc8 33.Qh8+ Nd8 34.Qc3+ Qc7∓]

32...Kd7!

[Avoid the trap 32...Qxf8? 33.Rxf8+ Kd7 34.Rxa8+-]

33.Qxa8 Qd2+ 34.Kg3 Qg5+ 35.Kf2 Qd2+ 36.Kg3 Qg5+ 37.Kf2

A balanced but interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

C58

□ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2447**

■ **Pranav,V** **2621**

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[Kitty Kat]

C58: Two Knights: 4 Ng5 d5 5 exd5 Na5 sidelines

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5N

[4.d3

A) 4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0

A1) 6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 exd4 12.Nxd4*

Bd6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Ne4 Be5 15.Nf3 Qxd1 16.Rxd1 Bf5 17.Nxe5 Bxe4 18.Nd3 Rfd8 19.Bf4 Nd5 20.Bg3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Nb4 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.c3 Nd3 24.b3 Nb2 25.Bxc7 Rd3 1-0 (49) Arjun,K (2505)-Sai Agni,J (2226) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (7) *)* 11...Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Bg4 13.Nbd2 fxe5 14.Re1 Rae8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nxe5 Bxc2 17.Ndf3 Bd6 18.Bd2 c5 19.b3 Bf5 20.Nc6 a6 21.Bc3 ½-½ (57) Naiditsch,A (2667)-Naumann,A (2513) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.1);

A2) 6...Nb6 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 (41) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5);

B) 4...Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Bc2 c5 9.Nf1 Nc6 10.Ne3 h6 11.Nd5 Be6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.0-0 d5 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Re1 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qd7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 1-0 (22) Steinle,T (2087)-Grill,M (2148) FRA-ch op-A Aix les Bains 2003 (5)]

4...d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Nd5! 9.h4

[9.Nxh7 Nf4 10.Be4 Rxh7∓]

9...h6 10.Qh5 Qf6 The position is equal. **11.Ne4 Qe7 12.Be2 g6 13.Qf3 f5 14.Nec3 Nb4 15.Bd1 Be6 16.Qg3** -0.01/21

[16.a3± 0.45/19 Nd5 17.Qg3]

16...Qf6 0.48/19

[16...Qg7= -0.01/21 deserves consideration.]

17.d3 Black should prevent a3. **17...Bd6 18.Bd2!** With the idea Qf3. **18...Nb7! 19.Qf3 Qg7 20.g3** -0.69/20

[20.a3= -0.02/19 Nd5 21.Nxd5 cxd5 22.g3]

20...0-0 Black has compensation. **21.Qg2 Kh7 22.h5 g5 23.g4 Nc5 24.0-0 Qd7 25.Na3** -0.51/19

[25.a3= -0.05/21 Nd5 26.b4]

25...fxg4 0.92/23

[25...Nd5∓ -0.51/19 keeps the upper hand. 26.b4 Nxb4]

26.Ne4 0.16/21

[26.Nc4± 0.92/23 Black must now prevent Nxd6. Bc7 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Qxe4+ Bf5 29.Bxg4 Nxc2 30.Bxf5+ Qxf5 31.Qxf5+ Rxf5 32.Ne3 Nxe3 33.fxe3]

26...Nxe4=

[26...Nxa2 27.Nc4 Be7 28.Nxe5+- *(28.Rxa2 g3+-)*]

27.Qxe4+ Kh8 Active counter play! **28.Nc4**

[28.Qg6 with more complications. Rf7 29.Qxh6+ Rh7 30.Qf6+]

28...Nd5! 29.Nxe5 Bxe5 30.Qxe5+ Kg8 31.c4 Nf4 32.Bc3 -0.78/22

[32.Bxf4= -0.13/21 remains equal. Rxf4 33.Re1]

32...Kh7 0.01/19

[32...Qh7!∓ -0.78/22 Hoping for ... Rae8! 33.Bc2 Rae8]

33.Ba4! Strongly threatening Bxc6! This pair of bishops is nice. **33...Rac8 34.Rae1 Rf7** 0.98/16

[34...Qf7= 0.24/20]

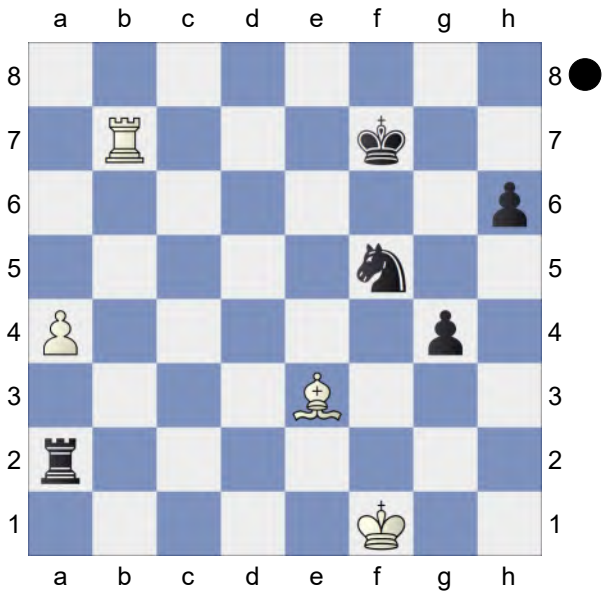
35.d4 -0.04/16

[35.Re4± 0.98/16]

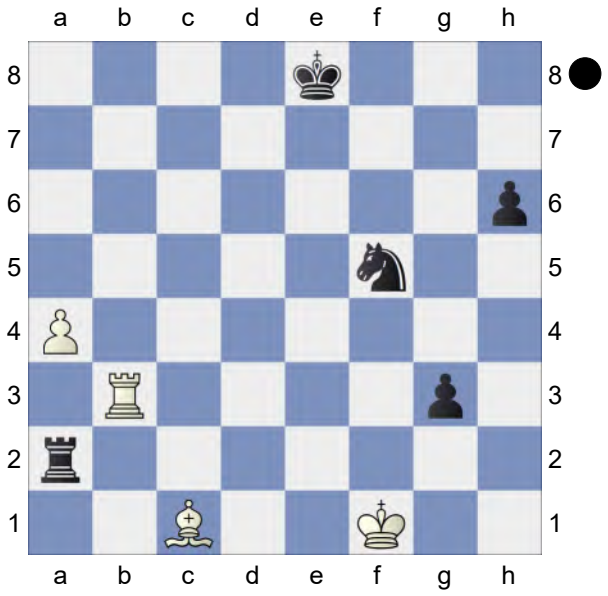
35...Bxc4 36.d5? -1.56/20 **Qxd5∓ 37.Bc2+ Bd3 38.Bxd3+ Nxd3 39.Qe6 Qxe6**

[39...Nxe1 40.Qg6#]

40.Rxe6 Nf4! 41.Rd6 Nxh5 42.Re1 Nf4 Inhibits Ree6. **43.Kh2** -1.95/20
[43.Bd2∓ -1.51/21 was necessary.]
43...Rcf8 -0.93/20
[43...Rg8-+ -1.95/20 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Rg6 would now be deadly. 44.Kg3 h5]
44.Bd4 Rg8 ...Rg6 is the strong threat.
45.Rxc6 -1.12/19
[45.Rc1!∓ -0.64/24]
45...Rg6 46.Rec1 a6 -0.15/24
[Better is 46...h5∓ -1.24/20 Threatens to win with ...h4. 47.Be3 h4]
47.Rxg6 -0.93/22
[47.Rc7= -0.15/24 keeps the balance. Rxc7 48.Rxc7+ Kg8 49.Rc8+ Kf7 50.Rc7+ Ke8 51.Rh7]
47...Nxg6= Endgame. KRB-KRN
48.Rc6 -1.32/27
[White should play 48.b4 -0.76/22]
48...Nh4 49.Be3 Rf3 And now ...Rh3+ would win. **50.Rxa6 Rh3+ 51.Kg1 g3! 52.fxg3** Remove Defender **52...Rxg3+ 53.Kf2 Rg2+ 54.Kf1 Rxb2 55.a4 Nf5** -0.21/20
[55...Ra2!∓ -0.90/23 aiming for ...Nf5. 56.Bf2 Nf5]
56.Bf2! Kg7 57.Rb6? -2.37/25
[57.a5= -0.03/21 and White stays safe.]
57...Ra2-+ 58.Rb5 Kg6 59.Rb6+ Kh5 60.Rb5 Nd6 61.Rb4 g4 62.Be3 Nf5 63.Rb5 Kg6? -3.16/20
[63...Ra1+= -0.08/20 64.Ke2 Ra2+ 65.Kf1 Kg6 66.Rb6+ Kh7 *(66...Kh5 67.Rb5∓)* 67.Rb7+ Kg8]
64.Rb6+ Kg7
[64...Kh5 65.Rb5 Kg6 66.Rb6+ Kh7 *(66...Kh5 67.Rb5-+)* 67.Rb7+ Kg8 68.Rb8+ Kf7 69.Rb7+ Ke8 70.Bb6-+]
65.Rb7+ Kg8? -3.02/20
[65...Kf8!∓ -0.98/22 66.Bc5+ Kg8]
66.Rb8+ Kf7! 67.Rb7+



Ke8! 68.Bc1 -4.60/22
[⌓68.Bf4 -2.94/20 Rxa4 69.Be5]
68...g3 -2.05/20
[Less strong is 68...Rxa4 69.Rb5∓]
[⌓68...h5 -4.60/22 69.Kg1 Ra1 *(69...Rxa4? 70.Bb2-+)*]
69.Rb3? -5.34/18
[69.Bb2 -2.05/20 is more resistant.]



69...Ra1! Black is clearly winning.
[Not 69...Rxa4 70.Rf3∓]

70.Rc3 h5
[Weaker is 70...Rxa4 71.Bxh6 Nxh6 72.Rxg3=]
71.Rc5 -8.00/22
[⌓71.Kg2 -4.51/20 Ra2+ *(71...Rxa4? 72.Rc2-+)* 72.Kg1]
71...h4 72.Kg2 Ra2+ 73.Kf3 Rf2+ 74.Ke4 g2 75.Re5+ Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

B33
□ **Pranesh,M** **2582**
■ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** **2445**
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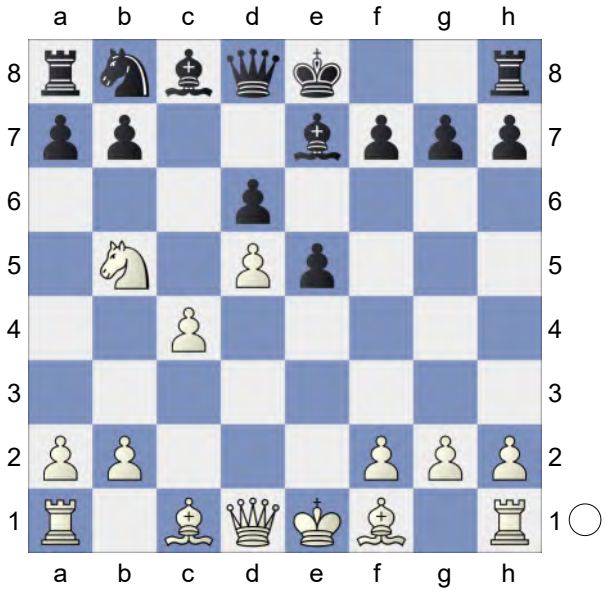
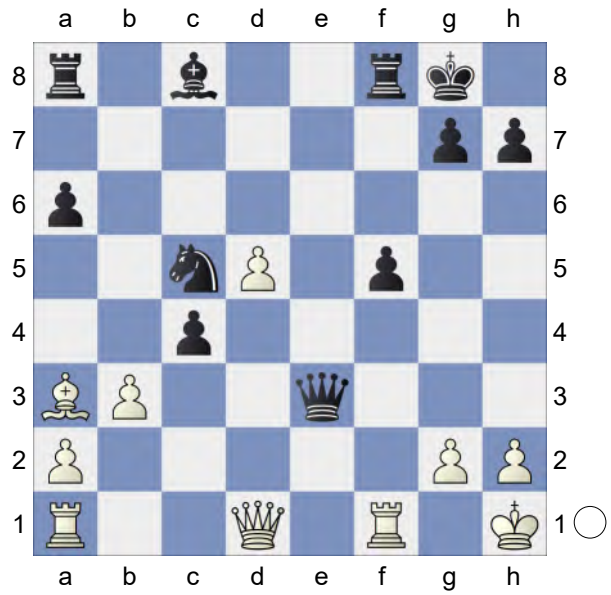
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.c4 Be7

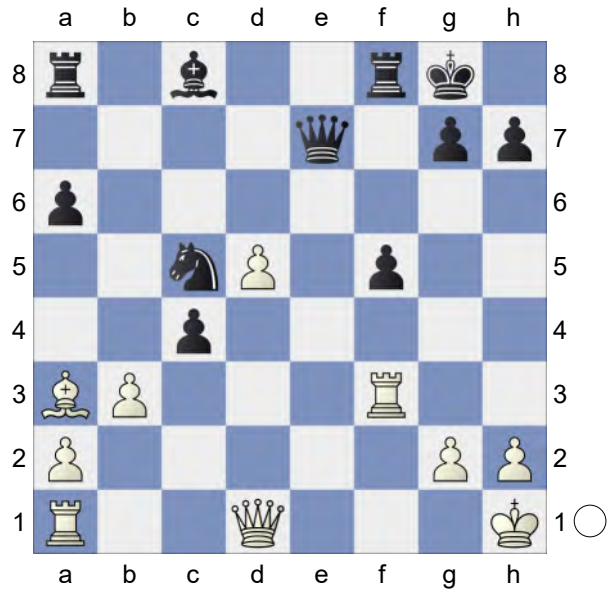


10.c5! 0-0 11.Bd3
[11.cxd6 Bxd6 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Be2 Rd8 14.Bg5 f6 15.Be3 b6 16.Qb3 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Rd1 Qb4+ 19.Qc3 Rac8 20.Qxb4 Nxb4 21.0-0 Nxd5 22.Rc1 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rd2 25.Rc8+ Kf7 0-1 (45) Redzisz,M (2269)-Horak,M (2266) Titled Tuesday intern op 09th May Early blitz 2023 (11)]
11...f5N 0.78/19
[11...a6= 0.29/24 was preferrable. 12.cxd6 Bxd6 13.Nxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Qc2 Nf6 16.Rd1 Bg4 17.f3 Rac8 18.Qb3 Bh5 19.Bg5 b5 20.Bf5 Rc5 21.Qa3 Nxd5 22.Be3 b4 23.Qxb4 Nxb4 24.Rxd6 Rd5 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.Bc5 Rb8 27.Rd1 Nf4 28.Ba7 Rf8 1-0 (50) Douville,G-Nikitin,A Belt and Road Hunan op-A 2019 29.b4 Bg6 30.Bxg6 hxg6 31.Rd6 Rc8 32.Bc5 Ne6 33.Rd5 a5 34.a3 axb4 35.axb4 Nxc5 36.bxc5 f6 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.Ke3 Ke6 39.Rd6+ Kf5 40.g4+ Kg5 41.c6 f5 42.h4+ Kxh4 43.Rxg6 fxg4 1-0 (50) Mu,K (2670)-Chigogidze,K (2635) Moscow1 1989]
[11...Na6 12.cxd6 Bxd6 13.0-0 Nb4 14.Bb1 Qd7 15.Nc3 f5 16.a3 Na6 17.Qh5 b5 18.Be3 Nc7 19.Bc2 a5 20.Rfd1 Rf6 21.Rac1 Rg6 22.Kh1 Qf7 23.Bb6 Bd7 24.Bxc7 Bxc7 25.Nxb5 Bxb5 26.Bxf5 0-1 (47) Viola,M-G,A A005 SEMI Email 1999]
12.0-0± White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **12...Na6** White is slightly better.
[12...dxc5? 13.d6 Bf6 14.Bc4+ *(14.Nc7 Nc6+-)* 14...Kh8 15.Nc7+-]
13.cxd6 Bxd6 14.b3 Nc5 15.Bc4 a6 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.f4 0.54/22
[17.a4± 1.06/18]
17...b5 18.fxe5 Remove Defender
18...Qxe5
[18...Qb6 19.Be3 bxc4 20.Qd4 cxb3 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5=]

19.Ba3! Qe3+ 1.02/21
[19...Ne4!± 0.60/22 feels stronger. 20.Bxf8 bxc4]
20.Kh1 Threatens to win with Rf3.
20...bxc4



21.Rf3! Qe7



...Bb7 would now be deadly. **22.Qg1! Qe4** 1.42/21 **23.Qxc5 Re8** 2.31/18
[23...Bd7± 1.36/19]
24.bxc4+- f4 25.Qc7→ Black is in trouble.
[25.Raf1 g5 26.Bb2 Rb8+-]
25...g5 26.Bb2 Qg6 Repels Qg7+.
Black is weak on the dark squares
27.Rb3 Bg4 28.Rb7
[28.Rb6 Qf7 29.Qxf7+ Kxf7+-]
28...Re2 3.95/21
[⌓28...f3 2.63/18 29.h3 *(29.Qg7+ Qxg7* Remove Defender *30.Rxg7+ Kf8±)* 29...fxg2+ 30.Kh2 Bc8 31.Qg7+ Qxg7 Remove Defender 32.Rxg7+ Kf8 33.Rxg5 *(33.Rxh7 Bf5+-)* 33...Re3]
29.Qa5 2.16/18
[⌓29.d6 3.95/21 Rf8 30.Bc3]
29...f3? 4.52/20
[29...Rxg2 2.16/18 is a better defense. 30.Qc3 *(30.Kxg2* leads to mate. *Qe4+ 31.Kg1 Qe3+ 32.Kg2 Bh3+ 33.Kh1 Qf3+ 34.Kg1 Qg2#)* 30...Rxb2 31.Qxb2 *(31.Rxb2 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 Re8+-)* 31...Re8]
30.Qc3 White is clearly winning.
30...fxg2+ 31.Kg1 Rxb2 32.Rxb2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.57
[Not 32.Qxb2 Rf8+-]
1-0

C45
□ **Shyaam Nikhil P** **2445**
■ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**
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[Kitty Kat]

C45: Scotch Game
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qf6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2
[6.c3 Bc5 7.Be2 h6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.c4 0-0 10.Nc3 d6 11.h3 a6 12.a3 Bd7 13.Qd3 Rad8 14.b4 Ba7 15.Bb2 Ne5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 c6 19.Qg3 Rfe8 20.Rad1 cxd5 1-0 (45) Bogilov (2348)-7.♗e3 cd4 8. ♘d4_60722 (2504) 47/

(209) Vrnjacka Banja 1989 (1.2)]

6...d6 7.Be2 Nge7N

[7...Bg4 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.c3 Bc5 10.b4 Bxb4 11.Qa4 Bc5 12.e5 Nxe5 13.Ne4 Qf5 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Qxa7 Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bxf3 17.Bxf3 Qxf3 18.Bf4 Qxf4 19.Qa8+ Kd7 20.Rfd1+ Kc6 21.Qxd8 Qg4+ 22.Kf1 0-1 (43) Navara,D (2751)-Krasenkow,M (2610) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (9.1) Qc4+ 23.Qd3 Qxd3+ 24.Rxd3 Ne7 25.Rf3 Rf8 26.Re1 Nc8 27.Re4 Nd6 28.Rh4 Rh8 29.Rfh3 h6 30.a4 Nf5 31.Re4 g6 32.Ke2 Ra8 33.Rf4 h5 34.Rd3 Nd6 35.Re3 c4 36.Re7 Rxa4 37.Rf6 (43) Part Chapter-Games Part 1 Chapter 8 (3)]

8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Nb3 h6 10.c3 Bc5 11.Nxc5 dxc5 12.Be3 b6** 1.00/18

[12...Ng6!± 0.55/20 was preferrable.]

13.Nd2!± a5 14.f4 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.a4 Raa8 17.Rf3 Rad8 18.Qe2 Rd7 1.45/20

[Black should try 18...Qd6 0.76/21]

19.Rg3! Rfd8 20.Nc4! Ng6 21.Rf1 Rd3 22.Qg4 Qh4 3.17/21

[⌓22...Kh7 1.92/24 23.h3 R8d7]

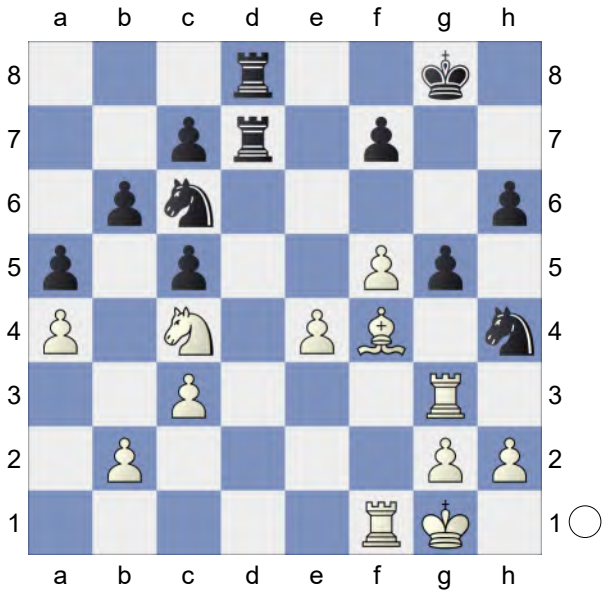
23.Qxh4!+- Nxh4 24.f5 Wards off Ng6 **24...g5 25.Bf4**

[25.fxg6?! Nxg6 26.Rf6 *(26.Bxh6 Rxg3 27.hxg3 Nce5±)* 26...Rd1+ 27.Kf2 Nb8±]

25...R3d7

(Diagram)

26.Bxg5 hxg5 27.Rxg5+ Kf8 28.Rh5 Nxf5 29.Rhxf5 Re7 30.R5f4 Rdd7 31.Kf2 Ne5 32.Nxe5 Rxe5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **33.Ke2 c4 34.Rd1 Rde7 35.Kf3 c6 36.Rd8+ Kg7 37.Rg4+ Kf6** 4.32/22



[⌓37...Kh7 2.97/21 38.Rf4 b5]

38.Rd6+ R5e6 39.Rf4+ Kg6? 4.84/21

[39...Kg7 2.75/19 40.Rd8 *(40.Rxe6 Rxe6 41.h3 Rd6+-)* 40...b5]

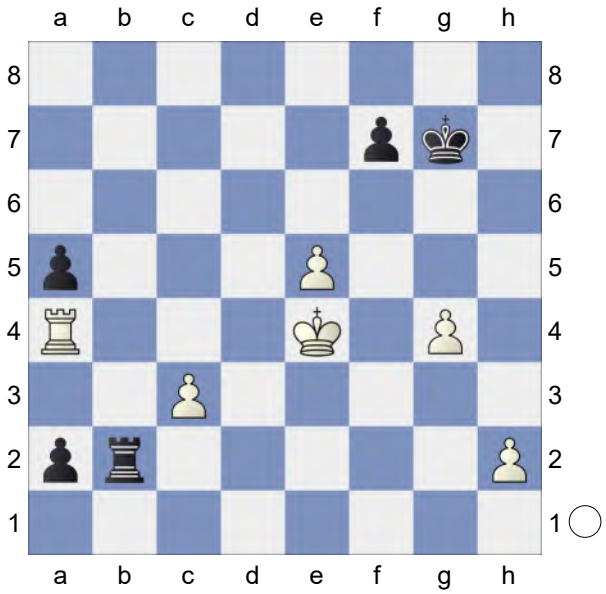
40.e5 b5 41.Rf6+ Rxf6+ 42.Rxf6+ KR-KR

[Not 42.exf6 Rb7±]

42...Kg7 43.Ke4 bxa4 44.Rxc6 Rb7 45.Rxc4 Rxb2 46.g4 a3 3.95/25

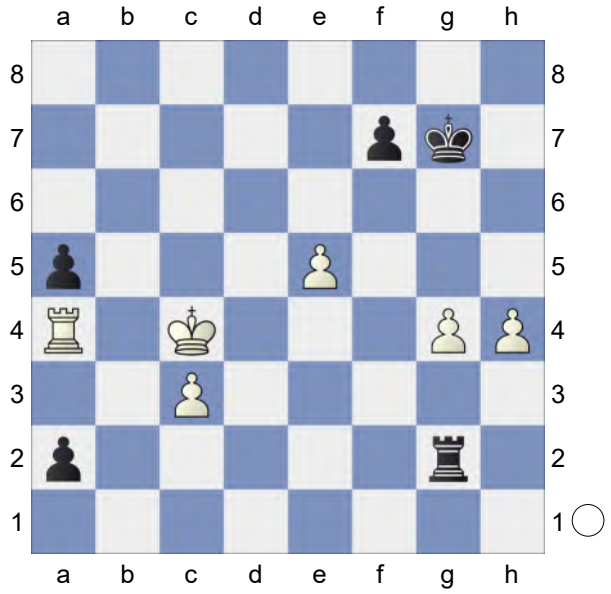
[46...Re2+ 2.68/21 might work better. 47.Kf5 Rf2+ 48.Kg5 a3]

47.Ra4 a2



48.h4 3.47/27

[Inferior is 48.Rxa5 Rxh2 49.Kd3 Rg2∓]
[⌓48.h3! 2.41/26]
48...Re2+ 49.Kd5 Rd2+ 50.Kc4 Rg2



51.Rxa5? 0.05/15
[Only move: 51.Kb3!+- 1.77/22]
51...Rxg4+= The position is equal. **52.Kd5 Rg2 53.c4 Rd2+ 54.Kc6 Kg6 55.Kb6 Kf5 56.h5 Rc2 57.h6** Hoping for h7. **57...Rxc4 58.Rxa2 Rh4 59.Rf2+ Kxe5** White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
½-½

C55
□ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
■ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**
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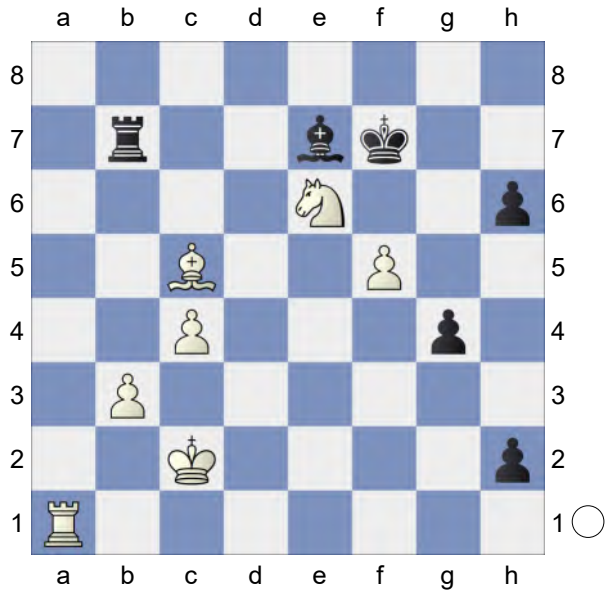
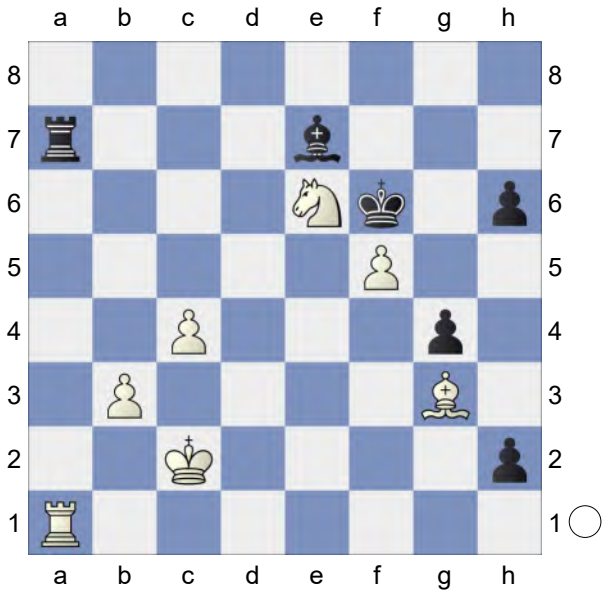
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nb6 *(6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 fxe5 13.Nc3 Bg4 14.Re1 Bh4 15.Be3 Bf5 16.Na4 Bxc2 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Bd5 Bd3 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Bd5* 0-1 (74) 3.c3 ♗g7 4. ♗g5_30545 (2123)-Hauge,L (2379) Cappelle op 25th 2009 (3)*)* 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 (41) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5)]
5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1N
[6.Nc3 d6 7.a3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2 Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Bd6 ½-½ (56) Edighoffer,H-Melton,R APCT King ch-1 1996]
6...d6 7.a4 Na5 8.Ba2 c5 9.c3 h6 10.Na3 White is slightly better. **10...Nc6 11.Bd2 a6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Nc2 Bf8 15.Ne3 Be6 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Ng4 Nd7 18.g3 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nh4 Qe7 21.Rf1 Kh7 22.Ne3 Nf6 23.Nhg2 d5** 1.28/23 Black is now going downhill.
[23...Kg8= 0.13/20]
24.exd5± Nxd5 25.Ng4 Hoping for Rxa8. **25...Rxa1** 2.31/22
[25...Qf7± 1.27/17 was necessary. 26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.Qxe5 Qf5 28.Qxf5+ exf5]
26.Rxa1+- Qf7 27.Nxe5 Nxe5 28.Qxe5 Qf5 2.58/20
[⌓28...Qd7 1.92/21 29.Ra6 Qc8]
29.Qxf5+ exf5 30.Kf1 Rd8 31.Ke2 Rd7 32.Ra5 Rb7 33.Nh4 g6 34.Kd1

Bg7 35.Kc2 Bf6 36.Ng2 Against f4 **36...Kg7 37.Nf4 Nc7 38.Be3 Be7 39.c4 Kf7** 2.47/21
[⌓39...g5 1.70/23]
40.Ne2 g5 41.Nc3 bxc4 42.dxc4
[42.Bxc5 cxd3+ 43.Kxd3 Rxb2±]
42...Ne6 43.Nd5 aiming for Nxe7.
43...Bd6 44.f4 Bf8 2.43/20
[⌓44...Rd7 1.87/21 45.Rb5 Bf8]
45.b3 Bd6 2.33/23
[45...Rd7 1.76/21 was called for. 46.Rb5 Bd6]
46.Ra6 Bf8 3.75/18
[46...gxf4 1.71/21 47.Nxf4 *(47.gxf4 Bf8=)* 47...Bxf4 48.gxf4 Ke7]
47.g4 fxg4 48.f5 Nc7 3.86/23
[⌓48...Nf4 2.68/17 49.Bxf4 *(49.hxg4 Nxd5 50.cxd5 Rd7±)* 49...gxf4]
49.Nxc7 gxh3 50.Ne6! h2 51.Ra1
[51.Nxc5? Re7 *(51...h1R? 52.Nxb7 Rh3 53.Kd3+-)* 52.Ra1 Rxe3-+]
51...Be7 Wards off Nd8+ **52.Bxc5**
[52.Rh1 Ra7 53.Nxc5 *(53.Bxc5 Ra2+ 54.Kb1 Rg2=)* 53...Ra2+ 54.Kd3 Bd6±]
52...g4



53.Bf2 Kf6 4.11/19
[⌓53...Rd7 2.65/20 54.Bg3 Bb4]
54.Bg3 Ra7

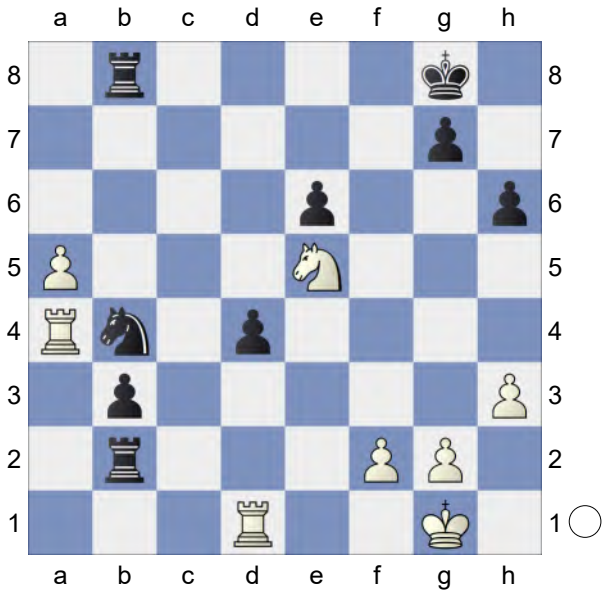


55.Rh1 White is clearly winning.
[55.Rxa7? t o o g r e e d y . h1Q *(55...h1R? perishes. 56.Nf4+-)* 56.Nf4 Qe4+ 57.Nd3 Qg2+ *(57...Qxf5? 58.Bh4+* Skewer *Kg7 59.Rxe7++-; 57...Kxf5? 58.Ra5+ Kg6 59.Kc3-+)* 58.Nf2 Kxf5 *(58...Qxg3? 59.Ne4+ Kxf5 60.Nxg3++-)* 59.Rxe7 Qxg3-+]
55...Kxf5 56.Nd4+ Kg6 57.Nc6 Ra2+ 58.Kb1 Rg2 Strongly threatening ... Rg1+. **59.Nxe7+ Kg5 60.Bxh2 h5 61.c5 Re2 62.Bd6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

C84
□ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** **2524**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.23)
[Kitty Kat]

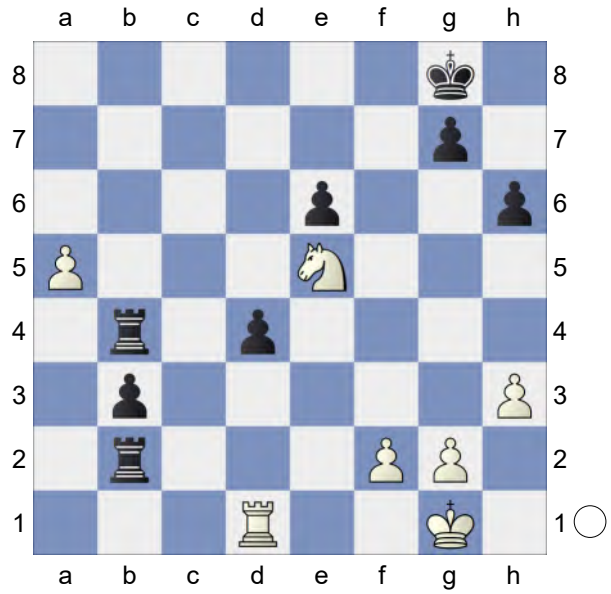
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4

Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a4
[8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 1-0 (50) Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)]
8...Bd7 9.c3 0-0 10.h3N
[10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Bc2 c5 12.Re1 Re8 *(12...Nc6 13.Nf1 b4* Lesson 22: Spanish 5... Be7 --Spanish 5... Be7 6. d3,8*)* 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ne3 b4 15.h3 Rb8 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Bb3 h6 18.Be3 bxc3 19.bxc3 d5 20.exd5 Nxd5 21.Qc2 e4 22.dxe4 Nxe3 23.Rxe3 Rxb3 24.Qxb3 Na5 0-1 (76) Morozov,Y (2713)-C 06/32 (2815) Gran Canaria op 1997 (4.3) 25.Nxa5 Bxb3 26.Nxb3 Qb6 27.Nbd2 Qb2 28.Rae1 Rd8 29.Nf1 c4 30.Ne5 Bc5 31.Rf3 Qb3 32.a5 Rd6 33.Nxf7 Rf6 34.Rxf6 gxf6 35.Nxh6+ Kf8 36.Ng4 Qxc3 37.Rd1 Qb4 38.Nxf6 Kf7 39.Nd5 Qb2 0-1 (76) McShane,L (2713)-Aronian,L (2815) 4th London Chess Classic 2012 (4.3)]
10...Na5 11.Bc2 The position is equal.
11...c5 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Bg5 b4 0.34/18
[13...Rfb8= -0.04/22 is superior.]
14.cxb4!± cxb4 15.d4 h6 16.Bh4 Rfc8 17.Bd3 Qa7 18.Bf1 -0.15/22
[⌓18.Nbd2 0.27/20]
18...Nc6 0.21/22
[⌓18...exd4 -0.15/22 19.Nxd4 Qb6]
19.d5 -0.25/23
[⌓19.dxe5! 0.21/22 Nxe5 20.Nbd2]
19...Nd4 20.Nxd4 Qxd4 21.Qxd4 exd4 22.Nd2 Threatens to win with Nc4.
22...Nxd5 Discovered Attack **23.Bxe7 Nxe7 24.Nc4 Rab8** Wards off Nb6
25.Red1
[25.Nxd6 Rc2 26.Red1 Rxb2 27.Bxa6 Be6∓]
25...d5! 26.exd5 Nxd5 27.Ne5↑ Discovered Attack. White has some pressure. **27...Be6 28.Bxa6 Rc2 29.a5 b3!** White must now prevent ...Nb4.
30.Bc4? -1.99/22
[30.Rxd4 Rxb2 31.Nc6 *(31.Bc4? Rc2-+)* 31...Rf8-+ *(31...Ra2 32.Re1∓)*]
[30.Rab1!= -0.18/21]
30...Nb4? 0.00/24
[Black should play 30...Rxb2-+ -1.99/22 Strongly threatening ...Nc3.
31.Nc6 Nc3 *(31...Rc8? 32.Bxd5 Kh7 33.Bxe6+-)* 32.Rxd4 *(32.Bxe6? Nxd1 33.Nxb8 fxe6-+)* 32...Bxc4 33.Rxc4 Ra2]
31.Bxe6= fxe6 32.Ra4
[32.Rxd4? Rxb2 33.Rad1 Ra2 34.Rd8+ Rxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kh7-+]
32...Rxb2? 2.58/21
[32...Na6= -0.13/24 and Black has nothing to worry.]



Black is now going downhill. **33.Rxb4!+-**

Decoy **33...Rxb4=** Endgame.



KRR-KRN **34.Nd3! Ra2 35.Nxb4 Rxa5+-** KRN-KR **36.Rb1**
[36.Rxd4? b2 37.Kh2 b1Q-+ *(37...b1B 38.f3=)*]
36...Ra3 37.Kf1
[37.Nd3 b2 38.Nxb2 Rb3±]
37...e5 38.Nd3
[38.Nc6 d3+-]
38...e4 39.Nc5 d3 40.Nxe4
[40.Rxb3? Ra1+]
40...Ra2 41.f3
[41.Rxb3? Ra1+]
[41.Nc5 d2 42.Ke2 *(42.Rxb3? d1Q#; 42.Nxb3 Rb2±)* 42...d1B+ 43.Kxd1 Rxf2+-]
41...d2 42.Rd1
[42.Rxb3? d1Q#]
42...Rc2 43.Nxd2
[43.Rxd2 b2 44.Rd8+ *(44.Rxc2?* loses. *b1Q+ 45.Kf2 Qxc2+-+)* 44...Kf7 45.Rd7+ Ke6-+]
43...b2 ...Rxd2! is the strong threat.
44.Ke2 White is winning. **44...Rc1 45.Nb1 Kf7 46.Kd2 Rc6 47.Nc3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

C18
□ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**
■ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.24)
[Kitty Kat]

C18: French: 3 Nc3 Bb4: Main line: 7 h4 and 7 Qg4
Blatny,P: 'Inf 43/372' **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6N**
[6...Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 *(7...Kf8 8.Bd2 Qc7 9.Bd3 b6 10.Nf3 Ba6 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Qa4 Qc6 14.Qxc6 Nxc6 15.Rb1 Rb8 16.Rxb8+ Naxb8 17.Ke2 Nd7 18.Rb1 Ke7 19.c4 dxc4 20.Rb7 Kd8 21.Ng5 Kc8 22.Nxf7* ½-½ (47) Hochstein,C (2483)-9. ♕d2 ♘d7 10. ♗f2 ♘f5 (2619) Buenos Aires CC Moreno op 2019 (3)*)* 8.Bd3 *(8.Nf3 f5 9.exf6 Rxf6 10.Bg5 Qa5 11.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 12.Kd1 Qxa1+ 13.Kd2 Ng6 14.Bd3 Qxh1 15.Bxg6 gxf6 16.Qh4 hxg6 17.Qxf6 Qa1 18.Qd8+ Kg7 19.Qe7+ Kg8 20.Qe8+ Kg7 21.Qe7+ Kg8 22.Qd8+ Kg7* 1-0 (32) Blatny,P (2405)-Szymczak,Z (2390) II 43/372 Trnava 1987*)* 8...Ng6 *(8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Nbc6 10.Nf3 f5 11.exf6 Rxf6 12.Qh5 Nf5 13.g4 c4 14.gxf5 cxd3 15.Rg1 Bd7 16.c4 Qc7 17.Bh6 Be8 18.Qh4 Rxh6 19.Qxh6 dxc4 20.cxd3 cxd3 21.f6 Bg6 22.Qxg7+ Qxg7 23.fxg7* ½-½ (44) Taroma Corpus,R (2723)-Jojua,D (2702) 9/522 Athens 1969 (3)*; 8...Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.Be3 c4 12.Bxg6 fxg6 13.Qg4 Bd7 14.h4 Rf5 15.Ng5 Raf8 16.Qe2 h6 17.Nh3 Ne7 18.g3 Qa5 19.Kd2 Qc7 20.f4 Be8 21.g4 R5f7 22.Raf1 Nc8 23.Qg2* 1-0 (34) Motylev,A

(2654)-Golubov,S (2307) Vladimir Dvorkovich Mem 2014 (1.3)) 9.h4 c4 10.Bxg6 fxg6 11.h5 Qe8 12.Nf3 gxh5 13.Rxh5 Rf5 14.Rh3 Nd7 15.Qh4 Nf8 16.Rg3 Qh5 17.Bh6 Qxh4 18.Nxh4 Rh5 19.Bxg7 Kf7 20.Rf3+ Rf5 21.Rxf5+ 1-0 Martemianov,I (2325)-Sarivan,M (2175) Kishinev ULIM op 2007 (5)]

7.Bb5+ Kf8 1.23/21

[⌓7...Bd7 0.86/23 8.Qg4 Kf8 *(8...Bxb5? loses. 9.Qxg7 Qh4 10.Qxh8±)*]

8.Bd3 0.60/26 White is more active.

[8.a4± 1.23/21]

8...Ba6 White is slightly better. **9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.h4 Ne7 11.h5 h6 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.Rh3** 0.37/25

[13.a4± 0.83/21]

13...Rc8± 14.Ra2 Nb8 15.Kf1 Nbc6 16.Kg1 Na5 17.Rf3 Nc4 18.Ra1 Kg8 19.Ng3 Na5 A dynamic duo of knights. **20.Ra2 Nc4 21.Rf4 Nc6 22.Ra1 a5 23.a4** White stays focused until the end. **23...b5** 1.14/20 **24.axb5± Na7 25.Qd3 Nxb5 26.Rg4 Kf8** 1.92/19

[26...Ra8± 0.97/20 was called for.]

27.Kh2+- Qa7 28.Ne2 Qg3 is the strong threat. **28...cxd4 29.cxd4** Black must now prevent Qg3. **29...a4** 2.86/20

[⌓29...Kg8 1.74/18 30.f4 Qd7]

30.Qg3 a3 31.Rxg7 Nxd4? 5.49/18

[31...Qc7 2.96/19 32.Ra2 Qe7]

32.Bxa3+ White is clearly winning. **32...Ke8**

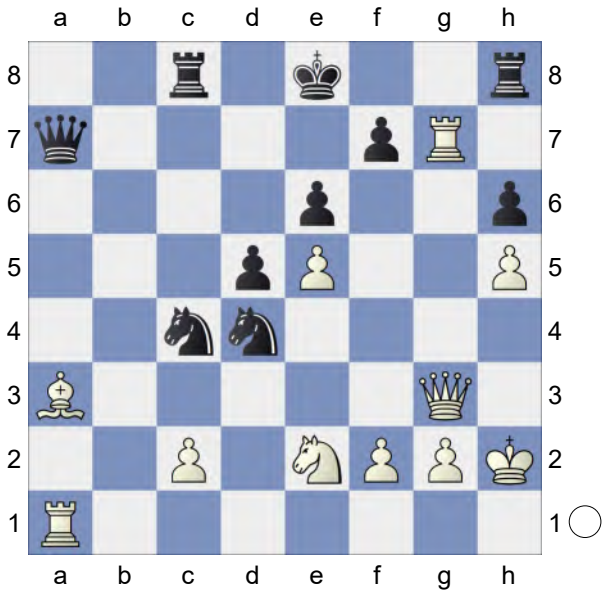
(Diagram)

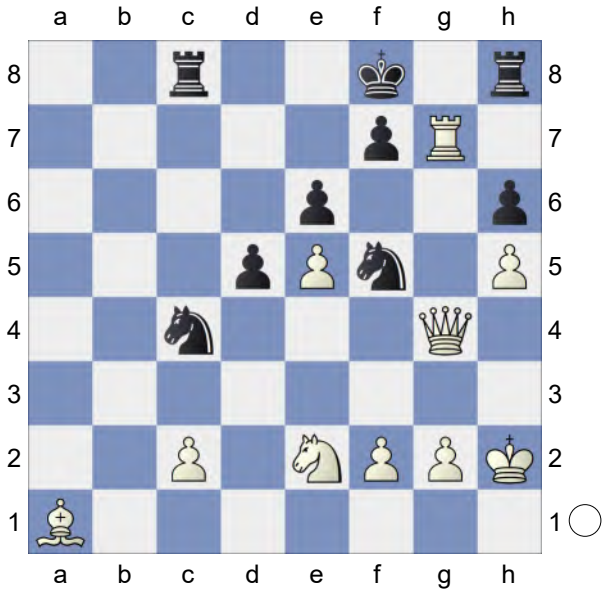
33.Bb2! Discovered Attack **33...Qxa1**

[33...Nf3+ 34.Qxf3]

34.Bxa1 Nf5 35.Qg4 Kf8

(Diagram)





36.Rg6!! fxg6

[36...Ke7 37.Rf6]

37.Qxg6 Re8 38.Nf4 Ng7 39.Qf6+ Kg8 40.Ng6 Rh7 41.Ne7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.35

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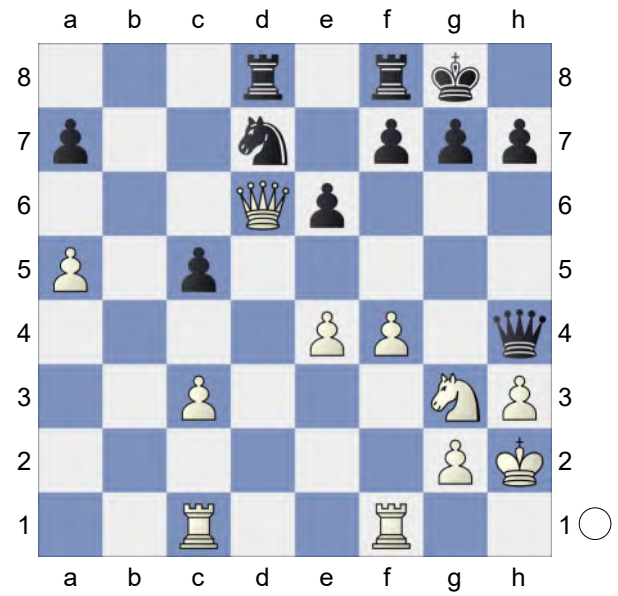
E28
□ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan 2403**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.25) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

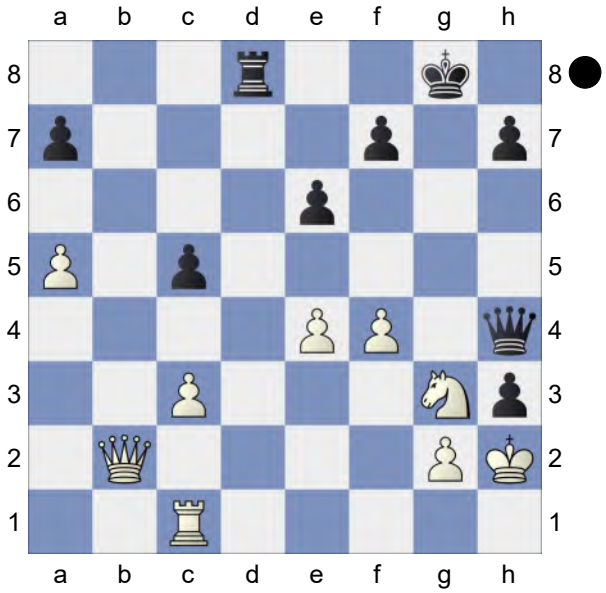
E28: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...0-0 6 e3
After studying how to fight against doubled pawns in positions with classical closed centre, we shall take a look at some lines in which White gets full control over the centre. In the current game, GM Pavel Eljanov demonstrated a wonderful strategy aiming to restrict the minor pieces of his opponent. After studying the plans based on f2-f3 followed by e2-e4, now we shall take a look at the seemingly less active 6.e3. As we will see, however, White's ideas in this line shouldn't be underestimated. Black should be very precise with the move order. The following example is quite similar to the game of Eljanov. In this example, we shall see how to handle the position when White answers ...f7-f5 with e4-e5.
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.f3 c5 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.0-0 Na5 11.e4 Ne8 12.dxc5N
[12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.f4 Nxc4 15.f5 f6 16.Rf4 b5 17.Rh4 Qb6 18.e5 Nxe5 19.fxe6 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Qxe6 21.Qxh7+ Kf7 22.Bh6 Rh8 23.Qxh8 Rc2 24.Rc1 Rxg2+ 25.Kf1 Qb3 26.Ke1 Qf3 0-1 (27) Peters,T-Grotnes,N BRD 46/380 German Democratic Republic 1988 (2)]
[12.f4 f5 13.Ng3 *(13.exf5 exf5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Ng3 g6 16.Be3 Rc8 17.Rb1 Ba6 18.Re1 Rf7 19.Bf2 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Nxc4 21.Qa4 Ned6 22.Qxa7 Nd2 23.Rbd1 N2e4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Qb7 Nxc3 26.Bh4 Rb8 27.Qf3 Qa5* 0-1 (32) Iljin,T (2318)-Aleksandrov,A (2501) Cheliabinsk Variation-A 2022 (1)*; 13.e5 d6 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Ng3 Ba6 16.Qe2 Qd7 17.Rd1 Qa4 18.Nf1 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.Bxe3 Nc7 22.c4 Rfd8 23.Bf2 Rac8 24.h4 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 b5 26.Rc1 Qxa3 27.Qd2 bxc4* 0-1 (41) Ortega Serra,M (2288)-Gatineau,Y (2423) Sitges Sunway 7th 2020 (5) *)* 13...Nd6 14.exf5 exf5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Re1 g6 18.Bf1 Rae8 19.Be3 Ndxc4 20.Bf2 Rxe1 21.Qxe1 d6 22.Qd1 Qf7 23.a4 Bc6 24.Ne2 Qd7 25.h4 Bxa4 26.Qd3 Bc6 0-1 (44) Anton Guijarro,D (2631)-Eljanov,P (2723) Wch Rapid Dubai 2014 (11)]
12...bxc5 13.Ng3 Ba6 14.Qe2 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxc1 16.Rbxc1 Qh4 0.28/21
[Better is 16...d6∓ -0.39/22]
17.Qe3 d6 18.f4 Nf6 19.h3 Repels Ng4 **19...Nd7 20.Kh2** -0.35/22
[20.e5= 0.15/20]
20...Nb6 21.a4 Bxc4 0.44/19
[21...Nxc4? 22.Qe2 d5 23.exd5 exd5 24.Nf5+-]
[Black should play 21...Rab8= -0.23/21]
22.a5± Bxd3 23.Qxd3 Nd7
[23...Nc8 24.Rb1±]
24.Qxd6 Rad8

(Diagram)

aiming for ...Nf6. **25.Rf3!** White is more active. **25...g5! 26.Qc7** 0.01/25
[26.Kg1± 0.55/23]
26...g4= 27.Rd3 Threatens to win with



Rcd1! **27...gxh3! 28.Rxd7 Rxd7 29.Qxd7 Rd8! 30.Qb5**
[30.Qxa7? hxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Rd2+ *(31...Qxf4? 32.Rd1+-)* 32.Kf3 Rd3+ 33.Ke2 Rxg3 *(33...Qxg3 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ f6 36.Qc7+ Kf8 37.Qxc5+ Ke8 38.Rf1=)* 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qe5+ f6 36.Qxc5 *(36.Qc7+? Kh6-+)* 36...Qh2+ *(36...Qxf4? 37.Qe7+ Kh8 38.Qf8+ Rg8 39.Qxg8+* Remove Defender *Kxg8 40.Ra1-+; 36...Qg4+? 37.Kd2-+)* 37.Qf2 Rg2-+]
30...Rd2 Dodges Rc2 **31.Qb8+**
[31.Qxc5? Rxg2+ *(31...hxg2+ 32.Kg1∓)* 32.Kh1 Qxg3 33.Qg5+ Qxg5 34.fxg5 Rxg5-+]
31...Rd8 32.Qb2
[32.Qxa7? perishes. hxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Rd2+ *(33...Qxf4? 34.Rc2+-)* 34.Kf3 Rd3+ 35.Ke2 Rxg3 *(35...Qxg3 36.Qb8+ Kg7 37.Qe5+ Kf8 38.Qxc5+ Ke8 39.Qc6+ Rd7 40.Qc8+ Rd8 41.Qc6+ Rd7 42.Qc8+ Ke7 43.Qc5+ Ke8 44.Qc8+=)* 36.Qb8+ Kg7 37.Qe5+ f6 38.Qc7+ Kh6 39.Qxc5 Qh2+ *(39...Qxf4? 40.Qf8+ Kh5 41.Rh1+* Skewer *Kg4 42.Qg8+ Qg5 43.Qxe6+ f5 44.exf5+-; 39...Qg4+? 40.Kd2-+)* 40.Qf2 Rg2-+]



Strongly threatening Rf1. **32...hxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Qxf4 34.Rc2** Repels Rd2+. Rf2 is the strong threat. **34...Rd3⇄** Black is not holding back **35.Nf1** Hoping for Kg1. **35...Rf3** (-> ...Qg4+)
[35...Qxe4+ 36.Kg1 Rd8 37.Rg2+ Kf8 38.Qc1±]
36.Rf2 Rxf2+ 37.Qxf2 Qxe4+ 38.Kh2 Qc4
[38...Qe5+ simplifies 39.Qg3+ Qxg3+ 40.Kxg3 f6]
39.Qg3+ Kf8 40.Kg1 h5 41.Qe5 0.19/20
[41.Qb8+± 0.65/21 Kg7 42.Qe5+ *(42.Qxa7 Qg4+ 43.Kf2 Qf5+ 44.Ke2 Qg4+ 45.Ke1 Qe4+ 46.Kd2 Qg2+ 47.Ke1 Qe4+ 48.Kd1 Qf3+ 49.Ke1 Qxc3+ 50.Kf2 Qb2+ 51.Kf3 Qf6+ 52.Ke2 Qe5+ 53.Ne3 Qb2+ 54.Kf3 Qf6+ 55.Ke2 Qb2+ 56.Kf3 Qf6+ 57.Ke2 Qb2+=)* 42...Kg6 43.Nd2]
41...Qd5 42.Qb8+ Kg7 The position is equal. **43.Qxa7** And now Qc7 would win. **43...Qg5+ 44.Kf2** Black must now

prevent Qb7. **44...Qf4+ 45.Kg2 Qe4+ 46.Kf2 Qf4+ 47.Ke1 Qe4+ 48.Kd1 Qf3+ 49.Ke1 Qxc3+ 50.Kf2 Qb2+ 51.Ke1 Qe5+ 52.Kf2 Qf4+ 53.Ke1 Qc1+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

B40

□ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun** **2416**
■ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**

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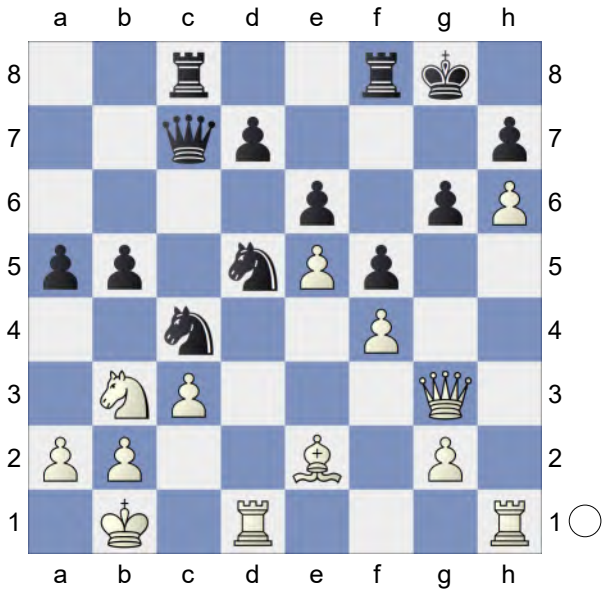
[Kitty Kat]

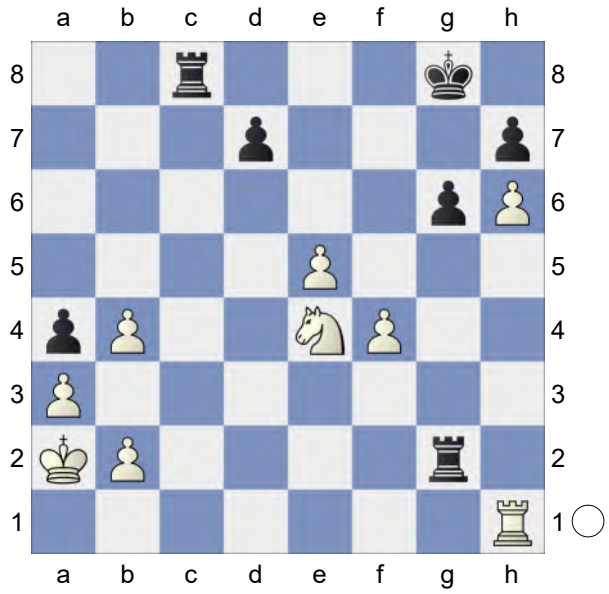
B45: Sicilian Four Knights

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Ndb5 Bc5 7.Bf4
[7.Nd6+ is interesting. Ke7 8.Bf4 e5 9.Nf5+]
7...0-0 8.Bc7 Qe7 Threatens to win with ...d5. **9.Bd6! Bxd6** White is slightly better. **10.Qxd6 Qd8 11.0-0-0 a6 12.Nd4 Ne7 13.Qg3 b5** White must now prevent ...b4. **14.e5 Nfd5 15.Ne4 Qb6 16.Kb1 f5 17.Nd6 Bb7 18.h4→** White is up to no good.
[18.c4 keeps more tension. bxc4 19.Bxc4 Rab8 20.Rd2]
18...Nc8 next ...Nxd6 is good for Black.
19.Nxb7 Qxb7 20.f4 Ncb6 21.Be2 Rac8 22.h5 Qc7 0.25/23
[⌓22...b4 -0.27/20]
23.h6 g6 24.c3 Nc4 0.62/21
[24...Na4= 0.00/17 25.Ka1 Nc5]
25.Nb3
[25.Bxc4 simplifies Qxc4 26.Nc2 Qxf4 27.Qxf4 Nxf4 28.Rxd7 Rf7 29.Rd6]
25...a5 0.84/23
[25...Qb6± 0.39/22 might be stronger.]

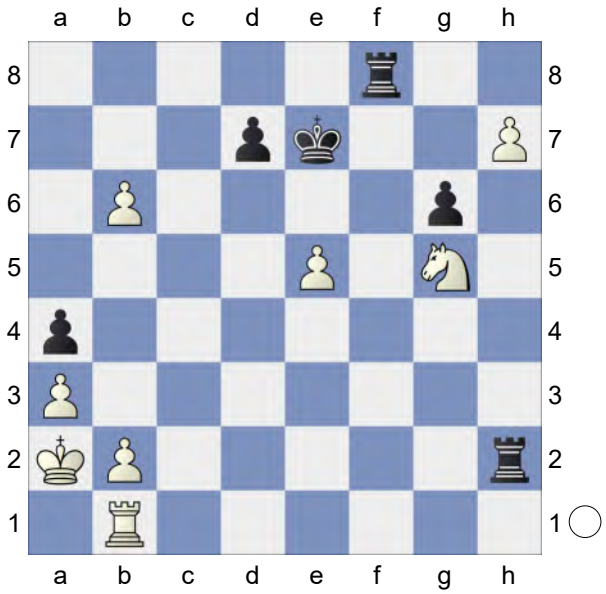


26.Rxd5 0.20/19 **exd5= 27.Qd3 a4** 1.18/19
[27...Qb6!= 0.18/21]
28.Qxd5+± Rf7 29.Nd4 White is more active. **29...b4** 2.14/19 **30.Nb5!+-**
[30.cxb4? gets mated. Nd2+ 31.Ka1

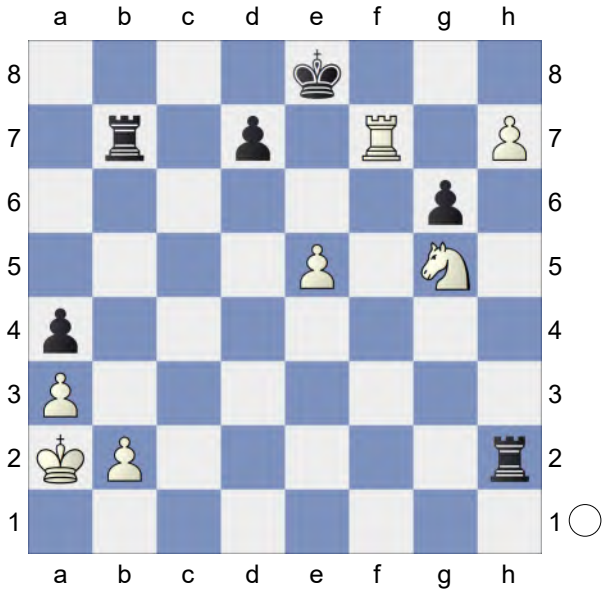
Qc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rxc1#]
30...Qc6 31.Qxc6 Rxc6 32.cxb4 Nd2+ 33.Ka1 Rf8 34.Nd6 Repels Rfc8 **34...Rb8 35.a3 Rc2** And now ...Nb3+ would win. **36.Ka2** aiming for Bd3. **36...Ne4 37.Bd3 Rxg2 38.Bxe4 fxe4 39.Nxe4** Endgame. Rd1 would now be deadly. KRR-KRN **39...Rc8**



40.Nf6+ 0.78/20
[40.Nc5!+- 1.98/20 and the rest is easy.]
40...Kf7± 41.Nxh7 0.16/22
[41.Nxd7± 1.08/23 Nc5 is the strong threat. Rcc2 42.Rb1]
41...Rcc2= 42.Ng5+ Ke7 43.Rb1 Strongly threatening Ka1. **43...Rh2 44.h7** 0.04/21
[44.Ne4± 0.45/22 should be considered.]
44...Rcf2? 3.24/23 This costs Black the game.
[44...Rc4!= 0.04/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]
45.b5+- Hoping for b6. **45...Rxf4?** 4.65/25
[45...Rc2 2.64/21 keeps fighting. 46.Ka1 *(46.b6 Rc6=)* 46...Rc5]
46.b6 Rf8



47.b7! Rb8 48.Rf1 Rxb7 49.Rf7+ Ke8



50.Rf2 Promotion **50...Rxf2** 5.89/17
[⌓50...Rh6 4.02/21 51.Nf7 Rxb2+ 52.Kxb2 Rxh7]
[50...Rxh7 51.Nxh7]
51.h8Q+ White is clearly winning.
[51.h8B? is a self mate. Rfxb2+ *(51...Rbxb2+? 52.Ka1 Rbd2 53.Nh7 Rf1#)* 52.Ka1 Rb1+ 53.Ka2 R7b2#]
51...Ke7 52.Qh7+ Kd8 53.Ne6+ Pin
[Worse is 53.Qxg6 Rbxb2+ 54.Ka1 Ra2+ 55.Kb1 Rae2 56.Qg8+ Ke7 57.Qh7+ Kd8 58.Qg8+ Ke7

59.Qg7+ Ke8 60.Qg6+ Ke7 61.Qh7+ Kd8 62.Qg8+=]

53...Ke8 54.Qh8+ Ke7 55.Qh4+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.33

1-0

A13

□ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**

■ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.27)

[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5

[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 (26) Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely, L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

4.Bg2 d4N

[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]

[4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 d4 12.Rfe1 e5 13.e3 Qd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Re2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rxe2 17.Rxe2 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Kf1 ½-½ (39) Legendmike (2089)-Greecechess22 (2061) 1st Greek Chessfed Blitz FINAL Team Bat 2020]

5.0-0 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Na3 0-0 The position is equal. **9.exd4 cxd4 10.Re1** -0.46/22

[10.Nc2= 0.11/21]

10...e5 0.09/19

[10...h6∓ -0.46/22]

11.Nc2 -0.40/22

[11.c5!= 0.09/19 Bxc5 12.Nxe5]

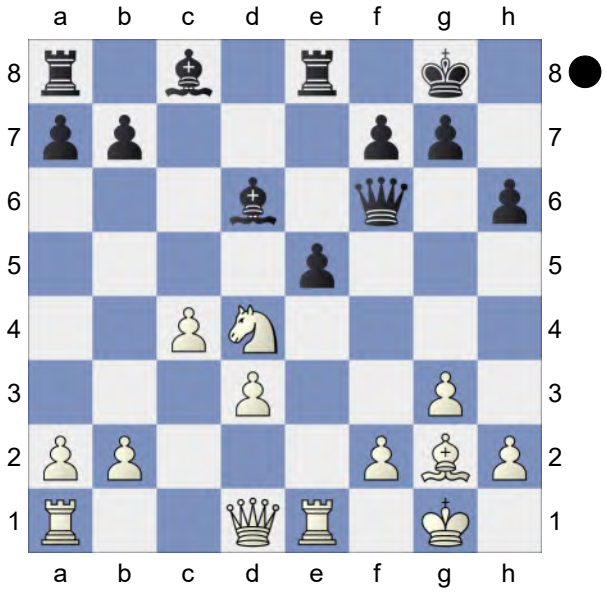
11...Re8 0.24/22

[11...a5∓ -0.40/22]

12.Bg5 -0.25/22

[12.b4! 0.24/22 deserves consideration.]

12...h6= 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Ncxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4



Black must now prevent Nb5. Pin **15...Bc5 16.Nf3 Bg4** Black has compensation. **17.h3 Bh5** This pair of bishops is nice. **18.Qe2 Rad8 19.Rad1 b6** -0.01/27

[Black should try 19...Re6∓ -0.58/20]

20.a3 a5 21.g4 Bg6 22.d4 Bxd4

[22...exd4 seems wilder. 23.Qxe8+ Rxe8 24.Rxe8+ Kh7]

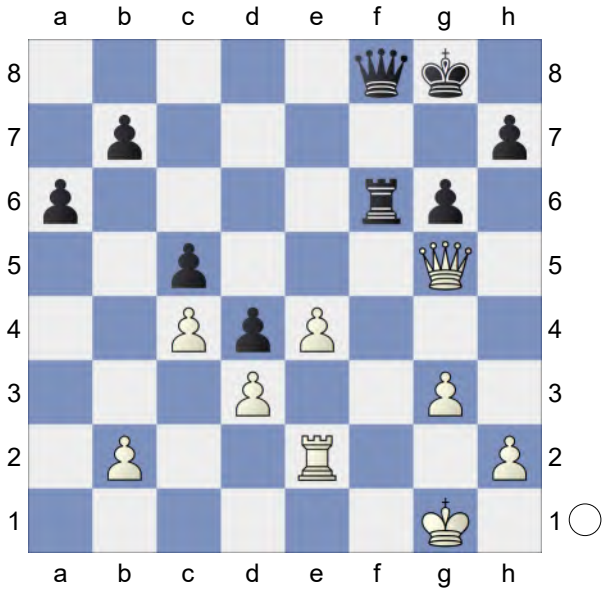
23.Nxd4 exd4 24.Qxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Kh7 26.b4 axb4 27.axb4 Qd6 28.Bd5 Qxb4 29.Rxd4 Qc3 Against Bf3 **30.Rd1 Qxh3 31.Rd4 Qc3 32.Rd1** Dodges Qa1. Black is slightly better. **32...Qh3 33.Rd4 Qc3 34.Rd1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very

precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

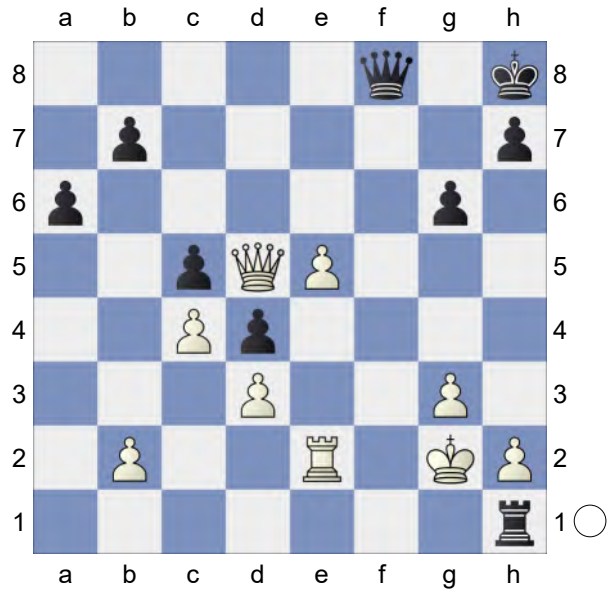
B23
□ **Zhu,Hengyi** **2361**
■ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.28)
[Kitty Kat]

B25: Closed Sicilian: 3 g3, lines without early Be3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Nge2 Bg7 6.0-0
[6.d3 e6 7.Be3 b6 8.0-0 Nge7 9.Qd2 h6 *(9...d5 10.exd5 exd5 11.Bh6 0-0 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nf4 d4 14.Ncd5 Ra7 15.Rae1 Re8 16.h4 Rd7 17.Nf6 Kxf6 18.Nh5+ gxh5 19.Qg5#* Ternplemeier-Mueller #4473 Chess: 5334 Problems, Combination 1950*)* 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bb7 12.f4 f5 13.e5 0-0 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxc6 dxc6 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Bxb6 Rd2 18.Rac1 Rb8 19.Bc5 Bf8 20.Ba3 Nd5 (68) Chuprikov,D (2362)-Dzhumaev,M (2553) 118/(35) Voronezh 2013 21.Nxd5 exd5 22.Bxf8 Kxf8 23.b3 Ke7 24.Rf2 Rd4 25.Kf1 a5 26.c3 Re4 27.Re1 Ke6 28.Rxe4 fxe4 29.Ke2 a4 30.b4 c5 31.bxc5 Rc8 32.Rf1 Rxc5 33.Kd2 Rb5 34.Kc2 e3 35.Kd3 Rb2 1-0 (68) Noda,F (1492)-Willert Betker, S (1669) FIDE World Cup 2013 (8)]
6...e6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 Nd4N
[8...d6 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Bh6 Rb8 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.f4 b5 13.a3 Bb7 14.d4 cxd4 15.Nxd4 e5 16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Ne2 Qe7 18.Rad1 Rfd8 19.Qc3 Rbc8 20.Qf3 exf4 21.Qxf4 Ne5 22.c3 h6 23.Nd4 (30) Buck-N,N Rc7 24.Nf3 f6 25.Nxe5 dxe5 26.Qf3 Bc8 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Rd1 Rd7 29.Rxd7+ Qxd7 30.Bf1 82: Black]
9.Qd2 0-0 10.f4 d6 11.Nd1 -0.34/20
[11.g4= 0.13/20]
11...e5 12.c3 Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 exf4 14.Bxf4 d5 0.30/18
[14...Nc6 -0.06/21 feels stronger.]
15.Nf2= Re8 16.Rae1 Nc6 17.Qf3 -0.60/20
[17.Qd2= 0.18/20 d4 18.Re2]
17...d4∓ 18.c4 Ne5 -0.25/21
[18...g5∓ -0.75/21 19.Bd2 h6]
19.Bxe5= Bxe5 20.Bh3 Black should prevent Bxc8. **20...f6 21.Bxc8 Rxc8 22.Nh3 Qa5 23.Nf4 Qxa2 24.Nd5 Qa5 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Qxf6 Qc7** Inhibits Qf7+. **27.Re2 Qe7**
[27...Rf8 seems wilder. 28.Qe6+ Kg7 29.Ref2 Rce8]
28.Qb6 Rc6 29.Qa5 Qd8 30.Qd2 Threatening Ref2. **30...Rf8 31.Rxf8+ Qxf8** Endgame. KQR-KQR **32.Qg5** Qd5+ is the strong threat. **32...Rf6**



Hoping for ...Rf1+. **33.Qd5+ Kh8** Threatens to win with ...Rf1+.
[33...Kg7 feels hotter. 34.Re1 Rf2 35.Qxb7+ Kg8]

34.e5? 2.76/5
[34.Qxb7 Rf1+ 35.Kg2 Qf3+ 36.Kh3 Qh5+ *(36...Qxe2? 37.Qe7-+)* 37.Kg2 Qxe2+ 38.Kh3 Rf2 *(38...Qxd3? 39.b3-+; 38...Qh5+? 39.Kg2-+)* 39.Qb8+ Kg7 40.Qe5+ Kh6]
[34.Re1= 0.12/24]
34...Rf1++- 35.Kg2 Strongly threatening e6! **35...Rh1!**



Deflection, Back Rank, Clearance. The position is equal. **36.Rf2** Active counter play! **36...Rxh2+!** Decoy **37.Kxh2 Qxf2+ 38.Kh3 Qf1+**
[38...Qxb2 39.Qd8+ *(39.Qxc5 Qf2=; 39.Qf7 h5=)* 39...Kg7 40.Qf6+ Kg8 41.e6 h5 42.e7 *(42.Qxg6+ Kh8 43.e7 Qe2 44.e8Q+ Qxe8 45.Qxe8+ Kg7 46.Qe6 Kh7)* 42...Qe2 43.Qxg6+ Kh8 44.e8Q+ *(44.e8B Qf3+-)*]
39.Kh2 Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Qh5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

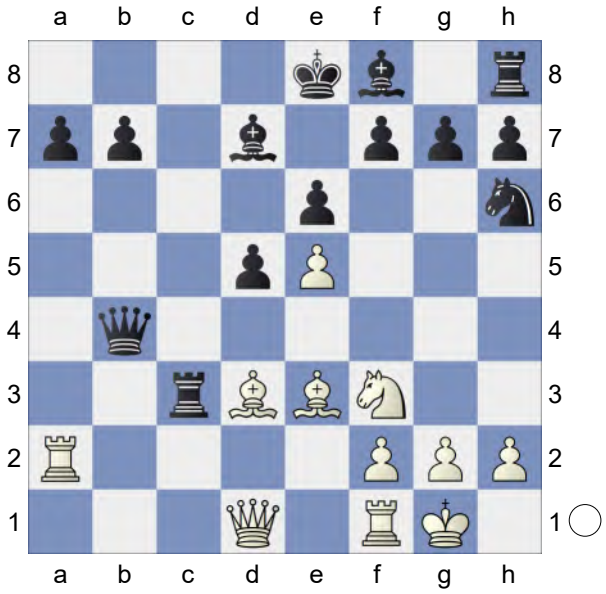
C02
□ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.29)
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.0-0 Nf5 8.dxc5 a5 9.Bd3 Bxc5 10.Bxf5 White is slightly better. **10...exf5 11.Qxd5 Qb6 12.Ng5** Prevents Be6.
[12.Qb3 simplifies Be6 13.Qxb6 Bxb6 14.Na3]
12...Nd8 13.Na3N
[13.Nd2 h6 14.Ngf3 Be6 15.Qd3 Nc6 16.Nb3 Rd8 17.Qc2 Bc4 18.Nxc5 Bxf1 19.Be3 f4 20.Bxf4 Qxc5 21.Rxf1 0-0 22.a3 Qc4 23.Qf5 Ne7 24.Qg4 Ng6 25.Nd4 Rfe8 26.Qg3 b5 27.h4 b4 ½-½ (38) Prado Acebo,I (2189)-Prado Lobo,J (2385) Iberoamerican-ch 10th 2024 (4)]
13...h6 14.Nc4 Qc6 15.Qxc6 Bxc6 16.Nf3 Strongly threatening Rd1. Excellent horsemanship. **16...Bb5 17.Nfd2 a4 18.Re1 Ne6 19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6 0-0 21.Nf3** -0.03/22
[21.c4± 0.37/24 was preferrable. Bc6 22.b4]
21...Rfd8= The position is equal. **22.Nh4 f4 23.Nf5 Kh7 24.Nd4 Nxd4 25.cxd4 g5 26.Re7 Bc4 27.Rxb7**
[Of course not 27.Rc7 Bd5∓]
27...Rxd6 28.Bd2 Rxd4 29.Bc3 Rd3 30.a3 Re8 31.Rb4 Bb3 32.Kf1 f3 33.gxf3 Rxf3 34.Re1 Rxe1+ 35.Kxe1 Rd3 36.h4 gxh4 37.Rxh4 Kg6 38.Rd4 Rh3 39.Kf1 Rh1+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

C02

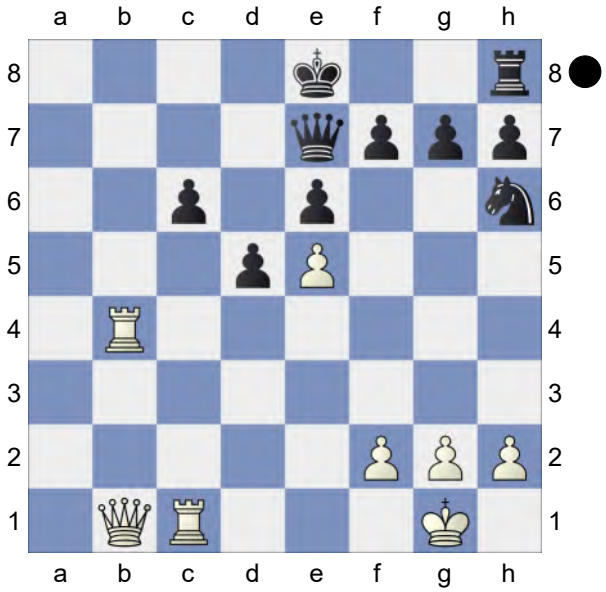
□ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2578**
■ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.30)
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 Nh6 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.0-0 Bd7 9.b4 Rc8 White is slightly better. **10.Ra2N**
[10.h3 Be7 11.b5 Na5 12.Nxd4 Nc4 13.Qh5 Bc5 14.Nb3 Bf8 15.a4 g6 16.Qh4 Nf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Re1 Qd8 19.Bg5 Be7 20.Bf6 Bxf6 21.exf6 Nd6 22.N1d2 h5 23.Qg3 Qc7 24.Qg7 Rf8 1-0 (41) Razafindratsima,T (2450)-Antonica,D (2352) EU-ch U18 31st 2023 (4)]
[10.Bb2 Nf5 *(10...dxc3 11.Nxc3 Nd4 12.Kh1 Nhf5 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nc6 16.b5 Nd8 17.Bd4 Bc5 18.Rac1 0-0 19.Rxc5 Rxc5 20.Qb4 Rc4 21.Qxf8+ Kxf8 22.Bxb6 axb6 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.Rc1 Ke7 25.Rxc4* 1-0 (31) Nazari, A (2401)-Hamidov,A (2247) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (7)*; 10...a6 11.cxd4 Nf5 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Na4 Qd8 15.Rc1 h6 16.Qd2 Be7 17.Nc5 Qb6 18.Rc3 0-0 19.Rfc1 Rc7 20.h4 Rfc8 21.Qd3 Nd8 22.Qd2 Rc6 23.h5 Qb5 24.Rb3 R6c7 25.a4* 1-0 (33) Dubivka,G (2495)-11.g3 ♗a6 (2085) II 10/563 Amsterdam 1970 (8.3) *)* 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.cxd4 Be7 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Na4 *(14.Qd3 Na5 15.bxa5 Qxb2 16.Na4 Qc2 17.Qxc2 Rxc2 18.Rfc1 Rxc1+ 19.Rxc1 0-0 20.Rc7 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Nc5 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.Na4 Bd8 25.Nc3 Be6 26.Kf1 g5 27.Ne1 f6 28.exf6 Bxf6* ^ -^ (107) 15.c4 ♘c4 (1832)-Daskalov,E (2176) St Petersburg Korchnoi Memorial op 2023 (7) *)* 14...Qb5 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Nc3 Qb6 17.Qd3 a6 18.Na4 Qb5 19.Qxb5 axb5 20.Nc3 Na7 21.Nd2 f4 22.f3 g5 23.Nb3 b6 24.Nd2 f6 ½-½ (53) Dai,C (2515)-Xu,X (2577) (ch) 154/66 Chiva 2022]
10...dxc3 0.74/23
[10...Nf5= 0.25/21]
11.Nxc3± Nxb4 1.36/21 **12.axb4** Threatens to win with Bd2.
[12.Na4? Rxc1 *(12...Nxa2 13.Nxb6 Rxc1 14.Qb3∓)* 13.axb4 Rxd1-+]
12...Rxc3 13.Be3 Qxb4



14.Qe2! Hoping for Rb1!
[14.Rxa7 Ra3]
14...Rxd3 2.14/18 **15.Qxd3+-** And now Rb1! would win. **15...Qb5** 3.07/24
[⌓15...Bb5 2.13/19 16.Qc2 Qc4]
16.Qb1 a5 17.Rb2 Skewer **17...Bb4 18.Bd2** 1.54/19
[18.Nd4+- 2.65/23 Qa6 19.Nc2]
18...Bc6± 19.Nd4 Inhibits Nf5. White is more active.
[19.Bxb4 axb4 20.Rxb4 Qa5±]

19...Qc5 20.Nxc6 bxc6
[Don't blunder 20...Bxd2? 21.Rc2 Bc3 22.Qxb7+-]
21.Rc1
[Much less strong is 21.Bxb4?! axb4 22.Rc1 *(22.Rxb4 0-0±)* 22...Qa7±]
21...Qe7 1.93/23
[21...Qa7± 1.23/21 keeps fighting.]
22.Bxb4? 0.29/19
[Better is 22.Rxc6+- 1.93/23 0-0 23.Bxb4 axb4 24.Rxb4]
22...axb4= 23.Rxb4



White wants to mate with Rb8+. **23...0-0 24.Rxc6 Nf5 25.Rb7 Qa3 26.h3 h5 27.Rcc7** Ra7 is the strong threat.
27...h4? 5.61/21
[27...Qa6= 0.21/23]
28.Ra7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.52
1-0

B90
□ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**
■ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto** **2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.31)
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
This game was played at my first regional tournament outside of my country, it was at the CARIFTA (mostly English-speaking countries are allowed to participate in this tournament) U-16 chess championship in St.Croix. I won the tournament with five wins and two draws. Chess was still my hobby and I was not too serious about it and was mainly playing for fun. Winning this tournament gave me some more motivation to try to increase my level. I was playing with the White pieces and as usual, I was playing for the full point!
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Rg1 -0.18/19
[White should play 6.Be3± 0.41/19]
6...h5N 0.31/21
[6...b5= -0.18/19]
[6...e6 7.g4 h6 8.h4 *(8.Be3 Be7 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.f4 b5 12.g5 hxg5 13.fxg5 Nh5 14.g6 Nhf6 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Qg2 Bf8 17.Bxb5 d5 18.Bxd7 Bxd7 19.exd5 exd5 20.Qg6+ Ke7 21.Rde1 Kd8 22.Bg5 Kc8* (29) Chapter 1 - From Patzer to CI-Ramoutar,A*)* 8...d5 *(8...g6 9.Be3 b5 10.e5 b4 11.Bg2 d5 12.Na4 Nfd7 13.f4 Qxh4+ 14.Bf2 Qd8 15.Qd3* 1-0 Cvitan,O (2271)-Comp Rybka (2399) 87/415 Schwarzach 2002 (9) *)* 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Bg2 Qc4 12.c3 Be7 13.g5 hxg5 14.hxg5 Nd7 15.g6 f6 16.Be3 Ne5 17.Bf1 Qd5 18.Qe2 Rh1

19.Rxh1 Qxh1 20.0-0-0 Qe4 21.Bh3 1-0 (37) Moraes,N (2467)-Meyer,E (2070) (Game 14) Ekaterinburg 2002 (2)]

[6...Nc6 7.g4 e6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.f4 b5 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.Qd4 Bb7 13.a4 bxa4 14.Rxa4 e5 15.Qd1 exf4 16.Rc4 Nc5 17.Bxf4 Qb6 18.Be3 Qxb2 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Rd8 21.Rxc5 1-0 (28) Onischuk,A (2630)-Sokolov,I (2620) Olympiad-33 Elista 1998 (11.2)]

7.Be3± e6 8.Qd2 b5 White is slightly better. **9.a3 Nbd7 10.f3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Rc8 12.Kb1 Ne5** 0.77/22

[12...Be7= 0.28/20 deserves consideration.]

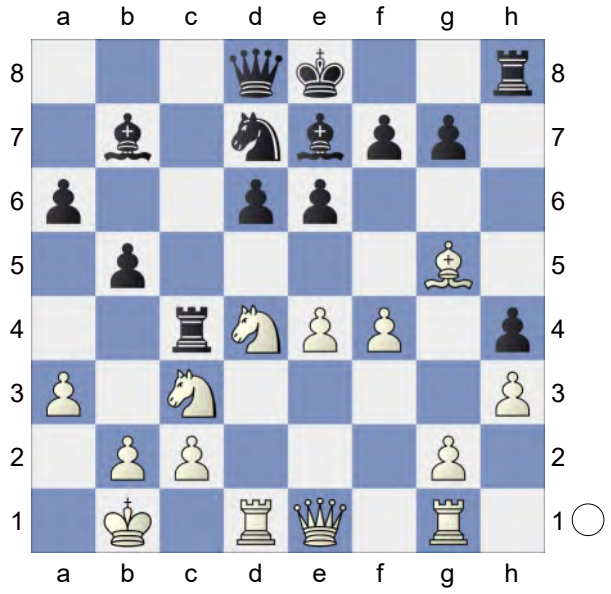
13.h3± h4 14.Bg5 Be7 15.f4 -0.14/18

[15.g3± 0.91/20]

15...Nc4!= 16.Qe1 Black must now prevent Bxc4! **16...Nd7** 1.43/22 White leaves nothing to chance now.

[16...Qb6± 0.48/19]

17.Bxc4± Rxc4



18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.g4 hxg3 20.Qxg3

[20.Rxg3?! g6±]

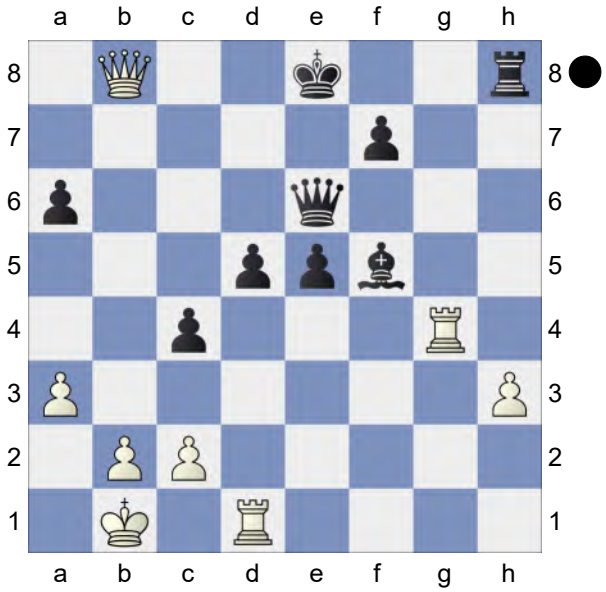
20...g6 21.f5 Strongly threatening fxe6. **21...e5 22.Nb3 Nf6** 2.65/19

[22...gxf5± 1.39/20 23.Na5 Rc7 Remove Defender *(23...Bxe4? loses. 24.Nxc4 bxc4 25.Nxe4+-; 23...f4? 24.Qg7+-)*]

23.Na5+-

[But not 23.fxg6?! Rg8±]

23...Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.Nxc4 bxc4 26.fxg6 Bxg6 27.Qc3 Qe6 28.Rg4 d5 29.Qb4 White is clearly winning. **29...Bf5 30.Qb8+**



Skewer **30...Qc8 31.Qxe5+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.45

1-0

C80

□ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**

■ **Aradhya,Garg** **2365**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.32)

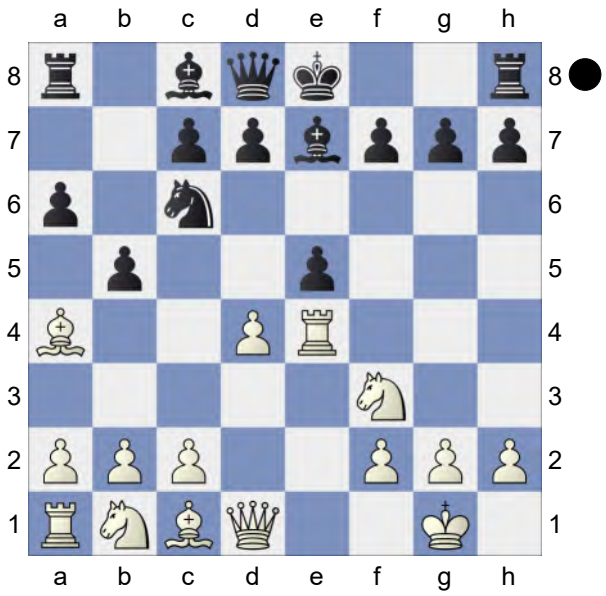
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 Be7 7.Re1 b5 8.Rxe4

[8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Rxe4 Ng6=]

[8.dxe5 Nxf2 9.Qe2 Bc5∓]



Strongly threatening Bb3. **8...d5! 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.Rxe5** White is slightly better. **10...bxa4 11.Qe2 Be6 12.f4!** Black must now prevent f5. **12...Kf8 13.f5 Bd7 14.Nc3 f6 15.Re3**

[15.Rxd5 c6 16.Rxd7 Qxd7∓]

15...Bxf5 16.Qf3 Bd7N 1.40/24

[Black should try 16...Qd7!± 0.44/20 17.Nxd5 Re8 18.Nxc7 Bg4 19.Qg3 Rc8 20.Nd5 Qxd5 21.Qxg4 Rxc2 22.Rxe7 Kxe7 23.Qxg7+ Ke6 24.Be3 Rf8 25.Re1 Rf7 26.Qg8 Kd7 27.Bf4 Rc8 28.Qg4+ f5 29.Qe2 Qe4 30.Qf1 Qb7 Chapter-Open Spanish Early Deviations 2023]

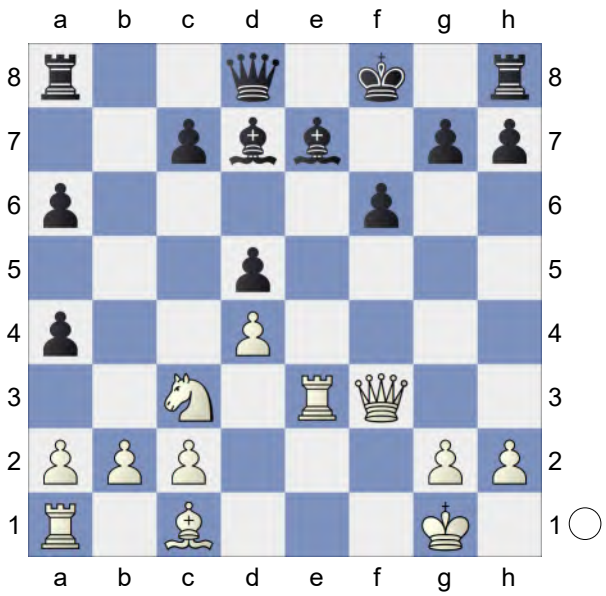
(Diagram)

17.Nxd5 1.04/17

[Better is 17.Bd2! 1.40/24]

17...Bc6± 18.c4↑ White has strong initiative. White is much more active.

[18.Rxe7? Bxd5 *(18...Qxd5? 19.Qxd5 Bxd5 20.Rxc7+-)* 19.Re4 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Kf7-+]



18...Bb4 1.96/21 Repels Bd2

[18...Bxd5± 0.95/20 19.cxd5 Bd6]

19.Re6+- Bxd5 20.cxd5 aiming for Bf4.

20...Qd7 3.15/18

[⌓20...Kf7 1.96/18 21.Bf4 Rf8]

21.Bf4 Re8 22.Rc6

[Much less strong is 22.Rxa6 Bd6 23.Rc1 Kf7]

22...Bd6 4.44/19

[22...h5 2.91/18 is a better defense. 23.Bxc7 *(23.Rxc7 Qg4+-)* 23...Bd2]

23.Bxd6+

[Weaker is 23.Rxa6 Bxf4 24.Qxf4 Qxd5±]

23...cxd6 24.Rac1

[24.Rxa6 h5 25.Qa3 Qg4±]

24...h5 25.h3

[Not 25.Rxa6 Rh6±]

25...Qf7 White is clearly winning. **26.Rc8 Kg8 27.Qe4 Kf8 28.Rxe8+ Qxe8 29.Qxe8+** Remove Defender.

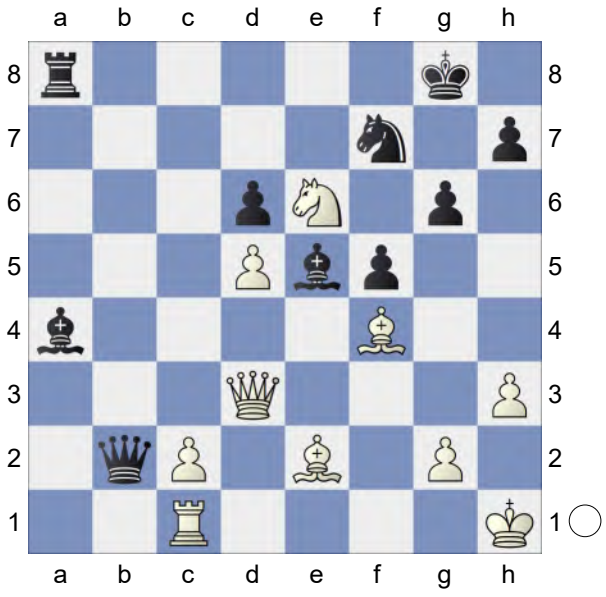
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.44

1-0

B90

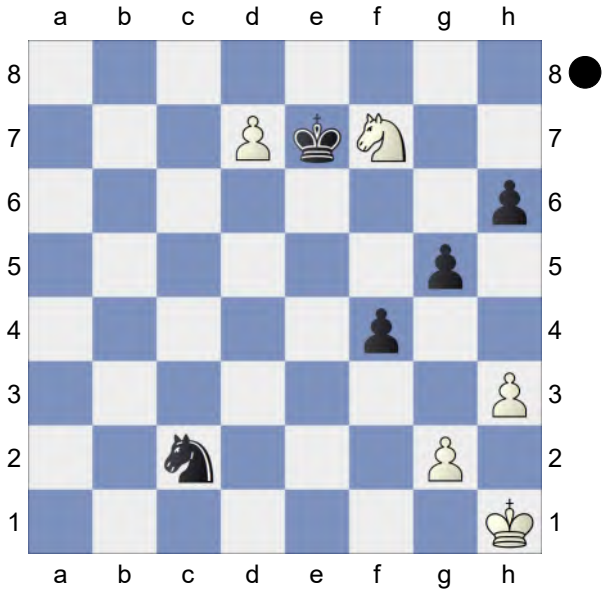
□ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.33) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
Wolff,P: 'Inf 43/311' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 e5N**
[6...Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.0-0 e5 9.f4 Be7 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.h3 0-0 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Kh1 Be6 14.a3 Nd7 15.Qe2 Nf6 16.b4 Qc7 17.Na4 g6 18.Rf3 Nh5 19.Bc4 Nf4 20.Qf1 h5 21.Bxe6 ½-½ (46) Wolff,P (2380)-Fedorowicz,J (2535) (open) 43/311 1987]
[6...e6 7.0-0 *(7.f4 Qc7 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.Nf3 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.f5 0-0 12.Kh1 b5 13.a3 Bb7 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.Bf4 Nc5 16.Rae1 Nh5 17.Bd2 Nf4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Qe3 Raf8 20.Ne2 R4f6 21.Ned4 e5* 0-1 (53) Mertens,M-Krzyzanowski,A EU/EM/M/009 2004 *22.Ne2 Na4 23.b3 Nc5 24.Nd2 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 26.Nxf1 Qf7 27.Nfg3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 d5 29.exd5 Bxd5 30.Nc3 Bb7 31.h3 Bf8 32.a4 b4 33.Nce4 Qe7 34.Nf1 Qe6 35.Nfd2 Qc6 36.Qg3 Bh6* 0-1 (53) Mertens,M (2498)-Krzyzanowski,A corr EU/EM/M/009 2004 *)* 7...b5 8.a3 Bb7 9.f4 Nbd7 10.Kh1 Nc5 *(10...g6 11.Qe2 Bg7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Rad1 Re8 14.Bg1 e5 15.fxe5 Nxe5 16.Rfe1 Qc7 17.Nf3 d5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bd4 Re6 20.e5 Nd7 21.Qf3 Nxe5 22.Qg3 Rae8 23.Re2 Qc6 24.h3 Nc4 25.Rxe6* ½-½ (51) Costa,L (2343)-Jarocka,L (2225) Munich Pfingst op-A 1st 2023 (7)*)* 11.Qe2 Be7 12.b4 Nxd3 13.cxd3 Rc8 14.Bd2 0-0 15.Rac1 Qd7 16.f5 e5 17.Nf3 Rfd8 18.Rfe1 Rc7 19.h3 Rdc8 20.Qf2 h6 21.Kg1 0-1 (23) Campora,D (2521)-Marin,M (2557) Olympiad-34 Istanbul 2000 (6.1)]
7.Nde2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ng3 b5 10.h3 b4 11.Nd5 White is slightly better. **11...Nxd5 12.exd5 f5 13.a3! bxa3 14.Rxa3 e4 15.Be2 Nd7 16.f3** 0.30/20 White is more active.
[16.Bd2± 0.72/20]
16...exf3= 17.Bxf3 Ne5 18.Ne2 Bf6 19.Kh1 Bd7 20.Nd4 g6 21.Be2 a5 22.Bf4 Qe7 Prevents Ne6 **23.b3 a4 24.bxa4 Rxa4 25.Rxa4 Bxa4 26.Qa1 Ra8 27.Qa3 Nf7 28.Ne6 Qb7** Inhibits Bb5. **29.Qd3**
[29.Bxd6? loses. Bb5 *(29...Bxc2 30.Qb4=)* 30.Qb4 Nxd6 *(30...Qxd5 31.Nf4∓)* 31.Bxb5 Qxb5-+]
29...Qb2 30.Rc1 Be5



Strongly threatening ...Bxf4. **31.Be3 Bd7 32.Qd2 Bc3 33.Qd1 Rb8 34.Bd2 Ne5 35.Bxc3 Qxc3 36.Rb1**
[36.Ra1 with more complications. Kf7 37.Ra7 Kf6 38.Ra6]

36...Rc8 37.Ba6 The position is equal. **37...Re8 38.Bb5**
[38.Rb3!? Qa5□ 39.Bb7=]
38...Bxb5 39.Rxb5 Rc8 40.Rb7 Qxc2 41.Qxc2 Rxc2 Endgame. KRN-KRN **42.Rg7+ Kh8 43.Re7 h6 44.Re8+ Kh7 45.Rd8 g5 46.Nf8+ Kg7 47.Ne6+ Kf7 48.Rxd6 f4 49.Nd8+ Kg7 50.Ne6+ Kf7 51.Nd8+ Kf8** And now ... g4 would win. **52.Rf6+ Kg7 53.Rf5 Nc4** aiming for ...Ne3. **54.Rf7+! Kg6** Threatens to win with ...Ne3. **55.Rc7** d6 would now be deadly. **55...Ne3 56.Rxc2 Nxc2 57.d6 Kf6 58.d7**
[58.Nc6!? Ke6□ 59.Ne5= Promotion]
58...Ke7 59.Nf7



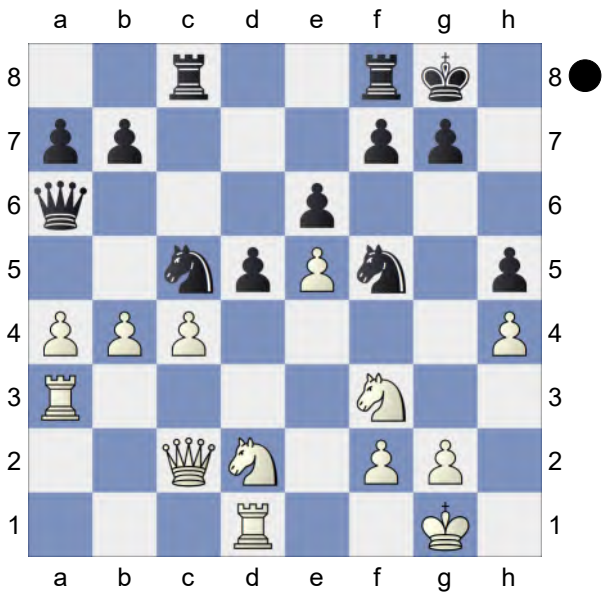
Deflection, Clearance, Promotion
59...Kxd7
[59...Kxf7? perishes. 60.d8Q *(60.d8B Ke6∓)* 60...Ne3 61.Qd7+ *(61.Qa8 Nf5+-)* 61...Kf6 62.Qd6+ Kg7 63.Kg1+-]
60.Nxh6 Ke6 61.Ng4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

B12
□ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
■ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.34)
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Qa5+ 8.Nbd2 Qa6 9.c4 Nd7 White is slightly better. **10.0-0 Nh6 11.b3 Nf5 12.Rd1**
[12.a4 Bb4 13.Ba3 Bxa3 14.Rxa3 0-0 15.Qc3 Rfd8 16.c5 b6 17.cxb6 axb6 18.b4 Rac8 19.Nb3 c5 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.bxc5 Rc7 22.Rc1 Rdc8 23.Qb4 Qe2 24.a5 Qb2 25.Qa4 Nxe5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 0-1 (43) Bonacker (2510)-Modestov,B (2621) Young Masters, (2.7) 2001]
12...Be7 13.a4 0-0N
[13...Nxh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.Nf3 Be7 16.Bg5 Nb6 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.a5 Nd7 19.Ng5 Raf8 20.Qc3 b6 21.Qb4+ c5 22.Qc3 dxc4 23.bxc4 Rc8 24.axb6 Qxb6 25.d5 Qb4 26.Qf3 Nxe5 27.Rxa7+ Ke8 28.Qf4 1-0 (35) Casagua,M (2066)-Beyer,H (2250) 94/132 San Luis 2005 (3)]
14.Ba3 Bxa3! 15.Rxa3 c5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Qc2 Rac8! 18.b4

(Diagram)

Ne4 19.Nxe4
[19.b5 Qa5]
19...dxe4
[19...Rxc4!? 20.Nc3 d4=]
20.b5 Qa5 21.Qxe4 Qb4 22.Raa1 Rxc4 23.Qxb7 Qc5 24.Qd7
[24.Qc6 simplifies Qxc6 25.bxc6 Rxc6 26.Rac1]
24...Nxh4 25.Nxh4 Rxh4 26.Qd6 Qc4 27.Qd3 Qf4 28.Qg3 Qb4



[28...Qxg3 simplifies 29.fxg3 Rb4 30.Rd7 Ra8]

29.Qe3

[29.a5 keeps more tension. Qe4 30.Re1 Qd4 31.Qf3]

29...Qa5

[29...Rc8 is interesting. 30.Qg5 Qe4 31.Rdc1 Rb8]

30.f4 -0.51/22

[30.Qd2= 0.17/24 Qc7 31.Qg5]

30...Rg4∓ 31.Rd7 Rc8 32.Qd4

[32.Rxa7 Qd8 33.a5 Rc2-+ *(33...Qd5? 34.Qf2-+)*]

32...Rc2 33.Rd8+ Kh7 Black is much more active. **34.Qe4+ g6** Chess con chili. **35.Qxc2 Qxd8** Endgame. KQR-KQR **36.Qf2** Dodges Qd4 **36...Qd5** -0.13/21

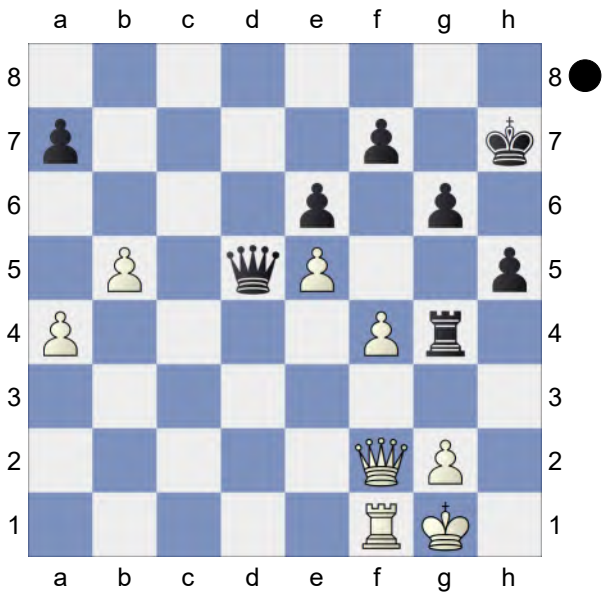
[36...Qa5∓ -1.12/22 37.Kh2 Qb4]

37.Rf1? -1.95/23

[37.a5!= -0.13/21 and White has nothing to worry.]

(Diagram)

37...Kg7!-+ 38.Kh2? -4.07/23 Loses the game.



[38.Re1∓ -1.50/22]

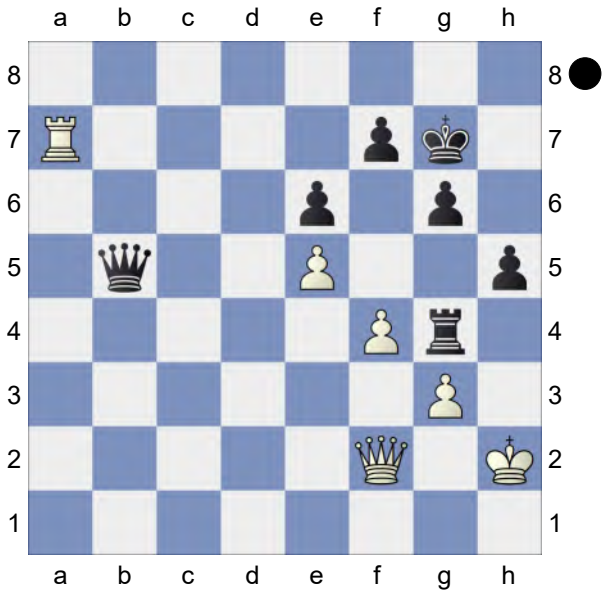
38...Qc4 39.g3 Qxa4 40.Qe2 Qb3 41.Rf3 Qb1 White must now prevent ... h4. **42.Rf1?** -4.98/20

[42.Rc3 -2.55/20]

42...Qf5 Strongly threatening ...h4. **43.Qf2 Qd3** aiming for ...Rxg3! **44.Ra1** -5.50/20

[⌓44.Qf3 -3.91/20 Qf5 *(44...Qxb5? 45.Kh3-+)* 45.Qf2]

44...Qxb5 45.Rxa7



h4! 46.Kh3

[46.Ra3 Qb4]

46...Rxg3+ 47.Kxh4 Rb3 (-> ...Qd3) **48.Qd4 Qc6 49.Qg1 Qf3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

B48
□ **Arun,Kataria** **2370**
■ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.35)
[Kitty Kat]

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f3 b5 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.0-0-0 e5 Against Bf4 **11.Qf2** Black must now prevent Bb6. The position is equal. **11...Be6 12.Bc5 Bxc5 13.Qxc5** Strongly threatening Bxb5! **13...Nd7 14.Qd6 Qxd6 15.Rxd6 Rc8 16.Be2 Ke7 17.Rd2 a5 18.Nd1** -1.39/26
[18.a4= -0.23/25]
18...g6 -0.32/23
[18...Bxa2∓ -1.39/26 ...Nc5 would now be deadly. 19.b3 Nc5]
19.Ne3 Nc5
[19...Bxa2 20.b3+-]
20.Kb1 f5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Re1 Rhd8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.a3 -0.87/22
[24.g3!= -0.24/24]
24...Kf6 -0.16/22
[24...f4!∓ -0.87/22 25.Nd1 Bf5]
25.Kc1 -0.90/21
[25.Rd1= -0.16/22 Rd4 26.Rxd4 exd4 27.Nd1]
25...Rg8 -0.15/20
[25...f4!∓ -0.90/21 26.Ng4+ Bxg4 Deflection 27.fxg4 e4]
26.Bf1 -0.99/24
[26.g3= -0.15/20]
26...h5∓ 27.Nd1 h4 Black is more active. **28.Nf2** -1.84/24
[28.Kd2∓ -1.24/21]
28...Bc4-+ 29.Bxc4 bxc4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **30.Rg1** -3.30/22
[⌓30.Re2 -1.92/22]
30...Ne6! 31.Kd2 Nd4 32.Nh3 Rd8 33.Rh1 Nxf3+ 34.Kc3 Nd4 35.Rf1 Rg8 36.Rf2 Rg4 37.Kxc4 Nxc2+ 38.Kc5 Ne3 39.Kxc6 Nxg2 aiming for ...Nf4. **40.b4 axb4 41.axb4 Rc4+ 42.Kd7 Ne3 43.b5 Nd5** Against b6 **44.Kd6** Dodges Rc5 **44...Nc3** Hoping for ...Ne4+. **45.Rb2 Ne4+** -4.27/20
[⌓45...Na4 -2.82/19 46.Rg2 Rg4]
46.Kd7 Nc5+ 47.Kd6 Na4 -2.14/17
[⌓47...Rc3 -4.42/23 48.Ng1 Nb7+ 49.Kd7 f4]
48.Rb3 -3.52/21
[48.Rg2 -2.14/17 was called for.]
48...Rc2? -1.09/17

[48...Nb6-+ -3.52/21 has better winning chances. 49.Ra3 Rd4+ 50.Kc6 Nd7]

49.Rb4 -2.54/21

[49.b6∓ -1.09/17 is the only way for White. Rd2+ *(49...Rxh2? loses. 50.b7+-; 49...Nc5? 50.Rb4∓)* 50.Kc6 Rc2+ *(50...Rxh2?* perishes. *51.b7+-)* 51.Kd6]

49...Rxh2? -0.98/18

[49...Rd2+-+ -2.54/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 50.Kc6 Rc2+ *(50...Rxh2 51.Rxa4 Rxh3 52.b6∓)* 51.Kd6 Rxh2 52.Rxh4 Rd2+ 53.Kc7 e4 54.Rh6+ Ke5]

50.Rxa4? -5.82/22

[50.Rxh4∓ -0.98/18 was the crucial defense. Rd2+ 51.Kc6 Rc2+ 52.Kd6 Rd2+ 53.Kc6]

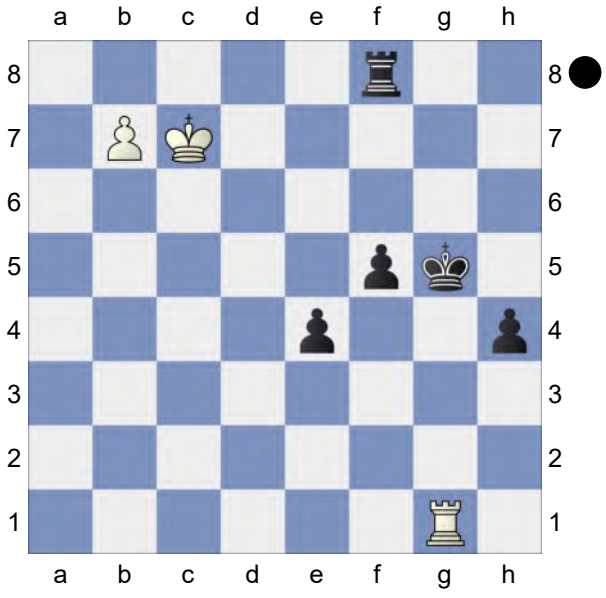
50...Rxh3 KR-KR **51.Rb4 Rd3+ 52.Kc7 Rc3+ 53.Kd7 e4 54.b6** b7 is the strong threat. **54...Rg3?** 0.00/37

[54...Rd3+-+ -4.68/20 55.Kc7 h3 *(55...Rc3+ 56.Kd7∓)*]

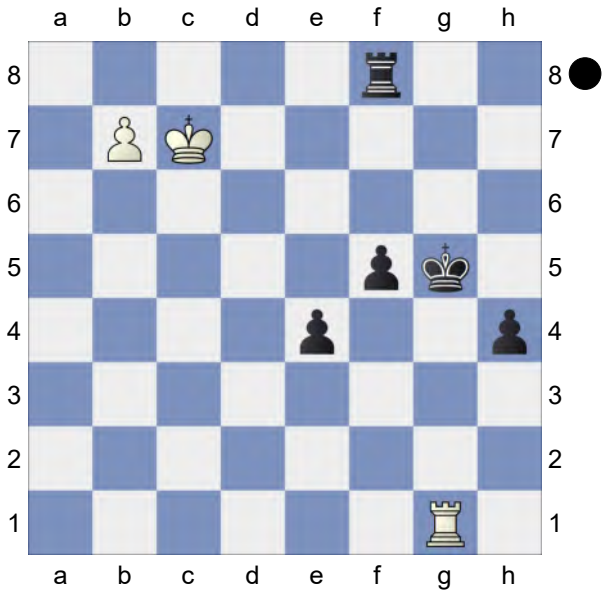
55.b7= Rg8 56.Kc7? -6.37/20

[56.b8Q= 0.00/37 Rxb8 57.Rxb8]

56...Kg5 57.Rb1 And now Rg1+ would win. **57...Rf8 58.Rg1+**



Kh5! 59.Rf1 Kg5 60.Rg1+



Kf6? -0.64/19

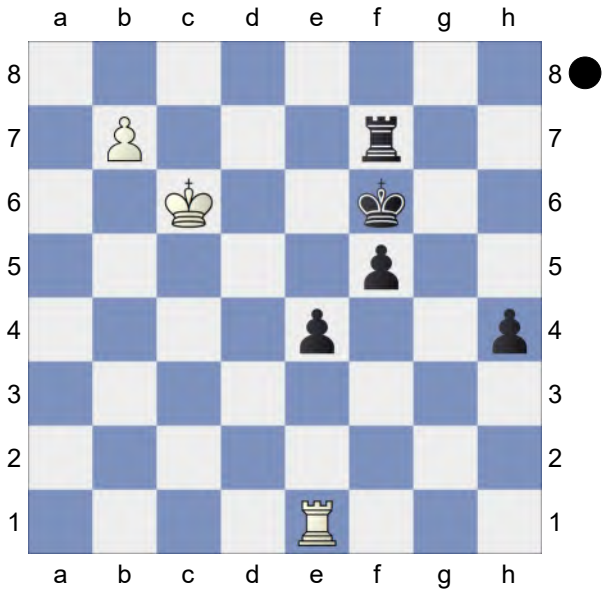
[Black should try 60...Kh5!-+ -4.86/20 61.Rd1 h3]

61.Re1? -6.12/21

[61.Rd1∓ -0.64/19]

61...Rf7+ Black is clearly winning.

62.Kc6



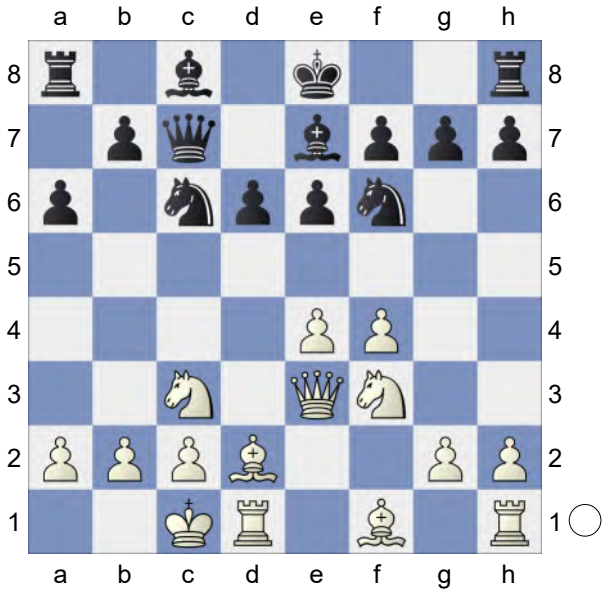
Rxb7!! 63.Kxb7-+ KR-K3P **63...Ke5 64.Kc6 f4 65.Kc5 e3 66.Kc4 Ke4 67.Rh1** Threatens to win with Kc3! **67...e2 68.Kc3 Ke3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/

Black=0.41
0-1

B23
□ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**
■ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.36)
[Kitty Kat]

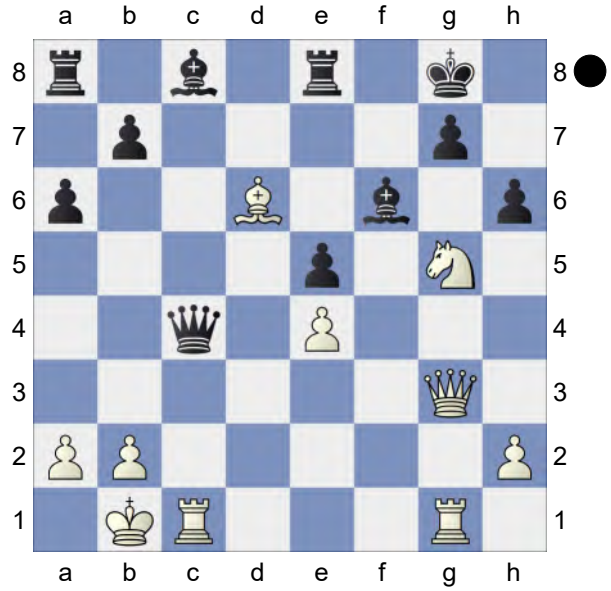
B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qe3 e6 6.Bd2 Nf6 7.0-0-0 Qc7 8.f4 Black should prevent e5. White has an edge. **8...d6 9.Nf3 Be7** 0.66/24
[9...b5= 0.19/20]



10.g4N
[10.Kb1 b5 11.g4 Nxg4 12.Qg1 Nf6 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Bg2 Rb8 17.Bc6+ Kf8 18.Qxg7+ Kxg7 19.Rhg1+ Kf8 20.Bh6# 1) Shimanov Sicilian: 2...a6- Shimanov Sicilian: 2...a6 / 4]
10...Nxg4 11.Qe1
[11.Qg1!? Nf6 *(11...h5 12.Kb1=)* 12.Qxg7±]
11...0-0 0.70/23
[11...g6= 0.20/22]
12.Rg1 Nf6 13.Bd3 0.18/20 White is more active.
[13.Kb1± 0.69/21]
13...Nb4= 14.e5 -0.62/23
[14.Be3= 0.18/20]
14...Nxd3+∓ 15.cxd3 Ne8 16.Kb1 f5 Dodges Ne4 **17.exf6 Nxf6**
[17...Rxf6 18.b3∓]
18.Ne4 Nxe4 0.39/22
[18...Nh5= 0.00/23 is more appropriate.]
19.dxe4± e5 20.Qg3 Bf6 21.fxe5 -0.64/19
[21.f5= 0.27/22]
21...dxe5∓ 22.Bb4 Re8 23.Bd6 Qc4 Threatens to win with ...Be6. **24.Ng5** -1.11/20
[Better is 24.Be7 -0.73/24 Be6 *(24...Rxe7 25.Rd8+ Kf7 26.Ng5+ Bxg5 27.Qf3+ Bf4 28.Qh5+ Kf6 29.Qh4+ Kf7 30.Qh5+ Kf6 31.Qh4+ Kf7 32.Qh5+=; 24...Qxe4+ 25.Ka1∓)* 25.Bxf6 Qxa2+ 26.Kc2 Qa4+ 27.Kd2 Rad8+ 28.Ke3 *(28.Bxd8 Rxd8+ 29.Ke3 Qb3+ 30.Kf2 Qxb2+ 31.Ke1 Rxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Qa1+ 33.Kd2 Qb2+ 34.Kd3 Qa3+ 35.Kc2 Qb3+ 36.Kd2 Qb2+ 37.Ke1 Qb1+ 38.Kf2 Qb2+ 39.Ke3 Qb3+ 40.Kf2 Qb2+ 41.Ke3 Qc3+ 42.Ke2 Qc4+ 43.Ke1 Qc1+ 44.Kf2 Qc2+ 45.Ke3 Qc3+ 46.Ke2 Bc4+ 47.Kd1 Bb3+ 48.Ke2 Bc4+ 49.Kd1 Qb3+ 50.Kd2 Qb2+ 51.Kd1 Qb1+ 52.Kd2 Qb2+ 53.Kd1 Qb1+ 54.Kd2 Qb4+ 55.Kc1 Qc3+ 56.Kd1=)* 28...Qb3+ 29.Kf2 Qxb2+ *(29...Rxd1 30.Qxg7#)* 30.Ke3 *(30.Ke1 Rxd1+* Remove Defender *31.Kxd1 Bb3+ 32.Ke1 Qc1+ 33.Kf2 Qc2+ 34.Ke3 Qc5+ 35.Ke2 Bc4+ 36.Kd1 g6∓)* 30...Qb3+ *(30...Qb6+ 31.Nd4±)* 31.Kf2 Qc2+ *(31...Rxd1*

32.Qxg7#) 32.Ke3 Qc3+ *(32...Rxd1 33.Qxg7#; 32...Qc5+ 33.Nd4=)* 33.Kf2 Qb2+ 34.Ke3 *(34.Ke1 Rxd1+ 35.Kxd1 Bb3+ 36.Ke1 Qb1+ 37.Kf2 Qc2+ 38.Ke3 Qc5+ 39.Ke2 Bc4+ 40.Kd1 g6-+)* 34...Qb3+ *(34...Qb6+ 35.Nd4±)* 35.Kf2 Qb2+ *(35...Rxd1 36.Qxg7#)*]

24...h6∓ 25.Rc1



Qa4 -0.13/19

[25...Qe2!∓ -1.12/22 26.Rc2 Qh5]

26.b3= Qd7 27.Nh7 Decoy **27...Qxd6**

[27...Kxh7!? 28.Qg6+ Kg8=]

28.Qg6! The position is equal. **28...Rf8** White must now prevent ...Bd7! **29.Rcf1! Qd3+ 30.Kb2! Qd2+ 31.Kb1!** Dancing on a razor blade. **31...Qd3+ 32.Kb2! Qd2+ 33.Kb1!**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

C22

□ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**

■ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**

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[Kitty Kat]

C22: Centre Game

Krysa, Leandro: 'La apertura del centro en la Elite mundial. En el Gran Prix de la Fide del 2019 (Torneo Lento), el GM chino Wei Yi empleó la idea de 4...Dc4!? ante Sergey Karjakin, obteniendo una posición razonable y luego la victoria.''La apertura del centro en la Elite mundial. En el Gran Prix de la Fide del 2019 (Torneo Lento), el GM chino Wei Yi empleó la idea de 4...Dc4!? ante Sergey Karjakin, obteniendo una posición razonable y luego la victoria. Mikhalevski,V: 'Krysa, Leandro: 'La apertura del centro en la Elite mundial. En el Gran Prix de la Fide del 2019 (Torneo Lento), el GM chino Wei Yi empleó la idea de 4...Dc4!? ante Sergey Karjakin, obteniendo una posición razonable y luego la victoria.''' **1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qc4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd2 0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8** ...Bxc3 is the strong threat. **8.f3** Black is slightly better. **8...Bf8N** 0.26/20

[8...a5∓ -0.38/21 9.a3 d6 10.Qa2 Ne5 11.Bc4 c6 E4) 1.e4 e5 Without 2.Nf3 –-1.e4 e5 Without 2.Nf3 – Cen]

[8...d6 9.g4 *(9.Qe2 Be6 10.Qf2 a5 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.Nf4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nb4 14.a3 Na2+ 15.Kd2 d5 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd3 dxe4 18.fxe4 Qg6 19.Be2 b5 20.Qg3 Qf6 21.Qe5 Qe7 22.Qxb5 Rab8 23.Qc5 Qh4* 1-0 (38) Wei,Y (2725)-Karjakin,S (2754) FIDE Grand Prix 2019 (2.3)*)* 9...Be6 10.Qe2 Nd4 11.Qf2 c5 12.Nge2 Qb6 13.a3 Bxa3 14.bxa3

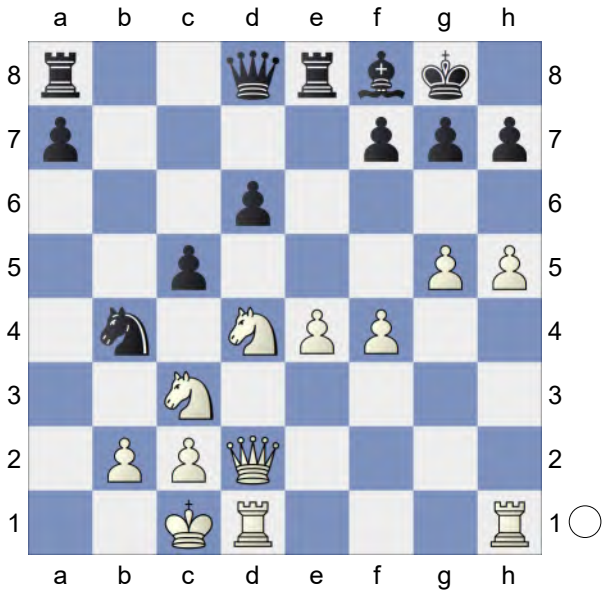
Nxc2 15.Kxc2 Qb3+ 16.Kd3 Bc4+ 17.Ke3 Nd5# 0-1 Carlsen,M (2862)-Tang,A (2538) Carlsen-Tang Bullet 2021 (9)]

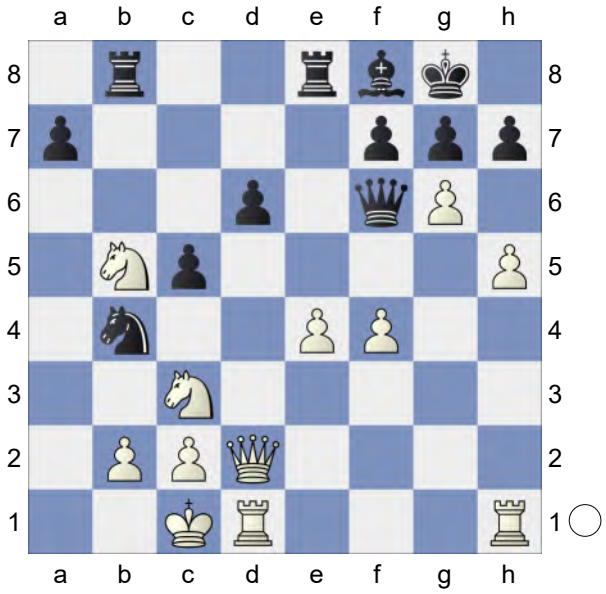
9.g4= d6 0.76/22
[9...Ne5= 0.28/22 10.Qe2 d5]
10.g5 Nd7 11.f4 -0.57/22
[White should play 11.Kb1± 0.69/20]
11...Nb6 12.Qd3 Bg4 0.55/22
[Better is 12...d5!∓ -0.37/22]
13.Be2!± Nb4 14.Qg3 Bxe2 15.Ngxe2 Nc4 1.38/20
[15...d5± 0.60/19]
16.a3 0.79/20
[⌓16.Kb1! 1.38/20]
16...Na6± 17.Qd3 -0.25/24
[White should try 17.Kb1!± 0.84/19]
17...Nxd2 0.20/24
[17...b5! -0.25/24 is superior.]
18.Qxd2= c6 19.h4 0.00/21
[19.Nd4± 0.36/20 feels stronger.]
19...b5 0.78/22
[19...Nc5= 0.00/21]
20.Nd4± Strongly threatening g6. **20...b4 21.axb4** White is more active. Black is weak on the light squares
[21.Nxc6? too greedy. bxc3 22.Qxc3 Qb6-+]
21...Nxb4 22.h5 c5 1.07/21
[22...Rb8± 0.69/21 deserves consideration.]

(Diagram)

23.Ndb5! Rb8 24.g6!
[24.Nxd6? Bxd6 25.Qxd6 Qa5-+]
[24.Nxa7? loses. Qa5 25.Qe2 Qxa7-+]
24...Qf6

(Diagram)





25.gxf7+ 0.19/17
[25.Nxd6? perishes. Na2+ 26.Kb1 Nxc3+-+]
[25.Kb1!± 1.34/18]
25...Qxf7= The position is equal.
26.Nxd6 A dynamic duo of knights.
26...Na2+ 27.Nxa2 Qxa2 28.Qd5+ Qxd5 Remove Defender **29.Rxd5 Bxd6** Remove Defender **30.Rxd6** Hoping for Rd7. **30...Rxe4** Endgame. KRR-KRR **31.Ra6 Rb7 32.Rf1 Reb4 33.Ra2 Kf7 34.Rf3 Rd7 35.Ra5 Rbd4 36.b3**
[36.Rxc5? Rd1#]

36...c4 37.bxc4 Rxc4 38.c3 Rdc7 39.Rf5+ Ke6 40.Re5+ Kf6 ...Rxf4! would now be deadly. **41.Ra5 Rxc3+ 42.Rxc3 Rxc3+** KR-KR **43.Kd2 Rc7 44.Ke3 h6 45.Ke4 Re7+ 46.Kf3 Ke6 47.Ke4 Kf6+ 48.Kf3 Kf7 49.Kg4 Kg8 50.Ra6 Rf7 51.f5 Kf8 52.Kf4 Ke8 53.Rg6 Kd7 54.Ke5 Re7+ 55.Kd5 Rf7 56.Ke5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

B72
□ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
■ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**
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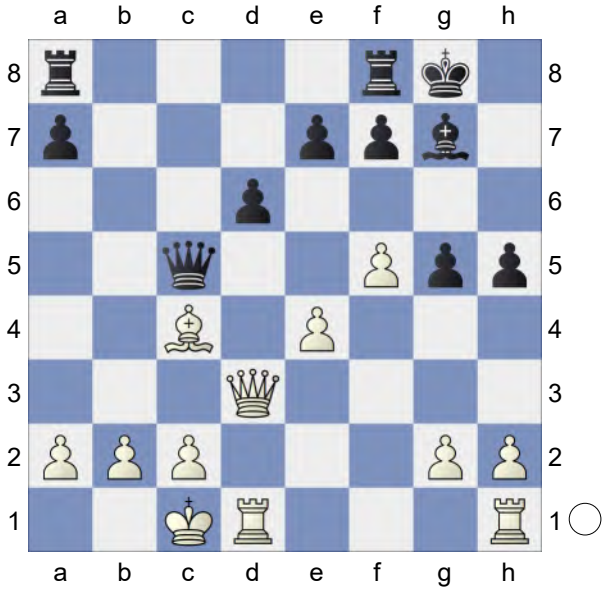
[Kitty Kat]

B72: Sicilian Dragon: 6 Be3, lines with h3+Bc4 and sidelines
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Nc6 7.f3 Prevents Ng4 **7...h5 8.Bc4 Bd7** White is better. **9.Qd2 Nxd4 10.Qxd4N**
[10.Bxd4 Bh6
A) 11.Be3 Bxe3 12.Qxe3 Rc8 13.Bb3 Qa5 14.0-0-0 Qc5 15.Rhe1 *(15.Qf4 g5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Rhe1 Nd7 18.Kb1 h4 19.e5 Nxe5 20.Qxg5 Bxb3 21.cxb3 Kf8 22.f4 Ng6 23.f5 Ne5 24.f6 exf6 25.Qxf6 Rh5 26.Ka1 Re8 27.Rf1 Qc6 28.Nd5 Rh7 29.a3 Qd7* 1-0 (31) 3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 (2632)-Grimm,S (2490) Complex Middlegames: Ding Liren: Bai Ji 2020 *)* 15...b5 16.e5 Qxe3+ 17.Rxe3 dxe5 18.Rxe5 a6 19.a4 Rb8 20.axb5 axb5 21.Nd5 Nxd5 22.Rexd5 Rb7 23.Kd2 e6 24.Rd4 h4 25.Kc3 Ke7 ½-½ (41) Firouzja, A (2760)-Carlsen,M (2830) Chessable Masters Div 1 W rapid 2024 (4.4);
B) 11.Qf2 0-0 12.0-0 5. Dragon 5. Nc3 g6-Dragon 6.Be3 Nc6;
C) 11.Qd3 0-0 12.Rd1 e6 13.0-0 Bf4 14.Kh1 a6 15.Bf2 Be5 16.f4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Bc6 18.Bh4 Bxe4 19.Qd4 Kg7 20.Bb3 Bf5 21.c4 Qe7 22.h3 Rac8 23.Rd2 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 (92) Chapter-Games Chapter 16 Game 1]
10...Bg7 11.0-0-0 White has more active pieces. **11...0-0 12.Qd3!** aiming for e5! **12...b5 13.Nxb5 Bxb5 14.Bxb5 Qa5** Black is weak on the light squares **15.Bc4** This pair of bishops is nice. **15...Nd7! 16.f4** Inhibits Ne5. **16...Nc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.f5 g5**



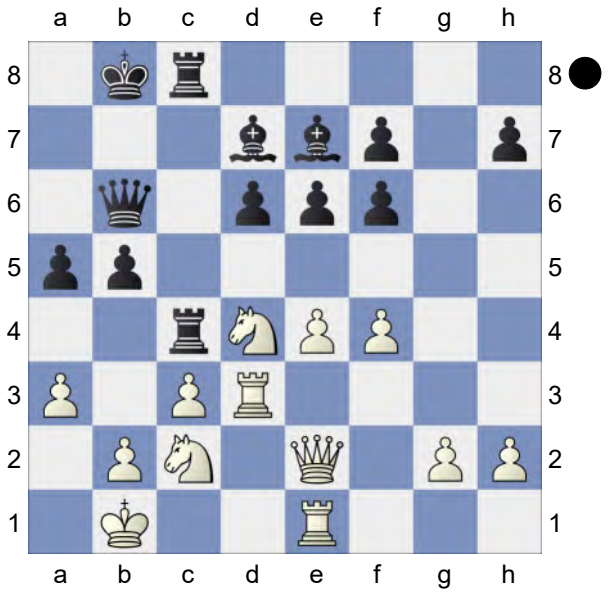
19.f6 0.00/22 **Bxf6= 20.Rhf1 Rac8 21.Bb3 Qe5** 0.42/20
[21...Kg7!= -0.06/21]
22.c3± e6 Wards off Rf5
[22...Qxh2 23.e5 dxe5 *(23...Bxe5? 24.Qg6+ Bg7 25.Bxf7+ Rxf7 26.Rxf7+-)* 24.Bc2+- *(24.Qg6+ Bg7+-)*]
23.Kb1

[23.Qxd6? is the wrong capture. Rxc3+ 24.bxc3 Qxc3+ 25.Bc2 Qb2+ 26.Kd2 Rd8-+]
23...Be7 0.85/21
[23...Bg7= 0.28/21]
24.Qe2 0.49/22
[White should play 24.h3± 0.85/21]
24...h4 25.h3 Kg7 0.61/19
[25...d5= 0.18/20]
26.Rd3 0.06/20
[26.Qc2± 0.61/19]
26...d5!= 27.Re1 dxe4 28.Rd7 Bc5 29.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 30.Rxe4 Kf6 31.Re1 Bb6 32.a4 Rc7 33.Rf1+
[But not 33.Bxe6? fxe6 34.Rd6 Re7-+]
33...Ke5! 34.Re1+ Kf6 35.Rf1+
[Not 35.Bxe6? fxe6 36.Rd3 Rc4-+]
35...Ke5! 36.Re1+ Kf6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

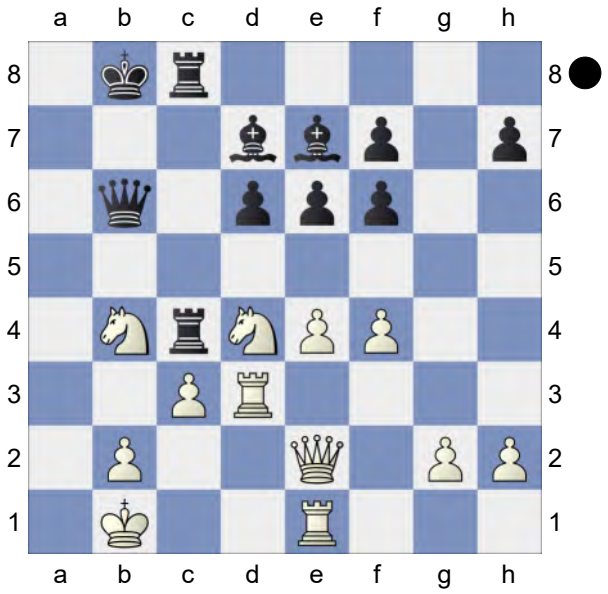
B69
□ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
■ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.39)
[Kitty Kat]

B69: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7 9 f4 Be7 10 Nf3 b5 11 Bxf6
Upon winning the Candidates Tournament in October of 1955, Olga was supposed to face the defending champion, Elisaveta Bykova. Instead, FIDE organized a triangular competition between the top 3 players of the world at that time. So, in addition to Olga and Bykova, former world champion Lyudmila Rudenko entered the arena. Their unusual tournament was held in Moscow in 1956 and involved 8-game mini-matches. These three ladies had several Moscow championships and Soviet championships under their belts. Just a few years earlier, Rudenko had bested both crowning herself world champion. Back then, Olga had been runner-up. Bykova, the youngest of the trio, had defeated Rudenko in a match and then successfully defended her title against a brilliant challenger, Kira Zvorykina. So Olga was likely the underdog, the only one of the three who had not clenched the world title. Olga eventually prevailed by scoring half a point more than Bykova in the overall table. The following game has our chapter's protagonist clashing with Rudenko, who was featured in the 3rd chapter of this course--see Lyudmila, the Second. [/course/102010/4] **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4**
[9.f3 h6 10.Be3 h5 11.Bg5 Rc8 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Qe1 Qc7 14.Bd3 b5 15.Kb1 Be7 16.Qh4 b4 17.Ne2 a5 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.f4 a4 20.Ba6 Rb8 21.e5 dxe5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Bf4 Qa5 Hevia Alejano,C (247 (2476)-Borges Matos,J (2472) La Habana (open) 113/65 2011]
9...Be7 10.Nf3 b5N
[10...Qa5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 exd5 14.Bxe7 Kxe7 15.Rxd5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Rhd8 17.Rxd7+ Rxd7 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Bc4 f5 20.Re1 Re8 21.Rxe8 Kxe8 22.Bd5 Nd4 23.Kd2 b6 24.a4 Ke7 25.Kd3 1-0 (28) 5) Olga The Fourth-Rubtsova,O Queens of the Chess Board 2023]
11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1 Qb6 13.Bd3 0-0-0 14.Rhe1 Rhe8 15.a3 Kb8

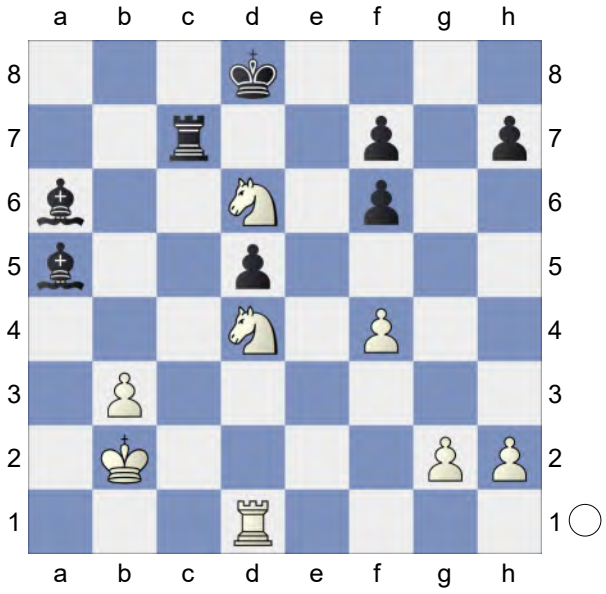
White is slightly better. **16.Na2 Rc8 17.c3 Rc7 18.Nb4 Na5 19.Nd4 Nc4 20.Qe2 a5 21.Nbc2 Rec8 22.Bxc4! Rxc4 23.Rd3** -0.17/17
[23.Rd2± 0.64/19]



23...b4!= 24.axb4 axb4 25.Nxb4

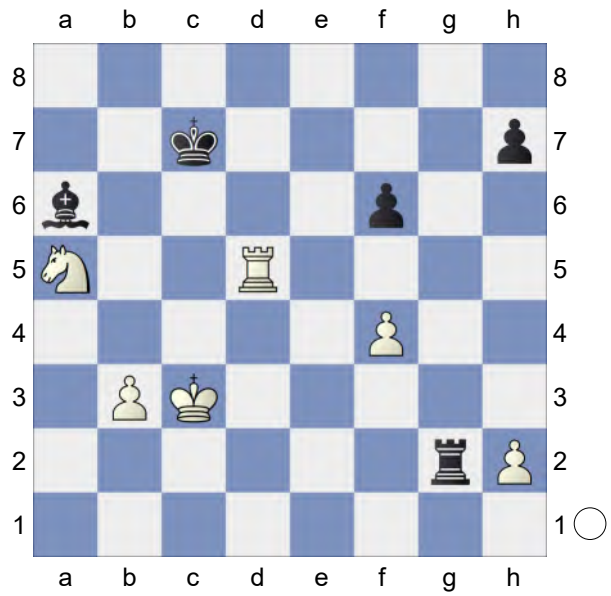


d5! 26.Nbc2 Excellent horsemanship.
[26.exd5? Bxb4 27.dxe6 Bxe6 *(27...Bxc3?* too greedy. *28.exd7 Rd8 29.Rc1+-* Pin*; 27...fxe6? 28.cxb4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4-+)* 28.Nxe6 Bxc3-+]
26...Rxc3 0.46/22
[Black should play 26...e5= -0.09/21 27.fxe5 *(27.exd5?* is the wrong capture. *exd4 28.Rxd4 Rxc3-+)* 27...fxe5]
27.Rxc3± Rxc3 28.exd5 Rc7! 29.Qe3 Nc6+ would now be deadly. Chess con chili. **29...Bc5 30.Qb3**
[30.Qd2 feels hotter. Rb7 31.Qc3 Rc7 32.dxe6 fxe6 33.Qd3]
30...exd5 0.37/23
[30...Qxb3= 0.00/25 31.Nxb3 Bd6]
31.Qxb6+
[31.Re3 with more complications. Ra7 32.Qxb6+ Bxb6 33.b3]
31...Bxb6 32.b3 Kc8 33.Kb2 Kd8 Prevents Re7 **34.Rd1 Bc8 35.Ne3 Bb7 36.Nef5** Against Re7 **36...Ba5 37.Nd6** White is more active. **37...Ba6**



38.Nxf7+ 0.39/24 **Rxf7 39.Nc6+** Discovered Attack **39...Kc7 40.Nxa5** Endgame. KRB-KRN **40...Re7** 1.15/19
[40...Kd6± 0.56/21]
41.Rxd5± Strongly threatening Kc3. **41...Re2+ 42.Kc3** And now Rd2 would win. **42...Rxg2**

(Diagram)



43.Rh5 0.16/20
[43.Rc5+!± 1.46/19 Kd7 44.b4]
43...Rf2!= The position is equal. **44.Rh4**
[Don't play 44.Rxh7+ Kb6±]
44...Kd6 45.Nc4+ Kd5 46.Kb4 f5 47.Rxh7 Rxf4 48.Rd7+ Kc6 49.Rd6+ Kb7 50.Kc5 Bxc4 51.bxc4 Rd7+ is the strong threat. KR-KR **51...Rh4 52.Rd7+ Kc8 53.Rd2 Kc7 54.Kb5 f4 55.Rf2 f3 56.Kc5**
[56.Rxf3 simplifies Rxh2 57.Rf7+ Kb8 58.Rf6]
56...Rh3 57.Kd5 Rh4 58.Ra2 Rf4 59.Rf2 Rh4 60.Ke5 Kc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

C07
□ **George Samir,David** **2272**
■ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
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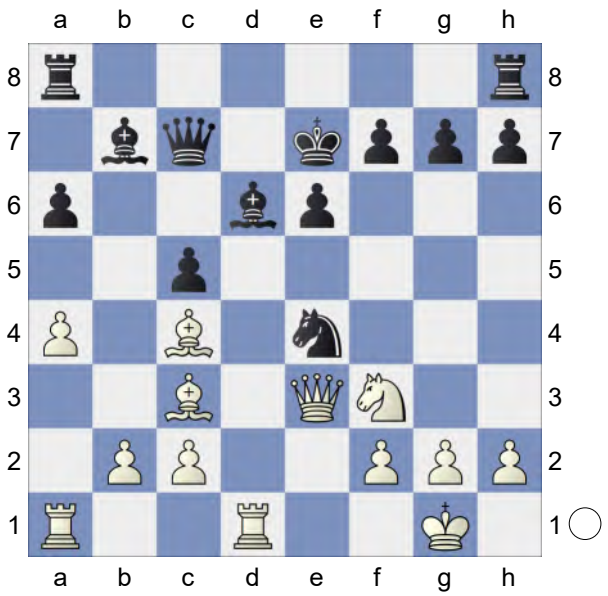
[Kitty Kat]

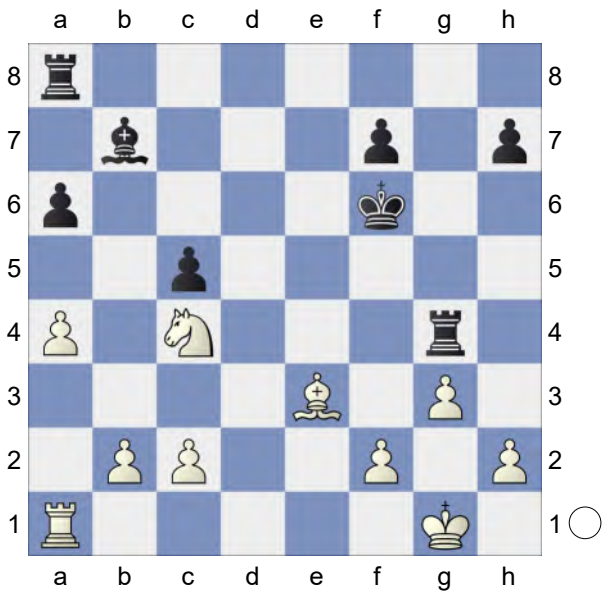
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Bc4 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3 a6 White has an edge. **9.a4 Qc7**
[9...Nf6 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Rd1 e5 12.Nbxd4 0-0 *(12...Nxd4 13.Rxd4 Qe7 14.Rh4 Bf5 15.Bg5 0-0 16.Bd5 Rac8 17.Be4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 h6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.c3 Rfe8 21.Re1 Re7 22.Nxe5 Rce8 23.Ng4 Qf4 24.f3 Rxe4 25.fxe4 h5 26.Nf2 Qxh2+ 27.Kf1* 0-1 (30) Turcan,R (2365)-Petrek,D (2249) SVK-ch U18/20 2024 (8)*)* 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Bg5 Bc7 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Bd5 Rb8 17.h3 Qe7 18.Re1 Re8 19.Qc4 b5 20.axb5 Rxb5 21.Rad1 Rc5 22.Qd3 g6 23.c4 a5 24.Qa3 1-0 (29) Jones,B (2682)-McShane,L (2664) GBR-ch KO London 2018 (4.2)]
10.Nbxd4 Bd6N 0.87/20
[10...Bd7!= 0.20/19 keeps the balance.]
[10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4 3...c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 without 6.-6...Qd7 Sidelines 1]
11.Nxc6± bxc6 12.Qd4↑ White is in control. **12...Nf6 13.Rd1 Ke7 14.Bd2** Ba5! is the strong threat. White is much more active. **14...c5 15.Qe3** 0.26/22
[15.Qh4± 0.64/23 feels stronger.]
15...Bb7 16.Bc3 Ne4 1.52/20
[16...Rhd8= 0.30/20]

(Diagram)

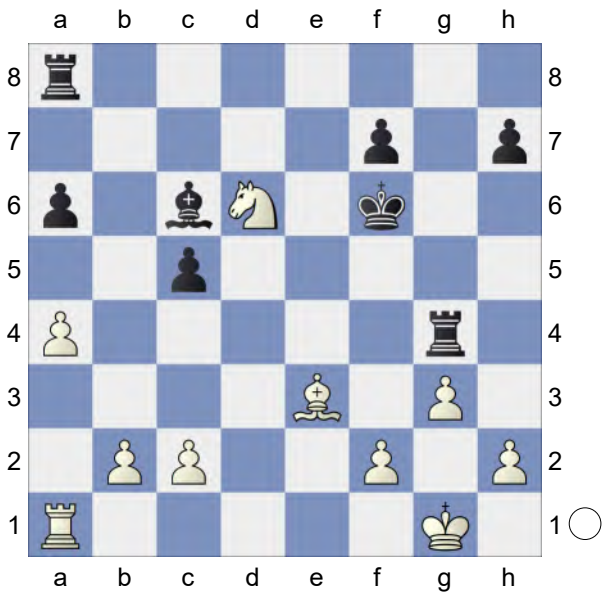
17.Rxd6! Qxd6
[17...Nxd6 18.Qg5+]
18.Bxg7 0.56/20
[18.Be5± 1.31/26 Qd8 19.Bxg7]
18...Rhg8± 19.Qh6 Chess con chili.
19...e5! 20.Nxe5
[20.Qxh7 Nf6 21.Bxf6+ *(21.Qh6? Bxf3 22.g3 Ng4-+)* 21...Qxf6∓]



20...Qxh6 21.Bxh6 A strong pair of Bishops. **21...Nd6 22.g3** 0.21/21
[22.Bf1± 0.61/26 deserves consideration.]
22...Nxc4= 23.Nxc4 Kf6 24.Be3 Rg4 1.73/22
[24...Bd5= 0.28/23 25.Nb6 Rad8]



25.Nd6 1.05/19
[25.f4!+- 1.73/22]
25...Bc6 1.67/21
[25...Bf3± 1.05/19]



26.b3 0.27/19
[26.Bxc5 Rxa4 27.Rd1 Bf3∓]
[26.f4!+- 1.67/21]
26...Rd8! 27.Bxc5 Hoping for f4. **27...Rg5 28.b4 Rd5 29.Ne4+ Ke5 30.Nc3** Repels Rd1+ **30...Rd2 31.Rc1 Bf3 32.h3 h5 33.Kh2 Kf5** The position is equal. **34.Be3 R2d7 35.a5 Rc8 36.Na4** Nb6 would now be deadly. **36...Rd1 37.Rxd1 Bxd1** Endgame. KRB-KBN **38.Nc5 Bf3 39.Nxa6 Rxc2 40.g4+ hxg4 41.Kg3 Be2 42.hxg4+ Bxg4 43.Nc5** Threatens to win with f3. **43...Be2 44.Nb3** Strongly threatening Nd4+. **44...Rc4 45.Nd4+ Rxd4! 46.Bxd4** KB-KB **46...Ke4 47.Bc5 Kd5 48.Kf4 Kc6 49.Ke5 Kb5 50.Kd6 Ka6 51.f4 Bd3 52.Ke7 Bc4 53.f5 Bd3 54.f6**
[54.Kxf7 Bxf5 55.Kf6 Bh3±]
54...Bc4 55.Kd7 Bb5+ 56.Kc7 Bd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

B54

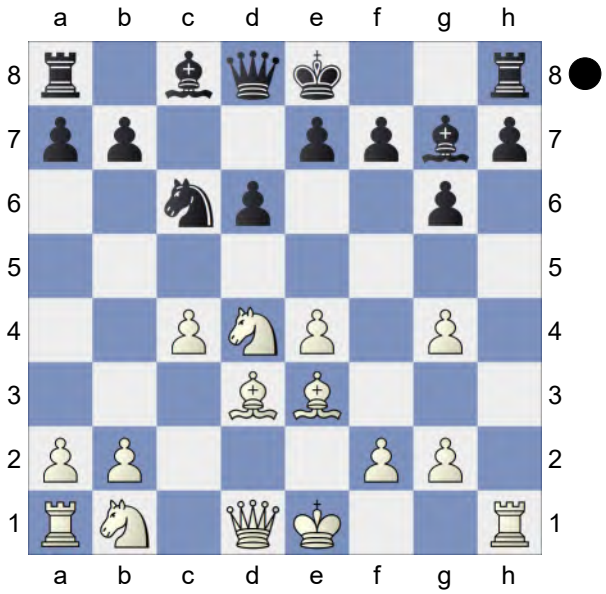
□ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
■ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.41) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B55: Sicilian: 2...d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 f3

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Be3N
[6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.c4 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qc2 *(10.Re1 a5 11.h3 Nd7 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Bc2 Rb8 14.Rb1 Rxb2 15.Rxb2 Bxc3 16.Rb8 Qc7 17.Rb1 Bxe1 18.Qxe1 Be6 19.Qc3 f6 20.e5 fxe5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Re1 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.g4 Rf4* 1-0 (45) Pedersen,P (2670)-Grube,J (2764) FIDE GP Moscow rapid 2002 (1.13)*; 10.Be2 Rb8 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Be3 Qa5 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rac1 Nc5 15.Bf3 Be5 16.Rfe1 f5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Na4 Qa5 19.c5 f4 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Red1 Be8 22.Qc2 Rf6 23.a3 Qc7 24.cxd6 Rxd6* ½-½ (47) Burden,D (2132)-Ould Ahmed,S (1833) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1) *)* 10...Qa5 11.Rb1 Ng4 12.h3 Ne5 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bd2 f5 15.b4 Qc7 16.f4 Nf7 17.Be3 e5 18.Bd3 exf4 19.Bxf4 g5 20.Bh2 f4 0-1 (32) Bauza,L-Najdorf,M Mar del Plata 1946 (2)]
6...g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.c4 The position is equal. **8...Ng4 9.hxg4**

(Diagram)

aiming for Be2. **9...Bxd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.Nc3 Qa5 12.f3 Be6** 0.46/22
[12...h5= 0.07/21 deserves consideration.]
13.Qa4+ Qxa4 14.Nxa4 Rc8 15.b3 f6

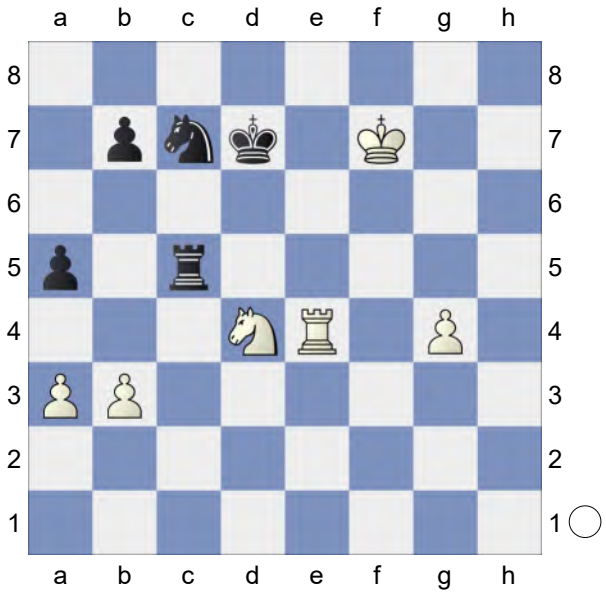


16.Kd2 0-0 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Ke3 Nc6 19.g3 Kg7 20.Nc3 Bg8 21.Rh2 e6 22.Rd2 Kf8 23.Be2 Ke7 24.Rcd1 White is more active. **24...Rc7 25.f4 Rcd7 26.Bf1 Bf7 27.Bg2 Bg8 28.Ne2 Bf7 29.Ng1 d5** 1.09/22 **30.exd5±**
[30.cxd5?! exd5 31.Ne2 *(31.exd5 Nb4=)* 31...Nb4= *(31...dxe4 32.Rxd7+ Rxd7 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 34.Bxe4=)*]
30...exd5 31.c5 0.21/21
[31.cxd5 Nb4=]
[31.Bxd5± 0.66/25 Bxd5 32.cxd5 *(32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.cxd5 Nb4±)*]
31...Be6= 32.Bf3 d4+ 33.Kf2 a5 34.Ne2 Bd5 35.Rh1
[35.Nxd4!? Bxf3 36.Nxf3±]
35...Bxf3 36.Rxh7+ Ke6
[36...Ke8 37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.Kxf3±]
37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.Kxf3 Endgame. White wants to play f5+! KRN-KRN
38...Rd5 1.46/25
[38...Kd5?! 39.Nc3+ Kxc5 40.Ne4+ Kb5 *(40...Kb4 41.Nxf6 Rd8 42.g5±)* 41.Nxf6±]
[38...f5!= 0.01/20]
39.f5+ Ke7 2.08/20
[39...Kf7± 1.15/22]

40.fxg6+- Threatens to win with Nf4.
40...Rxc5 2.34/21
[40...d3± 1.45/21]
41.Nxd4 Ne5+ 3.09/20
[⌓41...Nxd4+ 2.15/21 42.Rxd4 Rg5]
42.Ke4 Nxg6 43.Nf5+ Ke8 44.Rd6 Ne5 45.Rxf6
[45.g5 Nf7 46.Rxf6 *(46.Re6+ Kd8±)* 46...Nxg5+ 47.Kd3 a4 48.bxa4 Nf7±]
45...Nxg4 46.Rb6 Nf2+ 47.Kf4 Nh3+ 48.Kg4 Nf2+ 49.Kg5 Ne4+ 50.Kg6 Kd8 51.g4 1.00/17
[51.Rxb7 Rxf5 52.Rb8+ *(52.Kxf5 Nd6+ 53.Kf6 Nxb7=)* 52...Kc7 53.Kxf5 Nxg3+ 54.Kg4 Kxb8=]
[51.Re6+- 1.92/22 Nf2 52.Re2]
51...Kc7 2.36/29 Loses the game.
[51...Rc2± 1.00/17 was called for.]
52.Re6 Nc3 53.Re7+ Kc6 54.a3 Nd5 55.Nd4+ Kb6 4.21/22
[55...Kd6 2.86/21 keeps fighting. 56.Nf5+ *(56.Rxb7 Ke5+-)* 56...Kc6]
56.Re6+ Kc7 57.Re4 Kd7 58.Kf7 Black must now prevent g5. **58...Nc7?** 5.97/21
[58...Rc1 2.04/20 is more resistant. 59.g5 Rf1+ 60.Kg7 Ne7]

(Diagram)

59.Re7+ White is clearly winning.
59...Kc8 60.Ne6 Nxe6 61.Rxe6 Rc3 62.g5 Rxb3 63.g6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.37
1-0

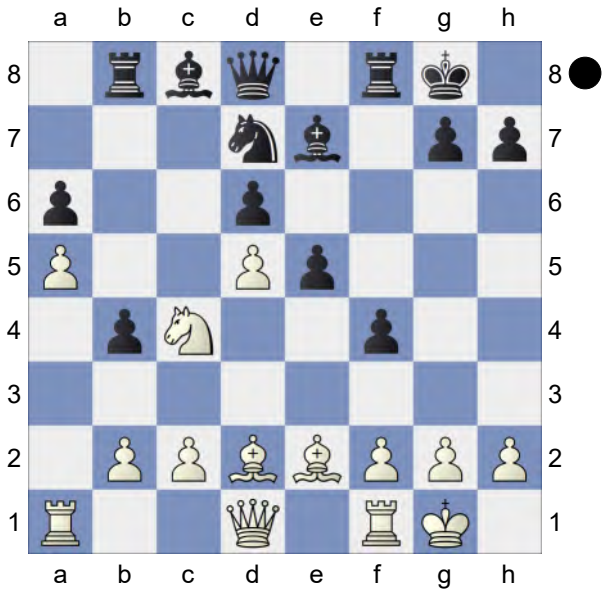


B90
□ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F** **2296**
■ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.42)
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Nd2N
[8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7* ^ -^ (32) 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 (2.6)*)* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,N URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

8...b5 Prevents Nc4 **9.a4 b4 10.Nd5** The position is equal. **10...Nxd5 11.exd5 0-0 12.Nc4 Nd7** Inhibits Nb6. **13.a5 Rb8 14.Be2 f5 15.0-0 f4 16.Bd2** -0.76/22

[16.Ba7± 0.39/23 keeps the upper hand. Rb7 17.Bb6 Nxb6 18.axb6]



16...Qc7 -0.22/22

[16...e4!∓ -0.76/22]

17.c3 -0.81/23

[17.Ra4= -0.22/22 keeps the balance.]

17...b3∓ 18.Ra3 -1.41/24

[⌓18.f3 -0.82/23]

18...Nc5 19.Nb6 e4 20.Bg4 Bb7 1.04/22

[20...Bxg4∓ -1.05/20 stays on course. 21.Qxg4 f3]

21.Re1 -1.61/20

[21.Rxb3!± 1.04/22 keeps the pressure on. Strongly threatening Rb4. Bg5 22.Ra3]

21...Bg5? -0.06/20 White is now going downhill.

[21...Bh4-+ -1.61/20 White must now prevent ...e3! 22.Rf1 Qe7]

22.Be6+? -3.22/21

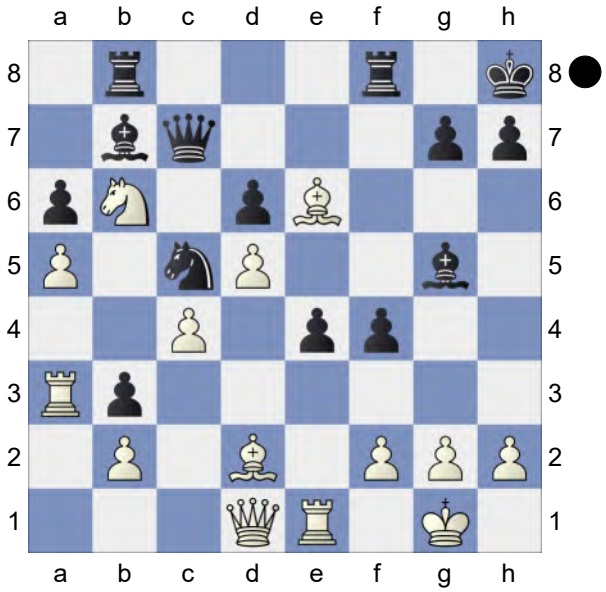
[22.c4!= -0.06/20]

22...Kh8? -0.64/19

[22...Nxe6-+ -3.22/21 23.Qg4 Nc5 24.Qxg5 e3 25.Bxe3 Nd3 *(25...fxe3 26.Rxe3 Rbe8 27.h3-+)* 26.Bxf4 Nxe1 *(26...Rxf4 27.Re7=)*]

23.c4? -2.89/24

[Better is 23.Qg4!∓ -0.64/19 Qe7 24.c4]



23...e3! 24.fxe3 Nxe6 25.dxe6 -4.24/19

[25.exf4 -1.91/21 is a better defense. Nxf4 26.Rxb3]

25...f3-+ Threatens to win with ...f2+. **26.Rf1 fxg2 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Ra1 Rf1+ 29.Qxf1 gxf1Q+ 30.Rxf1 Bf6 31.Bc3** -7.87/20

[⌓31.Rf4 -5.05/18]

31...Kg8 32.Bxf6 gxf6 33.Nd7 Qc6 34.Nxf6+ Kg7 35.Nd5 Qxc4 36.Rf7+ Kh6 37.Rf6+ Kg5 38.h4+ Qxh4

[Stronger than 38...Kxh4 39.Rf4+=]

39.e7 Bxd5 Black mates. **40.e8Q Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qh1+**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.18/ Black=0.55

0-1

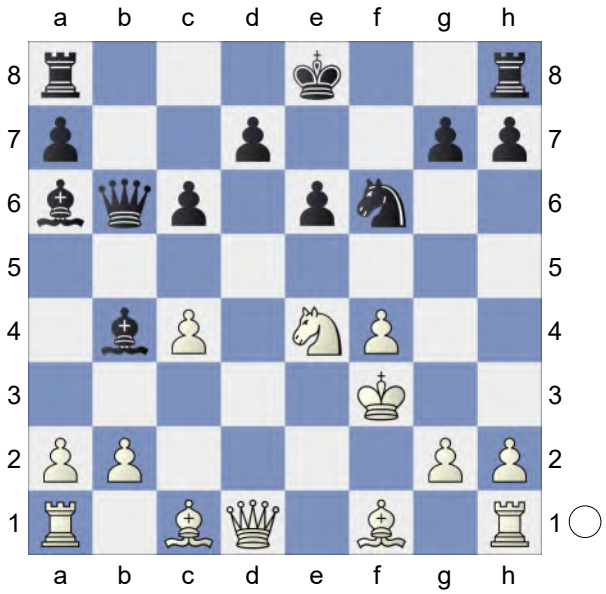
B40

□ **Ashraf,Artin** 2388
■ **Al Hosani,Omran** 2239
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.43)
[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.c4 Bb4+ 11.Ke2 Ba6 12.Kf3 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6

(Diagram)

14.c5! Qa5 ...Bxf1 is the strong threat.
15.Nd6+ Kf8 1.74/20
[15...Ke7± 1.35/20]
16.Bxa6+- Qxa6 White is clearly better.
17.Be3 And now Qb3 would win.
17...Nd5 2.38/22
[17...Rb8 1.68/22 was called for. 18.Bd4 Ba5]

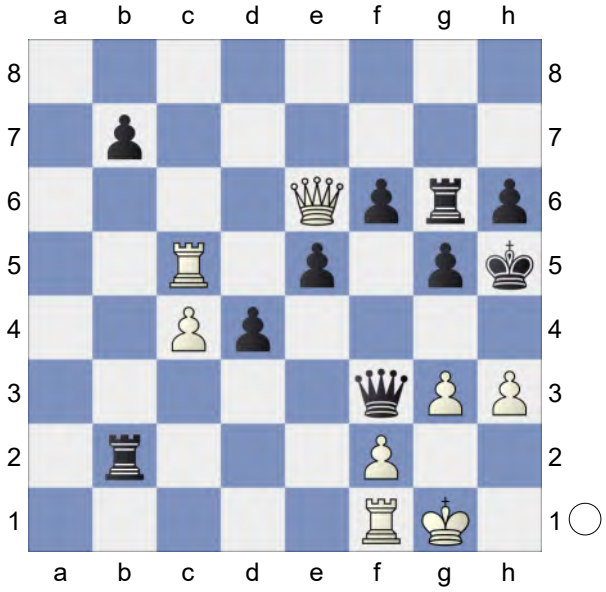


18.Bd4 Ba5 19.f5 Threatens to win with Kf2. White is more active. **19...Kg8 20.Kg3** 0.22/23
[20.Rf1+- 1.63/22]
20...h5!= 21.Rf1 fxe6 would now be deadly. **21...Rf8?** 3.96/18 This costs Black the game.
[21...Rh6!± 0.43/21]
22.fxe6+- White wants to mate with Rxf8+. **22...Be1+ 23.Rxe1 h4+ 24.Kh3 Nf4+ 25.Kg4 Nxe6 26.Be3** Prevents Rf4+. **26...h3 27.gxh3 Qa5** Hoping for ...Qb4+. **28.Kg3 Qb4** (-> ...Qh4+) **29.Kg2 Rf6 30.Qg4 Qxb2+ 31.Kh1 Qe5 32.Rab1 Rh5 33.Qe4 Qxe4+ 34.Nxe4 Rf3 35.Ng3 Re5 36.Bg1 Rd5 37.Red1 Ra3 38.Rxd5 cxd5 39.Rb7 d4 40.Rxd7 Nxc5 41.Rxd4 Ne6 42.Rd2 Nf4 43.h4 a5 44.Bd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.45
1-0

A13
□ **Abdulla,Murad** 2321
■ **Swayams,Mishra** 2456
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.44) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6
1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d4 5.0-0 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 h6 9.Bf4 Nd7 Dodges Ne5 **10.Na3N** And now Nb5 would win.
[10.Qe2 Be7 11.Na3 Bxa3 12.bxa3 0-0 13.Ne5 Ndxe5 14.Bxe5 Qe7 15.Rab1 f6 16.Bf4 Re8 17.Rb3 a5 18.a4 e5 19.Bd2 f5 20.Qh5 Qf7 21.Bd5 Be6 22.Qxf7+ Bxf7 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rxb7+ Re7 1-0 (43) Warmerdam,M (2676)-Saric,I (2678) ESP-chT CECLUB Div1 2024 (4.1)]
10...Be7 0.39/22
[10...Bc5= 0.00/21]
11.Re1± g5 12.Bc1 e5 13.Nc2 a5 14.Rb1 f6 0.58/20
[14...0-0= 0.09/19]
15.a3 Strongly threatening Nh4!
[15.Nh4!?]
15...a4! 16.b4 -0.43/17 Dodges Nc5
[White should try 16.Nh4= 0.20/18 Nc5 *(16...gxh4 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Bd5 Rh7 19.Bxh6+* Overworked Piece *Rxh6 20.Qf7#)* 17.Nb4 *(17.Qh5+ Kd7∓)*]
16...axb3∓ 17.Rxb3 Nc5 18.Rb5 0-0 19.Rb1 -1.36/21
[19.Nh4∓ -0.70/18]
19...Bf5 20.Bf1 -1.76/20
[20.Nd2∓ -1.35/17 was worth a try.]
20...Qe8 -1.31/20
[Better is 20...Qd7-+ -1.76/20 21.Rb5 Na7]
21.Nb4∓ Bd8 -0.63/22
[21...Ra7∓ -1.36/18 22.Nd5 Bg4]
22.Nxc6∓ Qxc6
[22...bxc6?! 23.Nxd4 Bg6 24.Nb3±]
23.Rb5 Ba5 Black is more active.
24.Bd2 Bxd2 -0.26/21
[Black should play 24...Bc3∓ -0.83/21 25.Bxc3 dxc3]
25.Qxd2 -1.44/18
[25.Nxd2= -0.26/21 Rxa3 *(25...Bxd3? 26.Rxc5* Remove Defender *Qxc5 27.Bxd3±)* 26.Bg2]
25...Bg4 0.00/21
[25...Qxf3 26.Rxc5 Rxa3 27.Be2 Rxd3 28.Qxd3 Qxd3 29.Bxd3 Bxd3 30.f4±]
[25...b6∓ -1.44/18 26.Bg2 Qd6 *(26...Rxa3 27.Qb2+-; 26...Nxd3? 27.Nxd4* Pin, Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Qxc4 28.Bd5++-)*]
26.Bg2 -0.85/22 **Bxf3∓ 27.Bxf3 Qxf3 28.Rxc5 Rxa3 29.Rc7 Rxd3** 0.00/27
[29...Qxd3?! 30.Qb4 Rf7 31.Qxb7 Rxc7 32.Qxc7=]
[29...Rf7!∓ -1.36/19 30.Qb2 Rxc7 *(30...Rxd3 31.Rc8+ Kh7 32.Qb5∓; 30...Qxd3 31.Qxb7 Rxc7 32.Qxc7=)* 31.Qxa3 Kg7]
30.Qa5= Rb3 31.Ra1 -0.40/22
[31.Qc5= 0.00/24 should be considered. Rb2 32.Rf1]
31...Rb2∓ 32.Rf1 Rf7 0.00/23
[32...Re8∓ -0.49/22]
33.Rc8+= Kh7? 2.58/27
[33...Rf8!= 0.00/23 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.Qd8+ Kf7 36.Qd7+ Kf8 37.Qd8+ Kf7 38.Qd7+ Kg6 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qe7+ Kg6 41.Qe8+ Kf5 42.Qd7+ Kg6 43.Qe8+]
34.Qd8? 0.00/23
[34.Qa8!+- 2.58/27 aiming for Rh8+. Rg7 35.Rh8+ Kg6 36.Qe8+ Kf5 37.Rxh6]
34...Rg7 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Qe8+ Kf5 37.Rc5 -0.41/21

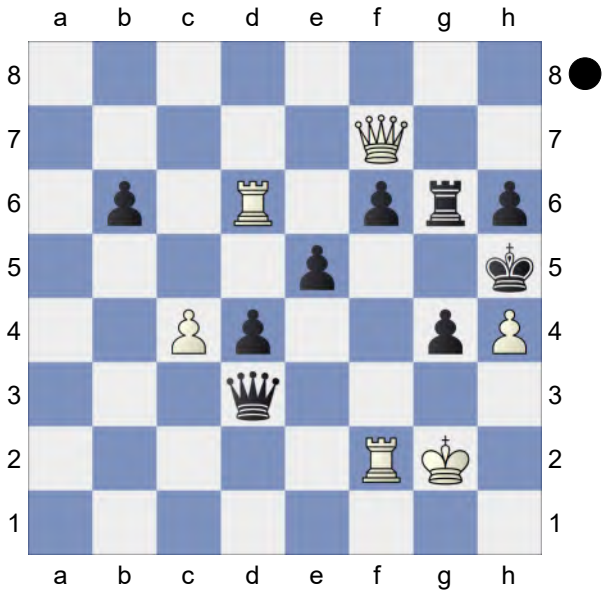
[37.h3= 0.00/23]
37...Kg4 0.00/27
[37...Qe4∓ -0.41/21]
38.Qe6+ Kh5 39.h3 Qe8+ is the strong threat. **39...Rg6?** 3.26/25
[39...Kg6= 0.00/27]



40.Rd5? 0.00/27
[Only move: 40.Rxe5!+- 3.26/25 f5 *(40...fxe5? 41.g4+* Deflection *Kh4 42.Qxg6+-)* 41.Qe8 *(41.Qxf5 Qxf5 42.Rxf5 Re6=)*]
40...Re2 41.Qf7 g4 42.h4 b6 43.Rd6 Rxf2 Remove Defender, Decoy **44.Rxf2 Qxg3+ 45.Kf1 Qd3+ 46.Kg2?** -4.43/24
[46.Ke1!= 0.00/22 and White is okay.]

(Diagram)

46...g3!-+ 47.Qxg6+? -5.59/23
[47.Rfxf6? too greedy. Qe2+-+]
[47.Rdxf6 -3.19/18 was the only defense. Qe4+ *(47...gxf2+ 48.Kxf2 Qd2+ 49.Kf1∓)* 48.Kf1 *(48.R2f3? Qc2+-+)* 48...gxf2 49.Rxf2 *(49.Rxb6? Qe1#; 49.Rf5+ Kxh4*

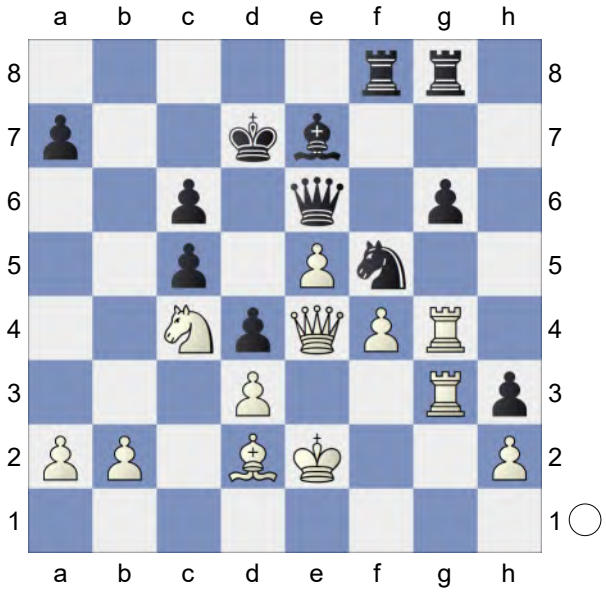


50.Rxf2 Qd3+ 51.Ke1 Rg1+ 52.Rf1 Rxf1+ 53.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 54.Kxf1 Kg3 55.Ke2 e4 56.Kd2 h5 57.Kd1 h4 58.Kd2 h3 59.Kc2 e3 60.Kd3 h2 61.Ke2 h1Q 62.Kd3 Qh7+ 63.Kxd4 e2 64.Kd5 Qd7+ 65.Ke5 e1Q+ 66.Kf6 Qh7 67.Kg5 Qee7#)
49...Qd3+ *(49...Qxh4? 50.Rf5++-; 49...Kxh4 50.Rh2+ Kg4 51.Rg2+ Kh5 52.Rh2+ Kg4 53.Rg2+ Kh5 54.Rh2+ Kg4=)* 50.Re2]
47...Qxg6 48.Rfxf6 Endgame. KQ-KRR **48...Qe4+ 49.Kxg3 Qxh4+ 50.Kg2 Qe4+ 51.Kg3 Qe3+ 52.Kg2 d3 53.Rf3 Qe2+ 54.Kg3 Qe1+ 55.Kh3 Qh1+ 56.Kg3 Qg1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.33
0-1

A14

□ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
■ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.45) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7
[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Ne5N
[7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Bf4 Bd7 13.Nb3 Bc6 14.Qxd8 Bxd8 Chapter-4.d3 Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 2024]
7...Nbd7 0.15/22
[7...Qc7 -0.24/19 was preferrable. 8.f4 Nbd7]
8.Nxd7= Bxd7 9.e4 Bc6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e5 Ne8 12.f4 -0.44/22
[12.d4= 0.07/23]
12...f6∓ 13.Nc3 Nc7 14.Qg4 f5 15.Qd1 d4 0.63/22
[15...Qd7∓ -0.66/19]
16.Bxc6± bxc6 17.Nb1 -0.24/23
[17.Na4!± 0.60/20]
17...Qd5 0.63/26
[17...c4!= -0.24/23]
18.Na3 Ne6 19.Nc4 h6 20.Qh5 Kh7 21.Bd2 Rab8 22.Rf2 g6 23.Qh3 h5 24.Qg2 h4 1.14/19
[24...Qxg2+± 0.46/18 25.Rxg2 h4]
25.Qh3± Ng7 1.42/19
[⌓25...Rf7 0.99/21]
26.Raf1
[26.gxh4 Rh8±]
26...Kg8 27.Rg2
[27.gxh4 Qe6±]
27...Qe6 28.g4
[Resist 28.gxh4 Kf7±]
28...Kf7 29.Kf2 fxg4 30.Rxg4 Nf5 31.Qf3 Rg8 32.Ke2 Rbf8 33.Rfg1 0.96/19
[33.Kd1+- 1.75/18]
33...Ke8 34.R4g2 Kd7 1.43/21
[34...g5!± 0.52/21]
35.Qe4 h3 36.Rg4 Nh4 37.R1g3 Nf5



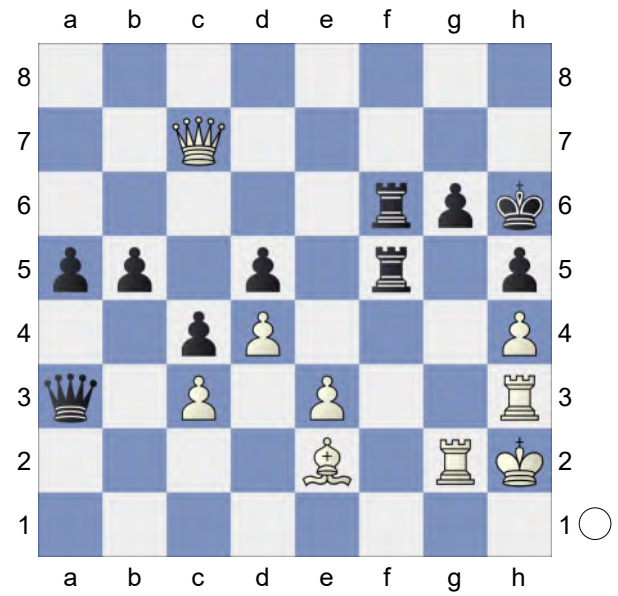
38.Rg1
[But not 38.Rxh3?! Ne3 39.Rgg3 *(39.Nxe3? dxe3 40.Rhg3 exd2-+)* 39...Nxc4 40.dxc4 Qxc4+ 41.Kf2 Qd5 42.Qxd5+ cxd5=]
38...Nh4 39.R1g3 0.27/20
[39.b4± 1.31/19]
39...Nf5!= 40.Rg1 1.15/18
[White should play 40.Rxh3= 0.21/21 Nd6 41.Qg2 Nxc4 42.dxc4]
40...Nh4!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

D38
□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** 2384
■ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl** 2308
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.46) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Bd7 8.cxd5! exd5 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 The position is equal. **10...Qxf6 11.e3 0-0 12.Qb3N**
[12.Bd3 Qd6 *(12...Rfd8 13.0-0 b6* 6) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 − 6th Move Al-5.Qa4+ with 6.a3 & 9.Bg5 #1*)* 13.0-0 b6 14.Qc2 Na5 15.Ne5 Rad8 16.f4 c5 17.Qe2 Nc6 18.Rf3 Qe7 19.Qf2 Be8 20.Rg3 f6 21.Nf3 Qe6 22.Re1 f5 23.Ne5 Nxe5 24.fxe5 cxd4 25.cxd4 Rc8 26.Rf3 Bd7 1-0 (51) Lazavik,D (2578)-Sargsyan,S (2649) Julius Baer GenCup D2 L rapid 2024 (4.1)]
[12.Be2 b6 13.0-0 Rfd8 7) 5.Bg5 h6 − Introduction-7.Qa4+ with 8.e3 & 9. a3 #2]
12...Qd6 13.Bd3 a6 14.0-0 b5 15.Qc2 Na5 16.Ne5 c5 17.f4 -0.15/21
[⌓17.Nxd7 0.30/22 Qxd7 18.dxc5]
17...c4 0.27/21
[⌓17...Be8 -0.15/21]
18.Bh7+= Kh8 19.Rf3 -0.42/23
[19.Bf5= 0.21/19 Be8 20.Qf2]
19...Nb3 20.Ra2 Be8 aiming for ...g6.
21.Bf5 f6⇄ Black has counterplay
22.Ng4 Bh5 23.Rh3 Bxg4 24.Bxg4 Threatens to win with Qg6. **24...Qe7 25.Qg6** And now Bf5 would win. **25...Qf7** 0.69/23
[25...Qe8= 0.14/24 26.Qxe8 Raxe8]
26.Qf5 0.06/21 White is more active.
[26.Qxf7!± 0.69/23 Rxf7 27.a4 *(27.Be6 Re7±)*]
26...g6 0.54/22
[26...Rad8= 0.06/21]
27.Qb1!±
[27.Rxh6+? Kg7-+]
27...f5 28.Bd1 Kg7 0.84/20
[28...Kh7± 0.42/21]
29.g4!± fxg4 30.Bxg4 h5 1.73/22
[30...Rad8± 0.87/20 is a better defense.]
31.Bd1+- Qe6 32.Rg2 Hoping for Bxh5!
32...Nd2 2.29/21
[32...Qxh3 33.Qxg6+ Kh8 34.Qh6#]
[32...Rf6± 1.20/22 33.Rf3 *(33.Rxh5? Nd2-+)* 33...h4]
33.Qc2! Rf6 White must now prevent ... Nf1. **34.f5**
[34.Rxh5? Qxe3+ 35.Kh1 Ne4 *(35...Qxf4? 36.Re5-+)* 36.Rxd5 Rxf4-+ *(36...Qxf4? 37.Rd7+ Kf8 38.Qe2-+)*]
34...Rxf5 35.Qxd2 Raf8 36.Be2 Dodges Rf1+
[36.Bxh5? Rf1#]
36...Qe4 37.Qe1 Dodges Qb1
[37.Bxh5? Rf1#]
[37.Rxh5? Qb1+ 38.Qd1 Qxd1+ 39.Bxd1 Rf1#]
37...Kh6 38.Rhg3 R8f6 39.h4 Kh7 40.Rh3 a5 2.75/26
[⌓40...Qe7 1.75/19 41.Kh2 Qxa3]
41.Kh2 Qe7 42.Qg3 Bd1 is the strong threat. **42...Qxa3 43.Qc7+ Kh6**

(Diagram)

44.Rhg3! Qd8 would now be deadly.
44...Qd6 45.Qxa5 g5? 4.45/21
[45...Re6 2.50/18 was worth a try. 46.Kg1 *(46.Qxb5 Rxe3 47.Qc5 Qf4=)* 46...Qe7 47.Qxb5 Qxh4]
46.Qa8 2.06/18
[46.Qxb5 gxh4 47.e4 hxg3+ 48.Kg1



Rf2 *(48...dxe4? 49.Qe8-+)* 49.e5 Qa3 50.Qb1 Qxc3 51.Rxf2 Qe3 *(51...gxf2+ 52.Kg2 Rg6+ 53.Qxg6+ Kxg6 54.Kxf2 Qxd4+ 55.Kf3 c3 56.e6 Kf6 57.Bf1 c2 58.e7 c1Q 59.e8N+ Kg5 60.Kg2 Qg4+ 61.Kh2 Qgf4+ 62.Kh3 Qcxf1#)* 52.Kh1 gxf2 *(52...Rxf2 53.Qb6+ Kg7 54.Qb7+ Rf7 55.Qxf7+ Kxf7 56.Bxh5+ Kg7 57.Kg2 Qf2+ 58.Kh3 g2 59.Be8 g1Q 60.Bh5 Qfh2#)* 53.Bf1 Rg6]

[⌓46.hxg5+ 4.45/21 Rxg5 47.Qa8 *(47.Qxb5 Rxg3 48.Qc5 Rxg2+ 49.Kxg2 Qe6 50.Bf3 Qg8+* Deflection *51.Kh2 Rxf3 52.Qd6+ Qg6 53.Qxg6+ Kxg6 54.Kg2 Rxe3 55.Kf2 Rxc3 56.Kg2 h4 57.Kh1 Rc2 58.Kg1 Rd2 59.Kf1 c3 60.Ke1 Kf5 61.Kf1 c2 62.Kg1 c1Q#)*]

46...Rf8? 4.08/21

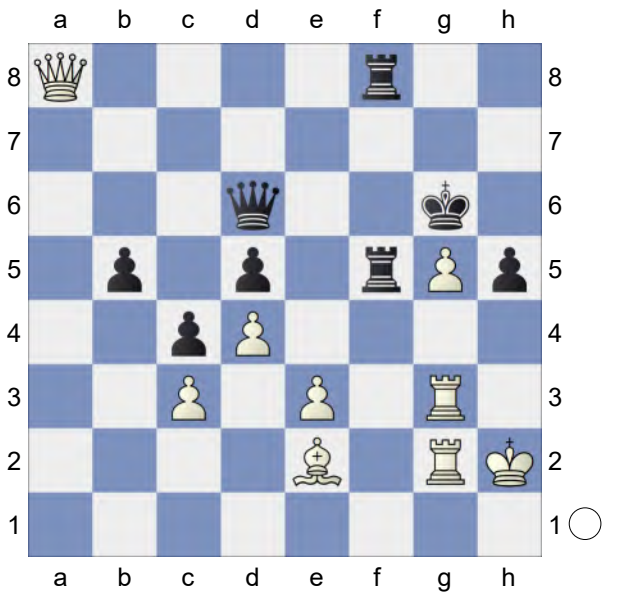
[46...g4 2.06/18 47.Qh8+ Kg6 48.Qe8+ Kh6 49.Qxb5 Qe6]

47.hxg5+ Kg6

(Diagram)

48.Qa7 Intending Bxh5+! and mate.

48...R5f7

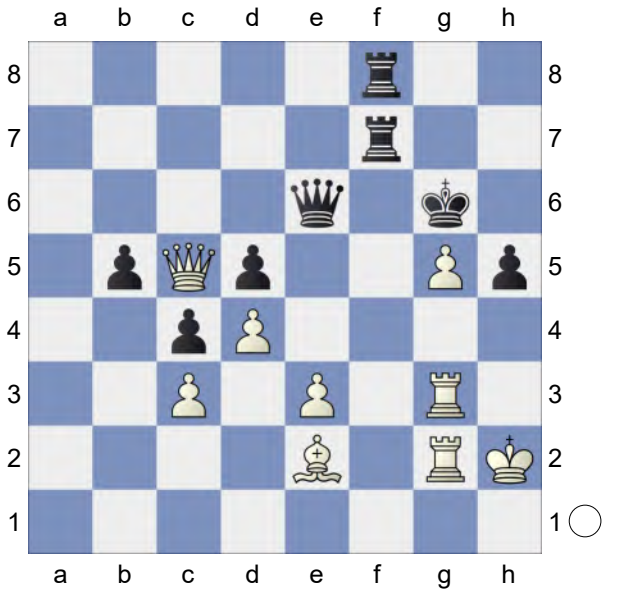


[48...Rxg5? loses. 49.Qc5]

[Not 48...h4 49.Bh5+ Kxh5 50.Qh7+]

49.Qc5 Qe6 8.69/20

[⌓49...Qxc5 4.53/17 50.dxc5 Rf2]



50.Bxh5+! Kg7

[50...Kxh5 51.g6]

51.Bxf7 Rh8+ 52.Kg1 Qa6 53.Qe7

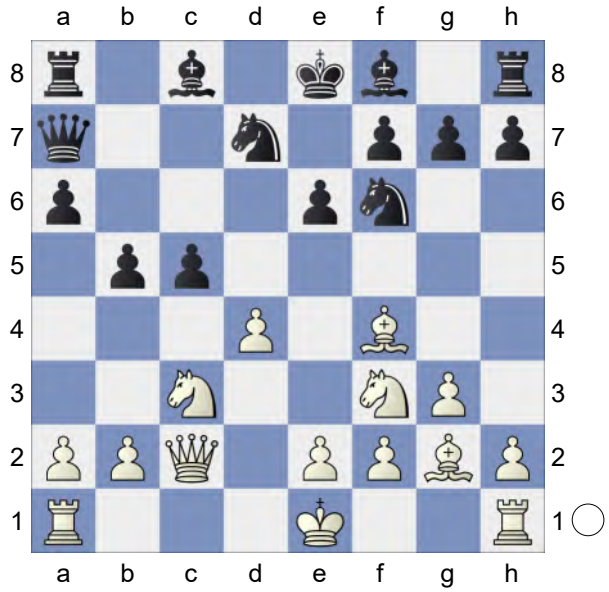
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.45

1-0

A13

□ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** 2383
■ **Heinemann,Josefine** 2305
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.47)
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6
1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 a6 7.Qc2 c5 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.d4 b5 10.Bf4 Qa7

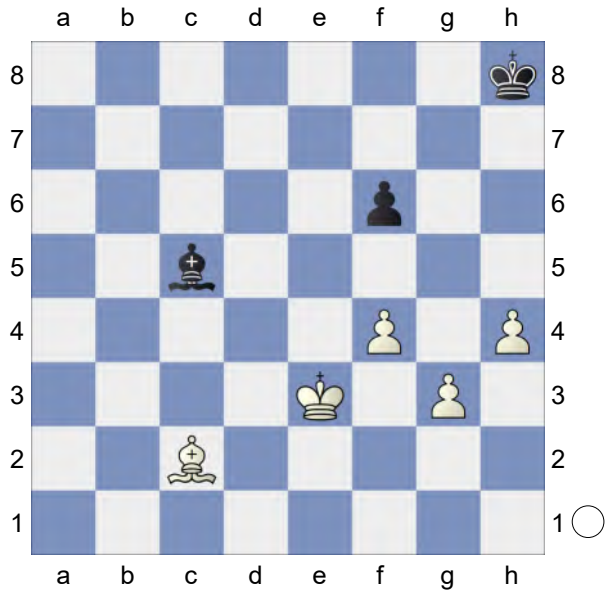


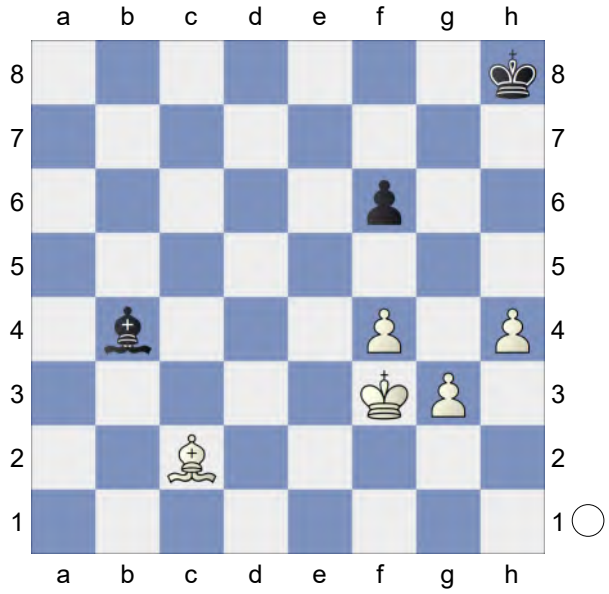
11.d5! Nxd5 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.a4 Bb7 14.axb5 Qb6 15.bxa6 Rxa6 16.0-0 Be7 17.Bh3 Nf6N 18.Rxa6 Qxa6 19.b4 Ne4 0.88/22
[19...c4!= 0.28/22]
20.bxc5± Bxc5 21.Ng5 Nxg5 22.Bxg5 Bd6 1.22/24
[Better is 22...Qa7!± 0.70/22]
23.Bf5 0.45/19 White is more active.
[23.Rb1!± 1.22/24 Qb3 would now be deadly. 0-0 24.Bf5]
23...h6± 24.Bd3 Qc6 25.Qb1 0-0 1.50/21
[25...hxg5? is the wrong capture. 26.Bb5 Rh6 27.Rc1+- *(27.Bxc6+ Bxc6 28.Rc1 Bd7+-)*]
[25...Ba6!= 0.17/23 26.Qc1 Qxc1 27.Rxc1 hxg5 28.Bxa6 Kd7]
26.Rc1!± Qd7 27.Bh7+! Kh8 28.Bf5 Qe8 29.Bxh6
[29.Qxb7 hxg5 30.Qxd5 Qe5±]
29...gxh6 30.Qxb7 Qxe2 31.Qxd5 Qe5 32.Qf3 Bc5 2.27/21
[32...Rd8± 1.53/18 33.Rc4 Bf8]
33.Rd1 Qf6 34.Rc1!→ White wants a kill. **34...Qe5** 2.38/19
[⌓34...Bd6 1.94/21 35.Rc6 Rd8]
35.Bb1+- Threatens to win with Rxc5!
35...Be7 36.Qd3 Qg7 2.98/20 Repels Qh7+
[⌓36...f5 2.08/22 37.Kg2 Rd8 38.Qxf5 Qxf5 39.Bxf5 Rf8]
37.Qf5 Black is weak on the light squares **37...Bf6** 3.43/21
[37...Bd6 2.23/20 is a better defense. 38.Rc4 Qg6 39.Qxg6 fxg6 40.Bxg6 Kg7]
38.Rc6 Bd4 39.Qf4 Kg8 40.Rxh6
[Not 40.Qxh6 Qxh6 41.Rxh6 Rb8±]
40...Be5 41.Qc1 Bb2 42.Qc6 2.41/17
[⌓42.Qf4 4.26/19]
42...Qc3 43.Ba2 Qxc6 44.Rxc6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **44...Ra8 45.Bd5** aiming for Rc7. **45...Ra7 46.h4 Kg7** 3.31/23
[⌓46...Rd7 2.04/19]
47.Kg2 f6 3.69/25
[⌓47...Rd7 2.57/19]
48.Be4 Bd4 49.f4 Ra5 50.Rc7+ Kh8 51.Bc2 Rc5 52.Rxc5 1.23/19
[52.Rh7++- 3.34/30 Kg8 53.Be4]
52...Bxc5 KB-KB **53.Kf3 Bb4 54.Ke2** 0.10/29
[White must play 54.g4!± 1.23/42]
54...Bd6!= 55.Ke3 Bc5+

(Diagram)

56.Kf3! Bb4

(Diagram)





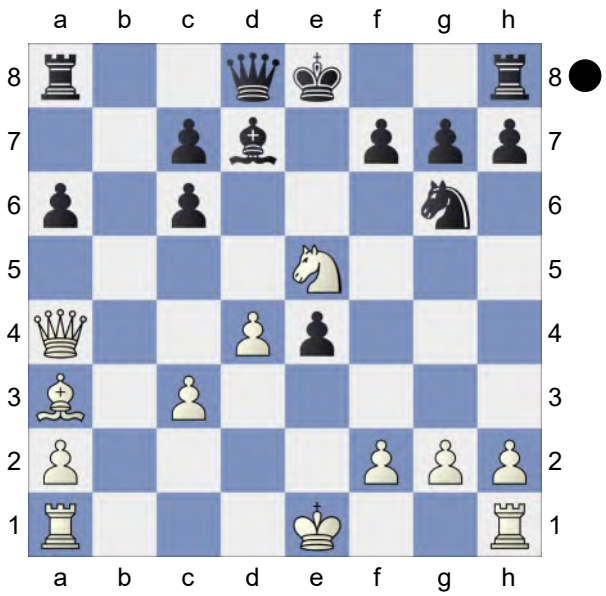
57.Kf2 0.10/47 Prevents Be1+
[57.g4!± 1.50/44]
57...Kg7 The position is equal. **58.Ke2** Hoping for g4. **58...Bd6! 59.Kd3 Bb4 60.g4** Black must now prevent Ke2. **60...Be1 61.h5 Kh6 62.Ke4 Bd2 63.Kf5 Bc1** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

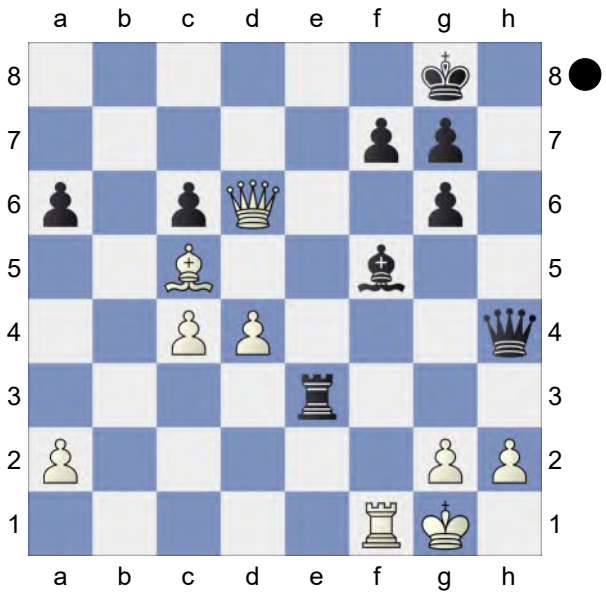
C70
□ **Kunal,M.** **2292**
■ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.48)
[Kitty Kat]

C70: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4, Norwegian and Delayed Schliemann
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nge7 5.c3 Ng6 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 White is slightly better.
8...d5 9.Bxc6+N 0.07/17
[9.exd5± 0.45/22 deserves consideration. Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qxd5 11.Bb3 *(11.Bxc6+ Qxc6 12.0-0 0-0∓; 11.Qe2+ Qe6 12.Ba3 Qxe2+ 13.Kxe2 Be6 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Kf1 Na5 16.Nd2 Bd5 17.f3 b5 18.Bc2 Nc4 19.Nxc4 Bxc4+ 20.Kf2 Rhe8 21.g3 Kd7 22.Bb4 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Re8 24.Rxe8 Kxe8 25.a4 h6* 1-0 (50) Kamsky,G (2609)-Brzezina,P (2341) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (3)) 11...Qe4+ 12.Be3]
9...bxc6= 10.Qa4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Bd7 12.Ba3 -0.47/25
[12.e5= 0.03/23]
12...dxe4 13.Ne5

(Diagram)

c5! 14.Qc4 0-0 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Qxc5 Re8 17.0-0 Rb8 18.c4 Against Rb5 **18...c6 19.Rab1** -1.21/23
[19.Rfe1= 0.06/23]
19...Rxb1!∓ 20.Rxb1 e3 21.fxe3 Rxe3 22.Qd6 Qh4! 23.Rf1 Bf5→ Strongly threatening ...Bd3. Black is out for blood.
24.Bc5 -2.13/20
[24.Bc1∓ -1.21/20 Re1 25.Bd2 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1]

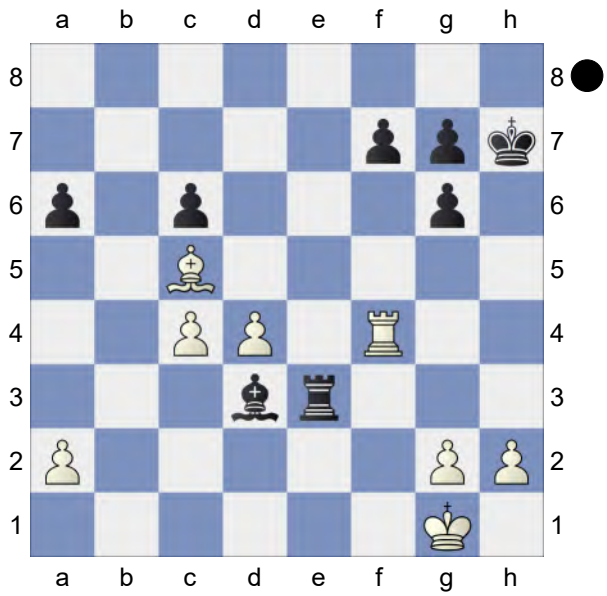




24...Bd3!-+ Active counter play!
25.Qb8+ Kh7 26.Qf4 Qxf4 27.Rxf4

(Diagram)

Bxc4 -0.75/20 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[27...g5!-+ -1.94/25 28.Rxf7 Re1+ *(28...Bxc4 29.Re7∓)* 29.Kf2 Rf1+ 30.Ke3 Rxf7 31.Kxd3 Rf1]
28.a3? -2.82/24 Loses the game.
[28.d5∓ -0.75/20 Re1+ 29.Kf2 Rf1+ 30.Ke3 Rxf4 *(30...cxd5 31.Rxf1 Bxf1 32.g3∓)* 31.Kxf4 Bxd5



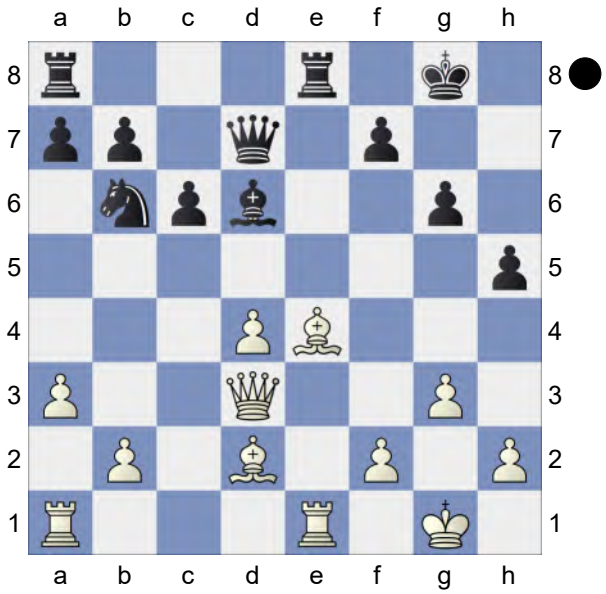
(31...Bxa2 32.dxc6 f6 33.Bb4=) 32.g3]
28...g5 29.Rg4 f6 30.Rg3 Re1+ 31.Kf2 Re2+ 32.Kg1 Bd5 33.Kf1 Ra2 34.Kg1 Kg8 35.h3 Kf7 36.Kh2 Re2 37.Kg1 Rd2 38.Kh2 Ke6 39.h4? -3.66/23
[39.Bb6 -2.10/23 was worth a try.]
39...g6
[39...gxh4? 40.Rxg7 f5 41.Bb4 Rxd4 42.Re7+ Kf6 43.Bc3∓]
40.hxg5 f5 Threatens to win with ...f4.
41.Re3+ Be4 42.Kh3 Black is clearly winning. **42...Kd5**
[42...Rxg2? too greedy. 43.Rxe4+ fxe4 44.Kxg2+-]
43.g3 Rf2 ...Bf3 is the strong threat.
44.Re1 Bd3 45.Rh1 Be2 aiming for ... Bg4+. **46.Kh4 Bf3 47.Rh3 Bg2** Hoping for ...Re2! **48.Rh2 Re2** (-> ...Re4+) **49.g4 f4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

D11
□ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
■ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.49) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D11: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 dxc4 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.e3 White has an edge. **8...Nbd7 9.Bxc4 Nb6 10.Bf1 Bd6 11.Qd3 g6 12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0N**
[13.Bd2 Re8 14.0-0-0 Qe7 15.f3 c5 16.Kb1 cxd4 17.exd4 Qd7 18.Rhe1 Rxe1 19.Rxe1 Bc5 20.f4 Bf8 21.Qb5 Qxd4 22.Be3 Qd6 23.Rd1 Qe6 24.Bxb6 axb6 25.Bxb7 Ra5 26.Qc6 Rc5 27.Qxe6 fxe6 ½-½ (57) Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2759)-11... ♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2730) Ciutadella de 152/176 2022 28.Bf3 Rc7 29.a3 Kf7 30.Na4 Nd7 31.Be2 Rb7 32.b4 e5 33.Bb5 Ke6 34.Kc2 exf4 35.gxf4 Bh6 36.Rd4 Nf6 37.Kb3 Nh5 38.Rc4 Bxf4 39.Rc6+ Ke5 40.Nxb6 Bxh2 41.a4 Bg1 42.Nc4+ Kf4 ½-½ (57) Mamedyarov,S (2759)-Topalov,V (2730) 153/148 Stavanger 2022]
13...Re8 14.a3 Qe7 15.Re1 h5 16.e4 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 Qd7 19.Bd2

(Diagram)

Bxg6! would now be deadly. **19...Bf8 20.Bf3 Bg7 21.Be3 Rad8 22.Rad1 c5 23.d5 Na4! 24.Rb1 Nxb2 25.Qc2 Na4 26.Bg5 Rc8↑** And now ...b5 would win. Black has some pressure. **27.d6** Black must now prevent Rxe8+. **27...b5! 28.Be7**

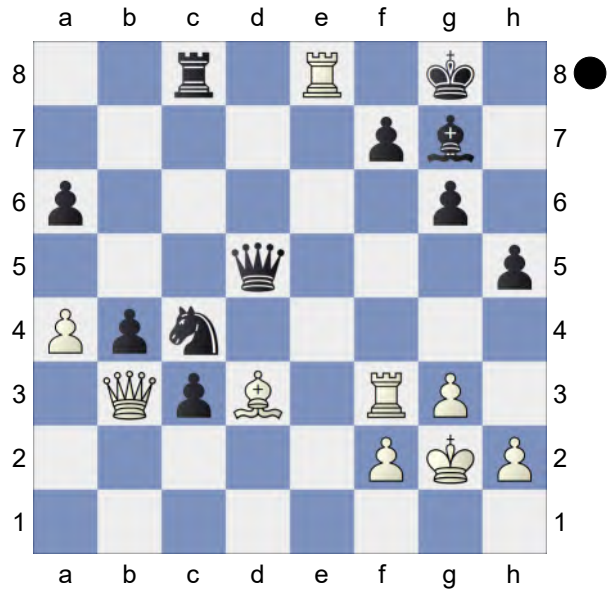


[28.Rxe8+? Rxe8 29.Be7 c4∓]
28...c4 29.Re3 -1.43/20
[⌓29.h4 -0.77/17]
29...Nb6∓ 30.Be4 c3 31.Rbe1 -2.08/22
[31.Rd1∓ -1.56/19 might work better.]
31...Nc4-+ 32.Rd3 Nb6? -0.93/20 Against Rd5
[32...Nxa3-+ -2.47/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 33.Qc1 Nc4]
33.Rf3 Rxe7
[33...Nc4 feels hotter. 34.Rxf7 Nxd6 35.Qd3 c2]
34.dxe7 Qxe7 35.Re2 -1.54/20
[White should play 35.Kg2 -1.14/19 Qd7 *(35...Qxa3? 36.Bxg6 fxg6 37.Qxg6+-)* 36.Bxg6 fxg6 37.Qxg6]
35...Qd6∓
[35...Qxa3 36.Bxg6 fxg6 37.Qxg6 Qc1+ 38.Kg2=]
36.Qb3 Nc4 37.Kg2 White is weak on the dark squares **37...a6** Black is much more active.
[37...Qxa3 38.Qxb5 Ne5 39.Rfe3∓]
38.a4 b4 Hoping for ...a5. **39.Bd3 Qd5** -1.31/20
[39...Ne5? 40.Rxe5 Qd7 *(40...Qxe5 41.Qxf7+ Kh8 42.Qxg6)* 41.Re1+-]

[39...Qc7-+ -1.67/23 aiming for ...a5. 40.Qxb4 Ne5 41.Bxa6 Nxf3 *(41...c2? 42.Rxc2 Qxc2 43.Bxc8-+)* 42.Bxc8 c2 Zwischenzug 43.Rxc2 Qxc2 44.Kxf3 Qxc8]

40.Re8+? -4.65/20

[40.Qxb4∓ -1.31/20 nothing else works. Ne5 Pin 41.Be4]



This move loses the game for White.

40...Kh7!-+ Black is clearly winning.

[40...Rxe8 41.Bxc4 Qe4 42.Bd5= *(42.Bxa6? c2-+; 42.Bxf7+? Kh7-+)*]

41.Qd1

[41.Rxc8 Ne3+ 42.Kg1 Qxb3]

41...Rc5

[41...Rxe8 42.Bxg6+ fxg6 43.Qxd5=]

42.Rd8 Qc6 Threatens to win with ... Nb2.

[42...Qxd8 43.Bxg6+ fxg6 44.Qxd8]

43.Kg1 -7.22/19

[⌓43.Bc2 -4.57/19]

43...Nb2 44.Qe2 Nxd3

[44...Qxa4 45.Rxf7 Qd1+ 46.Qxd1 Nxd1 47.Rdd7 *(47.Bxa6 c2=)* 47...Kh8 48.Rxg7]

45.Rxf7 Re5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

[Stronger than 45...c2 46.Rxg7+ Kh6 47.Rh7+ Kg5 48.h4+ *(48.Rxd3? loses. c1R+ 49.Rd1 Rxd1+ 50.Qxd1 Rc1-+ Pin)* 48...Kf5 49.Rf7+ *(49.Qxd3+ Kf6 50.Rd6+ Qxd6 51.Qxd6+ Kf5 52.Rf7+* Deflection *Kg4 53.Qxg6+ Kh3 54.Qe6+ Rf5 55.Qxf5#; 49.Rf8+ Qf6 50.g4+ hxg4 51.Rxf6+ Kxf6 52.Qe7+ Kf5 53.Rf7#; 49.Qxd3+ Kf6 50.Rd6+ Qxd6 51.Qxd6+ Kf5 52.Rf7+* Deflection *Kg4 53.Qxg6+ Kh3 54.Qe6+ Rf5 55.Qxf5#; 49.Rf8+ Qf6 50.g4+ hxg4 51.Rxf6+ Kxf6 52.Qe7+ Kf5 53.Rf7#)*]

0-1

B90

□ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**

■ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy** **2299**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.50)

[Kitty Kat]

B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.g4 Threatens to win with g5. **9...b4 10.Nd1N** -0.23/17

[10.Nce2± 0.49/19 h6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 12.h4 d5 13.Bf4 *(13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nf4 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Qe5 16.Qd2 Bc5 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Re1 Qxe1+ 19.Qxe1 exf5 20.g5 Bd6 21.Qd2 Be5 22.gxh6 Bb7 23.hxg7 Rfe8 24.Nh5 Nf6 25.Nxf6+ Bxf6 26.Qh6* 1-0 Robson,R (2670)-Shomoev,A (2552) Ulaanbaatar 137/79 2018*)* 13...e5 14.Bh2 dxe4 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 Rxh2 17.Rxh2 exd4 18.Rh4

Ng4 19.Nxd4 Nge5 20.Rxe4 Bb7 21.Ree1 0-0-0 22.f4 Ng6 23.Bh3 Kb8 24.Bxd7 Rxd7 25.Re8+ 1-0 (30) Hosmer,H (2684)-Molaei,M (2649) Irish corr ch 1918 (11) Ka7 26.Nb5+ axb5 27.Qxd7 Qxf4+ 28.Kb1 Qxg5 29.Qc7 Ka6 30.Rxf8 1-0 Nigmatov,O (2437)-Kobalia,M (2578) TUR-chT Ankara 2022 (5.3)]
[10.Na4 h6 11.0-0-0 Ne5 12.Qxb4 Bd7 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Bg3 e5 15.Nb3 a5 16.Qa3 Be7 17.h4 0-0 14) 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 with 8.Qd2,9-6.f3 e6 7.Be3 with 8.Qd2,9]

10...h6!= 11.Nc6
[11.Qxb4 d5 12.Qb3 dxe4-+]

11...Qc7 Black is slightly better. **12.Nxb4 Ne5 13.Be2 Bb7** 0.29/19
[⌓13...d5 -0.13/21 14.exd5 Bd6]

14.0-0 -0.62/19
[14.Qc3= 0.29/19 Qxc3+ 15.Nxc3]

14...a5 0.69/21
[14...d5∓ -0.62/19 15.exd5 Bxb4 16.Qxb4 Nxd5 17.Qa4+ Bc6]

15.Bb5+± Ned7 1.07/18
[15...Nfd7± 0.62/22 might be stronger. 16.Nd3 0-0-0]

16.Nd3± Be7 17.c4 0-0 18.Rc1 Rfd8 19.Qf2 Qb8 1.41/20
[19...Nc5± 0.68/20 20.Nxc5 dxc5]

20.Nc3 Nf8 21.Na4 N8d7 22.h3 0.97/18
[⌓22.Rc3 1.50/21]

22...Ba6 23.Bc6 Bb7 24.Bxb7 Qxb7 25.Rfd1 Ra6 1.24/22
[⌓25...Nh7 0.79/19]

26.b3 Rc8 1.47/22
[Black should try 26...Rc6 1.11/21 27.Qe2 Rcc8]

27.Qe1 Bd8 28.Rd2 Bc7 29.Bd4 Qb8 1.64/17
[29...Rc6± 1.25/17 was necessary. 30.Rcd1 d5]

30.Re2 Rc6 31.Rd1 Rd8 32.h4 Nh7 33.Qd2 0.63/18
[White should play 33.Kg2± 1.59/19]

33...Ne5 1.03/20
[33...Nc5± 0.63/18 should be considered.]

34.Qe3 Ng6 35.Qf2 0.27/17
[35.h5± 0.92/19 Ngf8 36.f4]

35...d5!= 36.cxd5 Bg3 37.Qe3 exd5 38.e5 Bxh4 39.f4 Re8 40.Qf3↑ White has good play. **40...Qc7 41.Rh2** 0.19/16
[41.Qxd5 Rd8 42.Qe4 Qc8=]
[41.Kf1± 0.55/18]

41...Be7 42.Kh1
[42.Qxd5 Qc8 43.Qg2 *(43.Qxa5? Qxg4+ 44.Rg2 Qxd1+-+)* 43...Nh4±]

42...Ngf8 43.g5 Strongly threatening gxh6.
[43.Qxd5 seems wilder. Rd8 44.Qe4 Ne6 45.Bg1]

43...hxg5 44.f5
[44.Qxd5? too greedy. Rd8 45.Qe4 gxf4-+]

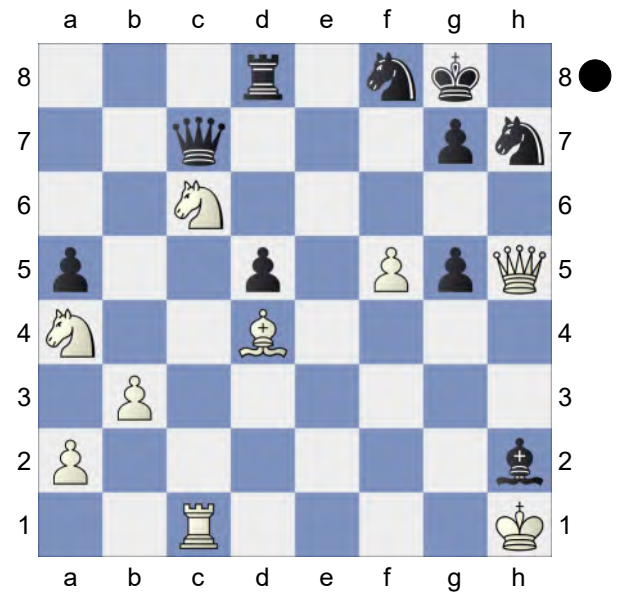
44...Rd8 45.Rg1 f6 0.81/21
[45...Rc8± 0.31/19]

46.Qh5 0.00/24
[46.e6!± 0.81/21]

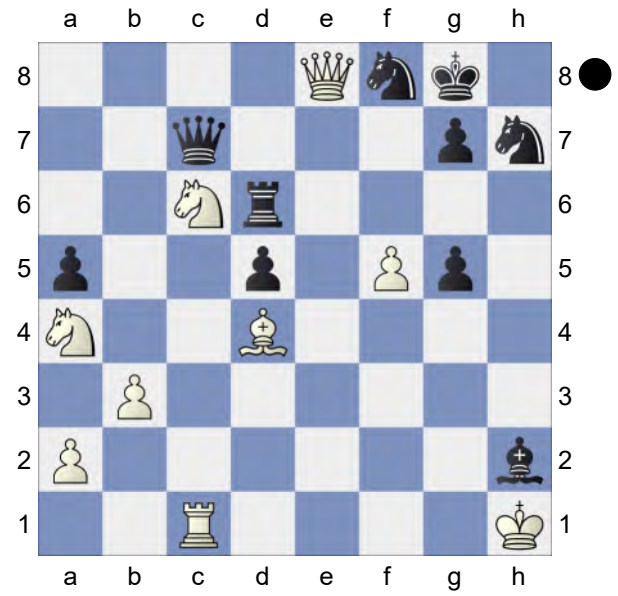
46...fxe5! 47.Nxe5 Qf7+ is the strong threat. **47...Bd6** Dancing on a razor blade. **48.Nxc6 Bxh2 49.Rc1** -1.02/22
[49.Nxd8= 0.00/24 Bxg1 50.Kxg1 Qg3+ 51.Kh1 Qe1+ 52.Bg1 Qe4+ 53.Kh2]

(Diagram)

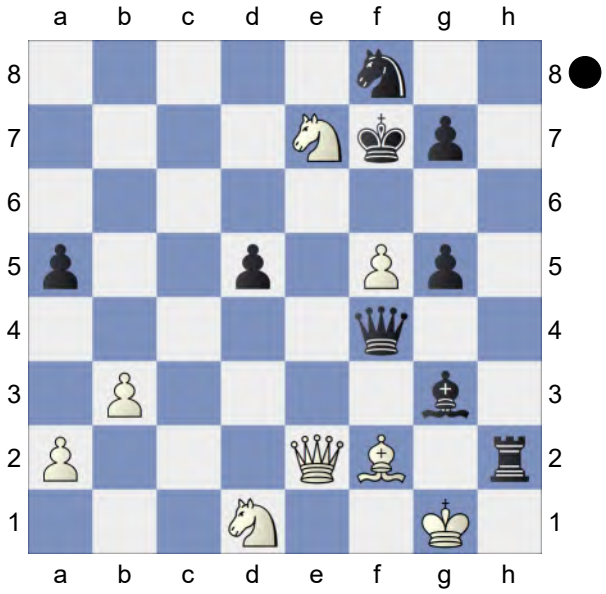
49...Rd6!∓ 50.Qe8? -3.76/20
[50.Qxh2? perishes. Rh6-+]
[50.f6∓ -1.06/19 Rxc6 51.Rxc6 Qxc6 52.f7+ *(52.Kxh2? loses. Qc2+ 53.Kh3 Qd3+ 54.Kg2 Qxd4-+)*



52...Kh8 53.Qxh2]



50...Rh6!-+ **51.Rc3** **Nf6** **52.Qe2** -6.74/19
[⌓52.Ne7+ -4.08/18 Qxe7 53.Qxe7 Bd6+ Discovered Attack (Check) 54.Kg2 Bxe7 55.Bc5]
52...Ne4 Black is clearly winning. **53.Kg2** Repels Ng3 **53...Nxc3** **54.Ne7+** **Kf7** **55.Nxc3** **Qg3+** **56.Kf1** **Qf4+** **57.Bf2** **Bg3** (-> ...Rh1+) **58.Nd1** **Rh1+** -12.36/5
[⌓58...Bxf2 -7.30/17 59.Nxf2 Rh1+ 60.Kg2 Rh2+ 61.Kg1 Qg3+ 62.Kf1 Qg2+ 63.Ke1 Qg1+ 64.Qf1 Qxf1+ 65.Kxf1 Kxe7 66.f6+ gxf6 *(66...Kxf6? 67.Ng4+ Kf5 68.Nxh2-+)*]
59.Kg2 **Rh2+** **60.Kg1**



Rxf2! Black used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

C84
□ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**
■ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.51)
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world.
1.e4 **e5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bb5** **a6** **4.Ba4** **Nf6** **5.0-0** **Be7** **6.d3** **b5** **7.Bb3** **d6** **8.a3** **Bg4N**
[8...0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 *(9...Nb8 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5*

14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 21.bxc3 cxd4 22.cxd4 exd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 ½-½ (37) Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak rapid 2016 (1)*)* 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 *(11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 f5* Modern Line 8. a3 Part 1-B3*)* 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Ng4 *(13...Qd7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nd5 Bd8 16.c4 Nd4 17.Ne3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Bg5 19.Nd5 Rfb8 20.Qg3 Qd8 21.cxb5 axb5 22.Rc2 Rc8 23.Rc6 Rxa3 24.Qg4 Rxd3 25.g3 Ra8 26.h4 Rxd5 27.exd5 Bd2 28.Rd1* ½-½ (71) Novik (2668)-Delmarko,D (2706) (ol) 34/66 Luzern 1982 (8)*)* 14.Bd2 Nf6 15.Bg5 Ng4 16.Bd2 Nf6 ½-½ Fieberg,S (2151)-Kastanieda,G (2160) Copenhagen 2002 (9)]

9.Be3 Wards off Nd4 **9...d5 10.h3** White is slightly better. **10...Bh5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 0-0 14.Re1** -0.26/18

[14.a4 0.10/21 is more appropriate.]

14...Kh8= 15.a4 Qd6 0.56/22

[15...b4!= -0.23/21]

(Diagram)

16.Ng5? -4.66/20 **Bxd1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/Black=0.17 (very precise)

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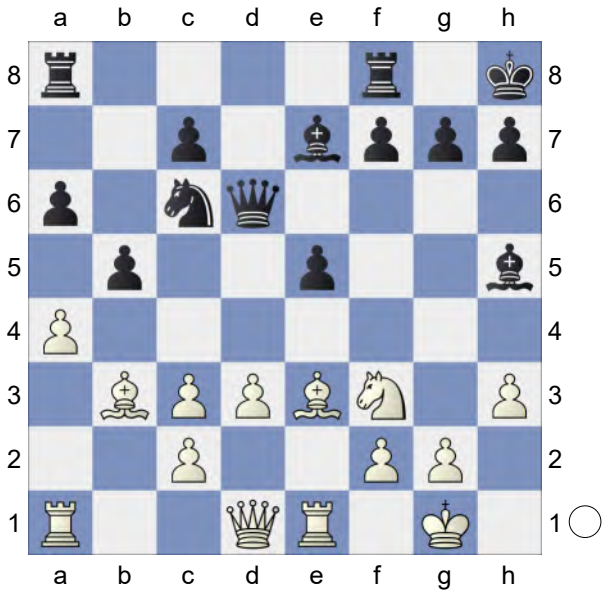


B66

□ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**

■ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.52)

[Kitty Kat]

B66: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 h6

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.0-0-0 Be7

[9...d5 10.e5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nd7 13.h4 g4 14.Qe2 Rg8 15.Qd3 Rb8 16.Qh7 Rg7 17.Qh8 Qa5 18.Rd3 d4 19.Rxd4 Rxb2 20.Kd2 Nb6 21.Bd3 Nd5 22.Rc4 Bb7 23.Re1 Rb4 24.Ree4 0-1 (51) Sethuraman,S (2730)-5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6.a3 f6 (2633) 14th Agzamov Mem 2021]

10.Bxf6 White is slightly better.

[10.h4 Qa5 11.Kb1 Rb8 12.Bc4 h6 13.Bf4 Qb4 14.Bb3 e5 15.Bg3 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Qxe4 17.f4 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.fxe5 d5 20.Rhf1 Rf8 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.b3 Bb4 23.Qf2 Rb7 24.Bf4 Rf7 1-0 (75) Paravyan,D

(2600)-Tabatabaei,M (2712) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (5)]

10...gxf6 11.Bc4! Bb7N Black is weak on the light squares

[11...Qa5

A) 12.Rhe1 Rb8 13.f4 Bd7 *(13...h5 14.Bb3 Qc5 15.f5 e5 16.Kb1 Rb4 17.Qe2 Rd4 18.Na4 Qb5 19.c4 Qb4 20.Rc1 Bf8 21.Red1 h4 22.Rc3 Bh6 23.Rcd3 c5 24.Nc3 Bb7* Debashis,D (2489)-Gupta,A (2619) 126/(62) Abu Dhabi 2015 *)* 14.Qd3 Qb6 15.Bb3 Qf2 16.Rf1 Qxg2 17.Rd2 Qg4 18.Qxa6 f5 19.Qa7 Rd8 20.Kb1 Chapter B51-Games Chapter B51 Game 9;

B) 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Rhe1 0-0 14.Re3 Kh8 15.f4 Rab8 16.Rh3 Rg8 17.Qe2 Rg7 18.Rh5 Qb4 19.a3 Qb6 20.Rd3 c5 21.Rdh3 c4 22.Rh6 Kg8 23.Qh5 Kf8 24.Rxh7 Rxh7 25.Qxh7 Ke8 26.Qg8+ 1-0 (30) Paap,M (1922)-Torell,T (2115) PCC-NCCC 1980-1 1991 (8)]

12.Rhe1 Qa5 13.Kb1 0-0-0 14.Bb3

[14.Nd5!? Qxd2 15.Nxe7+ Kd7 16.Rxd2 Kxe7 17.Re3±]

14...d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Qh6! d4 17.Ne4 Qf5 0.78/22

[17...Kb8= 0.14/19]

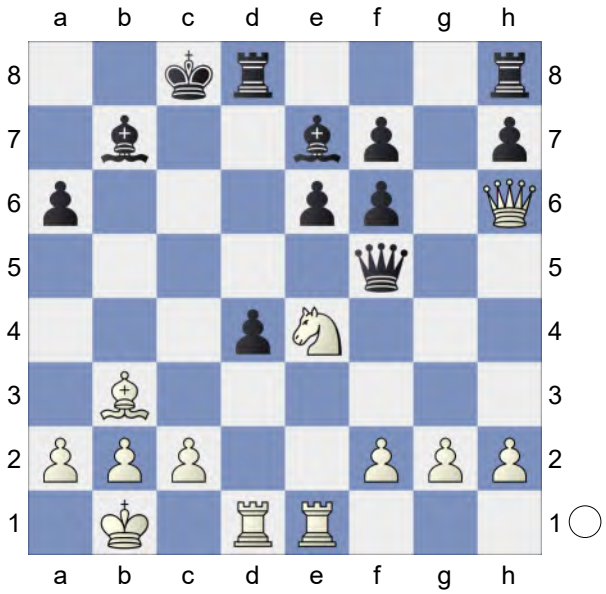
(Diagram)

18.f3 0.16/21

[18.Qg7!± 0.78/22 Rdf8 *(18...Bxe4? too greedy. 19.Qxf7 Bxc2+* Remove Defender *20.Bxc2+-)* 19.g4 *(19.Rxd4 Rhg8±)*]

18...Kb8 19.Qd2 0.00/23

[19.a3± 0.42/20 feels stronger.]



19...h5= 20.Qf2 Qa5 21.f4 h4 22.a3 Rhg8 -0.11/22

[22...Qf5∓ -0.52/23 23.Rxd4 Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Qxf4]

23.g3 hxg3 24.hxg3 f5 25.Nd2 d3 And now ...Bc5 would win. **26.Nc4 Qb5 27.Ka2! dxc2 28.Rxd8+**

[28.Qxc2 is more complex. Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxg3 30.Nd6]

28...Rxd8 29.Qxc2 Rc8 30.Qe2 Bd5 This pair of bishops is nice.

[30...Rc7 simplifies 31.Ne5 Qxe2 32.Rxe2 Bf6]

31.Nd2 aiming for Qe5+. **31...Bxb3+ 32.Nxb3 Qxe2 33.Rxe2** Endgame. KRB-KRN **33...Bf6 34.Kb1 Kb7 35.Nd2 Rg8 36.Re3 Rh8 37.Nc4 Rh1+ 38.Ka2 Rd1 39.Kb3 Kc6 40.Kc2 Rg1 41.b4 Bd4 42.Rd3 Kd5 43.Nd2** Rxd4+! is the strong threat.

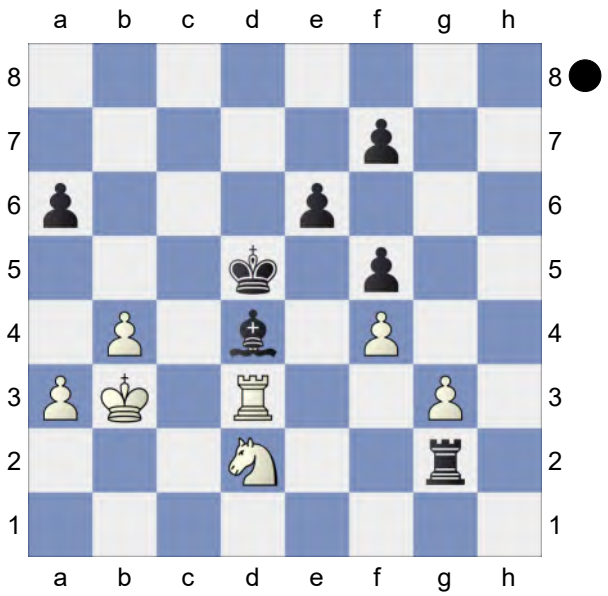
43...Rg2 44.Kb3 -1.19/17

[44.a4!= -0.15/21]

(Diagram)

44...f6!∓ ...e5 would now be deadly.

45.Nc4 -4.22/23



[45.Nf3 -1.85/22 e5 46.fxe5 Rb2+ *(46...fxe5? 47.Ka4-+)* 47.Ka4 fxe5 48.Rd1]

45...Ke4-+ Deflection **46.Rd1 Rxg3+ 47.Ka4 e5 48.fxe5 fxe5** -0.01/25

[48...Bxe5-+ -2.70/28 Strongly threatening ...f4. 49.Nd6+ Bxd6 50.Rxd6 Ke5 51.Rxa6 f4 52.Ra5+ Ke4]

49.Nd6+= The position is equal. **49...Kd5 50.Nxf5 Rf3 51.Nxd4 exd4** KR-KR **52.Ra1 Kc4 53.Ka5 d3** White must now prevent ...d2. **54.Rd1 Rf6 55.a4 Rd6 56.b5 axb5 57.axb5 d2 58.b6 Kc3 59.b7 Rd8 60.Kb6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

½-½

D02

□ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**

■ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**

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[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N

[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ^ -^ (118) 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ (28) Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 (53) Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]

3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.c3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Bg3 Re8 9.Ne5 Bxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Nf3 h6 12.0-0 Qc7 White is better. **13.e4 Nf8 14.Re1 Qd7** 1.42/20

[14...Rd8± 0.66/21]

15.Qe2± a6 16.Rad1 b5 1.97/22

[16...Ne7± 1.46/20 17.exd5 exd5]

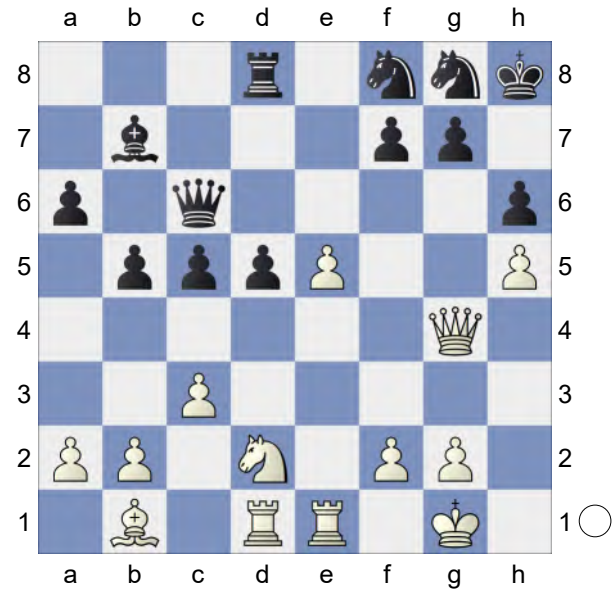
17.Bb1 1.47/20

[White should play 17.h3+- 1.97/22]

17...Ne7 18.h4 Black is weak on the dark squares **18...Bb7 19.h5** 1.21/18 White is more active.

[Better is 19.Nh2 1.60/22]

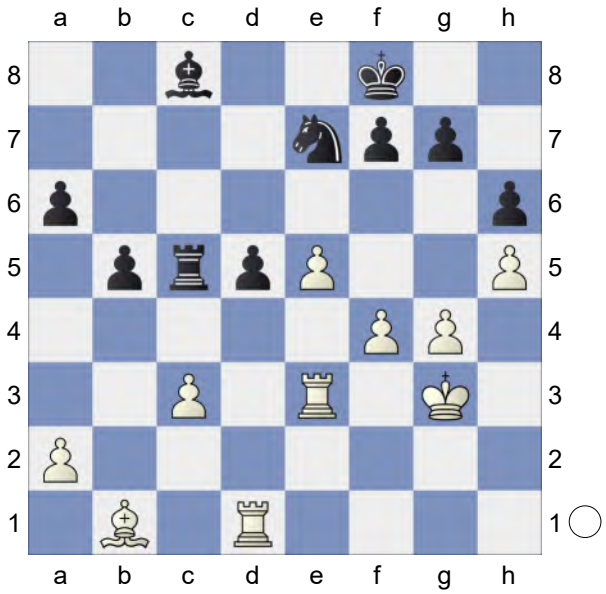
19...Qc6 1.68/22
[19...Qc7± 1.21/18]
20.Nd2+- Rad8 2.80/22
[20...Qc7± 1.60/23 21.exd5 Bxd5]
21.Qg4 Black must now prevent Bh4.
21...Kh8 22.Bh4 Ng8 3.79/21 Prevents Bf6
[⌓22...Nh7 2.65/21 23.exd5 exd5]
23.Bxd8 Rxd8 24.exd5 exd5



25.Ne4! Bc8 26.Qg3 Be6 27.b4 Nd7 28.Nxc5 Nxc5 29.bxc5 Ne7 30.Qd3 Bf5 31.Qd4 Be6 32.g4 Kg8 33.Kh2 Rc8 34.Kg3 Qxc5 35.Qxc5 Rxc5 36.Re3 Bc8 37.f4 Kf8

(Diagram)

38.Be4 2.01/21 **Ke8?** 3.79/22
[38...g6 2.01/21]
39.Bf3 a5 40.f5 Bxf5 41.gxf5 Nxf5+ 42.Kf2 Nxe3 43.Kxe3 Rxc3+ Endgame. KRB-KR. White is clearly winning. **44.Rd3 Rc2 45.Bxd5 Rh2 46.Kd4 Rxh5 47.Rf3** Prevents Rf5 **47...f6 48.exf6 gxf6 49.Rxf6 Ke7 50.Rb6 b4 51.Ra6 Rg5 52.Rxa5 h5 53.Rb5 h4 54.Rxb4 h3 55.Rb7+ Kd6 56.Rb6+ Kc7 57.Rh6**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.36
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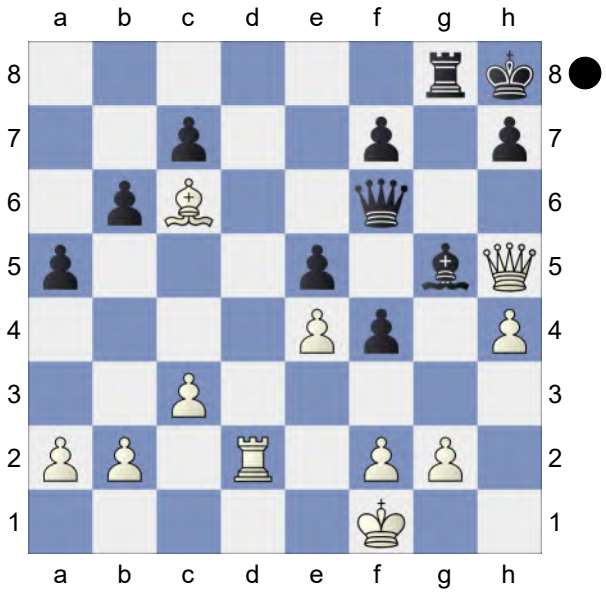
C79

□ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
■ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.54)
[Kitty Kat]

C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.c3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.Bc2N
[9.h3 0-0 10.Nbd2 exd4 *(10...Qe8 11.Bc2 h6 12.Nf1 Nh5 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Qe7 15.Be3 exd4 16.cxd4 Nb4 17.Bb3 c5 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.a3 Nc6 20.Rad1 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Bd5 Rab8 23.g4 Rfc8 24.g5 h5 25.Rc1* 0-1 (40) 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2699)-Bd7 (2698) 2009 (7.1)*)*
11.cxd4 Nb4
A) 12.e5 Bxa4 13.Qxa4 Nfd5 14.Qb3 *(14.Ne4 dxe5 15.dxe5 c5 16.Nxc5 Qc7 17.a3 Qxc5 18.axb4*

Qxb4 Quickstarter Guide A Ruy Lo-5.O-O d6 6.Re1 #13*)* 14...a5 15.a3 a4 16.Qc4 b5 17.Qxb5 Nc2 18.Qxd5 Nxa1 Quickstarter Guide A Ruy Lo-5.O-O d6 6.Re1 #14;
B) 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 13.Qb3 a5 14.a3 Nc6 15.d5 Nb8 16.Qxb7 Na6 17.Qb3 Nc5 18.Qc4 Qa4 19.e5 Qxc4 20.Nxc4 dxe5 21.Nfxe5 Nxd5 22.Rd1 Nb6 23.Be3 Nxc4 ½-½ (48) Raines,D (2410)-Gill,S (2585) EU-chT (Men) 17th 2009 (6)]

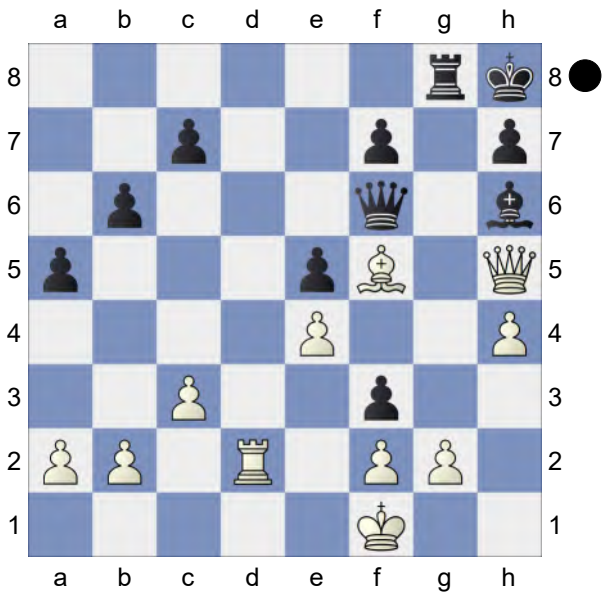
9...0-0 10.h3 Nh5 11.Be3 White is slightly better. **11...Qe8 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bc5 Rg8 15.Bb3 Nf4** ...Nd3 is the strong threat. **16.Ng5** -0.32/21
[16.Be3= 0.21/19]
16...Nd8∓ ...Nd3 would now be deadly. **17.Nc4** -0.70/20
[17.Be3= -0.07/23]
17...Nde6 0.12/21
[Better is 17...f6∓ -0.70/20 18.Nf3 Nde6]
18.Nxe6= Bxe6 19.Be3 g5 20.Na5 -0.12/24
[20.Nd2! 0.25/24 should be considered.]
20...Rd8 21.Qc2 -0.79/20
[21.Qf3= -0.16/23 remains equal.]
21...Bc8 -0.31/21 Black is more active.
[21...b6∓ -0.79/20 22.Ba4 Qf8]
22.Rad1∓ Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Bf6 24.Bxf4 gxf4 25.Qd3 Qf8
[25...b6!? 26.Nc4□ a5=]
26.Kf1 b6
[26...Qg7!? 27.Qf3□ Be7=]
27.Nc6 a5 Hoping for ...Qg7. **28.Bc4 Bb7 29.Bb5 Bh4** 0.03/25
[29...Qh6∓ -0.34/23]
30.Rd2? -1.62/19
[30.Nxe5? Qg7 31.Ng4 h5-+]
[30.Qe2= 0.03/25 and White stays safe.]
30...Qg7-+ 31.Qf3 Qf6 32.Qh5 Bg5 -1.12/22 This pair of bishops is nice.
[32...Bxc6-+ -1.77/25 33.Bxc6 f3 *(33...Qxc6 34.Qxh4 Qc4+ 35.Kg1=)* 34.gxf3 Bg5]
33.h4∓ Bxc6 34.Bxc6



Bh6↑ Strongly threatening ...f3. Black is in control.
[34...Bxh4?! 35.Ba4=]
35.Bd7 -1.50/23
[⌓35.Bd5 -1.08/25 f3 36.Bxf7 Bxd2 *(36...fxg2+ 37.Kg1∓)* 37.Bxg8 Kxg8 *(37...fxg2+ 38.Kg1∓)* 38.Qg4+ Qg7 39.Qc8+ Qf8 40.Qxc7]
35...f3! Discovered Attack **36.Bf5?** -4.12/22

(Diagram)

Qg7!-+
[Worse is 36...Bxd2 37.Qxh7#]
[Weaker is 36...fxg2+ 37.Kg1 Qg7 38.Rd3-+ *(38.Rd7? Bf4-+)*]
[36...Rxg2 37.Rd7 *(37.Qxf3 Bxd2 38.Kxg2 Qxh4∓)* 37...Rh2 38.Qxf3= *(38.Rxf7? Rh1#)*]



37.Qxf3 Bxd2 38.g3 Qf6 39.Qh5 h6 40.Qe2 Rd8 41.Qc4 Qe7 42.Kg2 Rf8 43.Kh3 Qd6 44.Kg4 Be1 45.f4 Qd1+ 46.Kh3 Qf3
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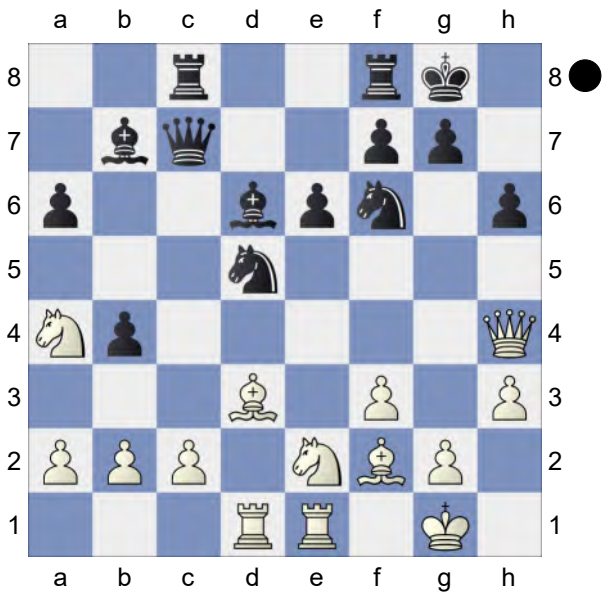
B90
☐ **Sriansh Das** **2315**
■ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.55)
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Qd2 b5 8.Bd3 -0.07/22
[8.a4± 0.32/21 b4 9.Nd5 Nxe4 10.Qxb4]
8...Bb7= 9.0-0 e6 The position is equal.
10.f3 -0.49/21
[10.b4= -0.12/18]
10...b4 11.Na4 d5 12.exd5! Nxd5 13.Bf2N
[13.Rfe1 Qa5 14.b3 Nc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Bf2 Rd8 17.a4 0-0 18.Qg5 h6 19.Qe5 Nc3 20.Nxe6 Bxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Qxe5 22.Rxe5 fxe6 23.Rxe6 a5 24.Re5 Bd5 25.Bf5 Rfe8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Re1 Rxe1 0-1 (54) Bohac (2067)-English Reti E6 (2335) TOP 16 Rapid GP Final 2020 28.Kxe1 Kf7 29.Bd3 Kf6 30.Kd2 Ke5 31.Ke3 Bc6 32.f4+ Kd6 33.g3 Kc5 34.Bg6 Nd5+ 35.Kd3 Bd7 36.Be4 Bh3 37.Bg6 Nf6 38.c3 Ng4 39.cxb4+ Kxb4 40.Bf7 Nxh2 41.Ke2 Bg4+ 42.Kf2 Bd1 0-1 (54) Khan,S (2096)-Arghyadip,D corr 4469 AICCF 2014 43.Be6 Bxb3 44.Bf5 Bd1 45.Bd3 Ng4+ 46.Ke1 Bxa4 47.Kd2 Bd7 48.Bc2 a4 49.Bb1 Be6 50.f5 Bd5 51.Kd3 a3 52.Kd4 a2 53.Bxa2 Bxa2 54.Ke4 Bf7 0-1 Khan,S (2067)-Das,A (2335) corr AICCF 4469 2014]
13...Bd6 14.Rfe1 And now Nxe6! would win. **14...0-0 15.Rad1** -0.90/19
[Better is 15.Bg3∓ -0.35/21 Bxg3 16.hxg3]
15...Qc7∓ 16.h3 N7f6 -0.34/19
[16...Bh2+∓ -0.83/19 17.Kh1 Bf4]
17.Ne2 -0.85/17
[17.c4∓ -0.34/19 bxc3 18.Nxc3]
17...Rac8 -0.42/16
[17...Bc6∓ -0.85/17 18.Nc5 Rfd8]
18.Qg5 -1.17/23
[18.c4∓ -0.42/16 bxc3 19.Naxc3]
18...h6
[18...Bc6 feels hotter. 19.Nc5 Bb5 20.Ne4 h6]
19.Qh4

(Diagram)

Rfe8 -0.57/17
[19...Bc6!∓ -1.24/19 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Rfd8]
20.c4∓ bxc3 21.Naxc3 Bc5 -0.12/20



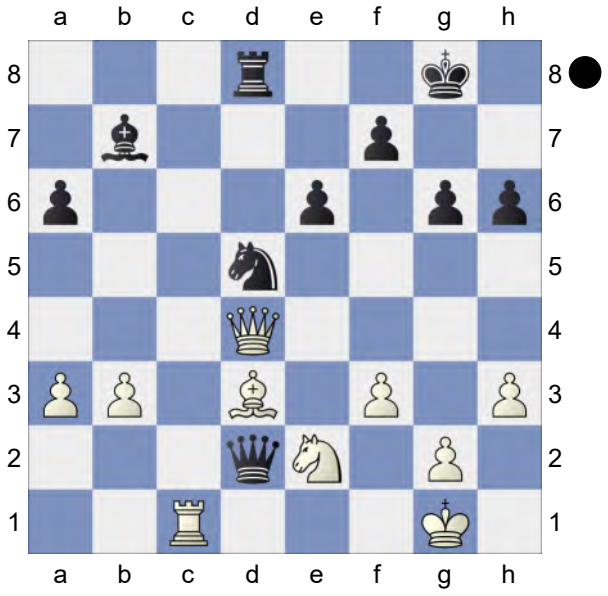
[21...Qb8∓ -0.52/20 might be stronger.]

22.Nxd5= Nxd5 23.Rc1 Bxf2+ 24.Qxf2 Qa5 25.a3 Prevents Nb4. **25...Rxc1**

[25...Qd2 looks sharper. 26.Be4 Ba8 27.Qd4 Qg5]

26.Rxc1 Rd8 27.Qa7 Qd2 28.Qd4 Inhibits Nf4. **28...g6** ...e5! would now be deadly. **29.b3?** -2.03/20

[29.Rc2= -0.25/20 and White has nothing to worry. Qg5 30.Kf2]



White does not recover from this. **29...e5!-+ 30.Qh4 Rd7 31.Bc4 Nf4 32.Re1 Nd3 33.Bxd3 Rxd3 34.Nc1** -3.38/27

[34.Qb4 -1.93/19 keeps fighting.]

34...Re3 35.Rf1 Rc3 36.Qe1 Qd4+→ Black attacks with force. **37.Kh1** -3.60/22

[⌓37.Qf2 -2.38/21]

37...Rc2 38.Qb4 White is weak on the light squares **38...Qxb4 39.axb4 e4** Repels Nd3 **40.Kg1 Bc6 41.Kh1 Kg7** Black is clearly winning. **42.Kg1 g5 43.g4** -8.05/24

[⌓43.Re1 -4.25/17 exf3 44.gxf3]

43...exf3

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D05

□ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**

■ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.56)

[Kitty Kat]

A47: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6: Torre, London and Colle Systems

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 d5 5.b3 Be7 6.0-0 b6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bb2 Bb7 9.Ne5 cxd4 10.exd4 Nbd7 11.f4 -0.16/20

[⌓11.Qe2 0.29/22]

11...Ne4= 12.Qe2 f5 Black has an edge. **13.Ndf3N Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bd6 15.a4 Qe7 16.a5 bxa5 17.Rxa5 Bb4 18.Raa1 a5 19.Qe3 Ba6 20.Rfd1 Bxd3 21.cxd3 Nf6 22.Rdc1 Ng4 23.Nxg4 fxg4 24.Bc3 Kh8 25.g3 h6 26.Ra4 Rfb8 27.Bxb4 Rxb4 28.f5 Rxb3 29.Qxe6**

[29.fxe6? is the wrong capture. Ra6

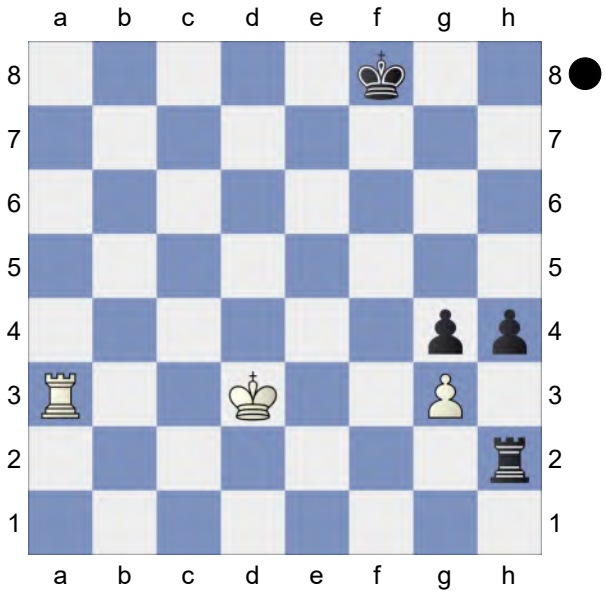
30.Re1 Rbb6-+]
29...Qg5 30.Rf1 Rxd3 31.Qxd5 Re8 And now ...Rd2 would win. **32.Ra2 a4** next ...Qe3+ is good for Black. **33.Qc6 Qe3+ 34.Raf2 Rxd4 35.f6 Rf8 36.Kh1** Black must now prevent fxg7+. **36...Kh7**
[36...Kg8 seems wilder. 37.Qc2 Qe6 38.fxg7 Qd5+]
37.Rf4 Hoping for Qb7. **37...Rxf6 38.Rxf6 gxf6 39.Qxf6∓** Endgame. White threatens Qf7+ and mate. KQR-KQR **39...Qe4+ 40.Kg1 Rd7** Dodges Qf7+ **41.Qf8 Qd4+ 42.Kh1 Qd5+ 43.Kg1 Rc7** -0.46/19
[Black should try 43...Rb7∓ -0.90/19]
44.Qf4? -2.52/21
[White must play 44.Qb4!∓ -0.46/19]
44...Rc2-+ 45.Qf7+ Qxf7 46.Rxf7+ KR-KR **46...Kg8** -0.02/20 Black is more active.
[46...Kg6∓ -1.25/27 47.Ra7 Ra2]
47.Ra7= Ra2 48.Kf1! a3 49.Ke1! h5 50.Kd1 Kf8 51.Kc1 Ra1+
[51...Rxh2 simplifies 52.Rxa3 Kg7 53.Kd1 Kg6]
52.Kc2 Ra2+ 53.Kc3? -3.78/22
[53.Kd3= -0.01/25]
53...h4!-+
[53...Rxh2 54.Rxa3 Kg7 55.Kd3=]
54.Kd3 Rxh2 55.Rxa3

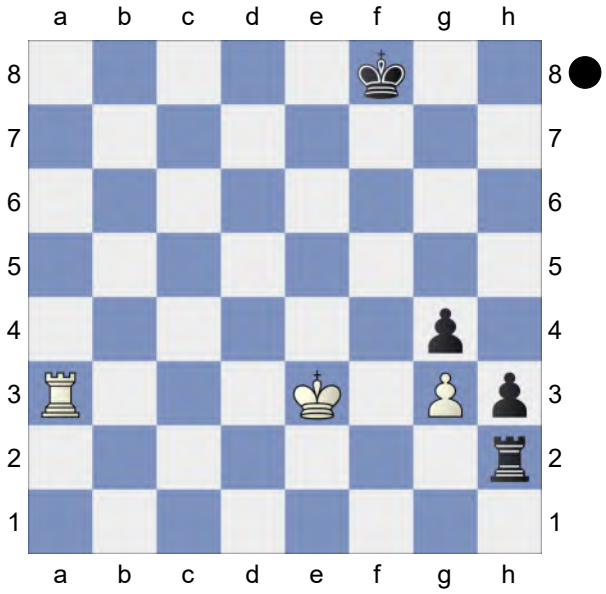
(Diagram)

h3!
[Weaker is 55...hxg3 56.Ra4=]
56.Ke3

(Diagram)

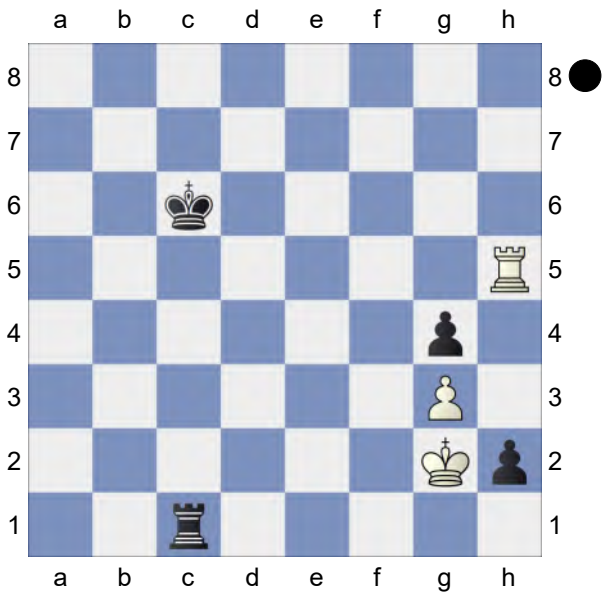
Rh1! ...h2 is the strong threat. **57.Ra8+ Kf7 58.Ra7+ Ke6 59.Ra6+ Kd5** aiming for ...h2. **60.Ra5+ Kc6 61.Rh5 h2** Threatens to win with ...Re1+. **62.Kf2**





Rc1 -19.29/25
[⌓62...Rd1 -58.70/25 63.Kg2 h1Q+ 64.Rxh1 Rxh1 65.Kxh1 Kd5 66.Kg2 Ke4 67.Kf2 Kd3 68.Kf1 Ke3 69.Kg2 Ke2 70.Kg1 Kf3 71.Kh2 Kf2 72.Kh1 Kxg3 73.Kg1 Kh3 74.Kf2 g3+ 75.Kf1 Kh2 76.Ke2 g2 77.Kd3 g1Q *(77...g1B 78.Ke4=)* 78.Kc4 Kg3 79.Kd5 Qb6 80.Kc4 Qa5 81.Kb3 Kf4 82.Kc4 Ke4 83.Kb3 Kd3 84.Kb2 Qb4+ 85.Kc1 Qb8 86.Kd1 Qb1#]
63.Kg2

(Diagram)



h1Q+! Deflection. Black mates. **64.Rxh1 Rxh1 65.Kxh1 Kd5**
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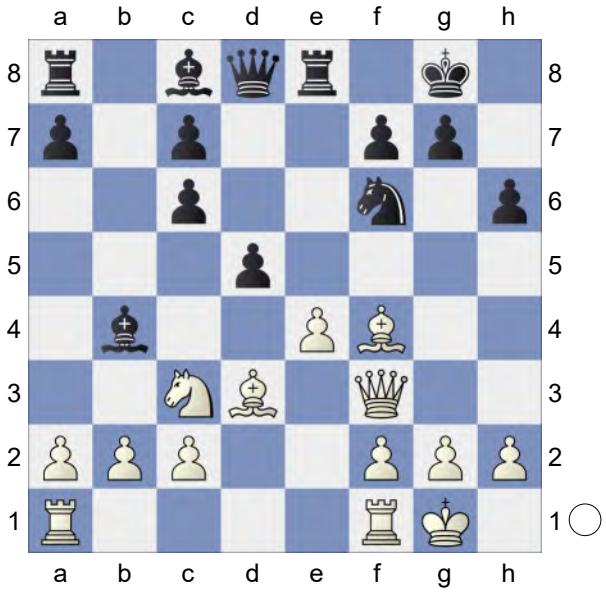
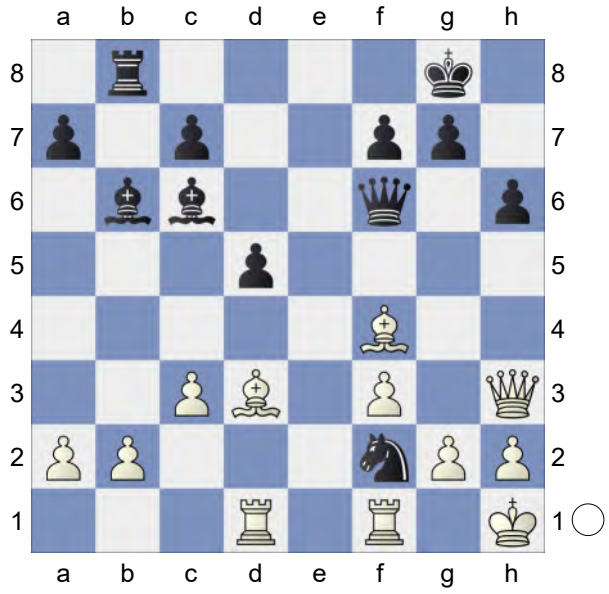
C47
□ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.57)
[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.Qf3 h6
[9...Rb8 10.h3 Bd6 11.Rb1 Be5 12.Bf4 d6 13.Bxe5 Rxe5 14.b3 Nd7 15.Na4 Qg5 16.Qe2 Qf4 17.g3 Qh6 18.f4 Re7 19.h4 Nf6 20.Rbe1 Bh3 21.Rf2 Rbe8 22.Qf3 Bf5 23.Nc3 Qg6 24.Re3 0-1 (40) Karjakin,S (2762)-Aronian,L (2784) World Blitz 2015 (12.3)]
[9...d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.h3 c6 12.Bf4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ne4 14.Rfe1 Qf6 15.c4 Bxh3 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.c4 Be6 18.Bxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 Rac8 20.Rac1 Bd7 21.Qb7 Bc6 22.Qa6 h5 23.Bd2 Qg6 24.f3 0-1 (47) Piorun,K (2633)-Duda,J (2724) ch-POL 2018 Warsaw POL (8.3)]
10.Bf4N
[10.Bd2 d6 11.h3 a5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qf3 Re5 54) Four Knights: Scotch-8.O-O Re8 9.Qf3 #2]
10...d5



And now ...Bxc3 would win. **11.exd5** 0.10/24
[11.e5± 0.48/23 Nd7 12.Rfe1]
11...cxd5= The position is equal. **12.Nb5 Ba5 13.Nd4** -0.36/23
[13.h3= 0.13/20]
13...Bd7
[13...Bg4!? 14.Qg3 Bb6=]
14.Nf5 Ne4 15.Ng3 Bc6 16.Rad1 Qf6 17.c3 Rab8 18.Nh5 Qg6 19.Bc1 Re5 20.Nf4 Qf6 21.Qg4 -0.91/19
[21.Ne2∓ -0.36/19]
21...Rg5 -0.10/21
[21...Bb6∓ -0.91/19]
22.Qh3 -0.58/21
[22.Qe2= -0.10/21 is superior.]
22...Rf5 0.40/21

[22...Bb6∓ -0.58/21]
23.f3 -0.30/26
[Better is 23.Nh5± 0.40/21 Qg6 24.Ng3]
23...Rxf4 24.Bxf4 -0.80/23
[24.fxe4∓ -0.33/22 Bb6+ 25.Kh1]
24...Bb6+ 0.22/19
[24...Nxc3∓ -0.80/23 25.bxc3 Qxf4]
25.Kh1 Nf2+ 1.12/19
[25...Nc5= 0.22/22 26.Qf5 Nxd3 27.Qxf6 gxf6 28.Rxd3 Bb5]



26.Rxf2!± Deflection **26...Bxf2 27.Bxc7 Re8 28.Bg3↑** White is really pushing.
[Weaker is 28.Qf5 Qxf5 29.Bxf5 Re2∓]
28...Bb6 29.Qh4 Qe6 30.Re1 Qd7 31.Rxe8+ Qxe8 32.Qf4 White is more active. **32...g5** 2.41/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[32...Bb5± 1.00/19 33.Bc2 Qe2 34.Qb8+ Be8]
33.Qf5 White threatens Qh7+ and mate.
33...Qe3? #9/18
[33...Qe6+- 2.18/24 34.Be5 Qxf5 35.Bxf5 a5]
34.Qh7+ White mates. **34...Kf8 35.Qxh6+ Ke8 36.Qxc6+ Kf8 37.Qh6+**
[37.Qxd5? Qg1#]
37...Ke8 38.Bb5+
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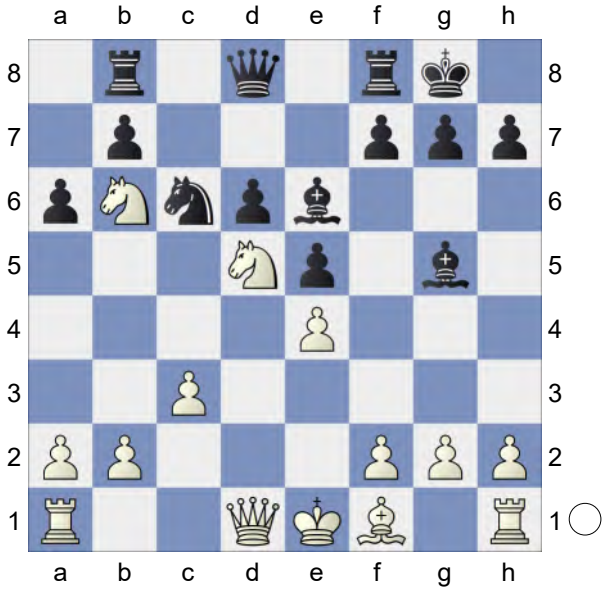
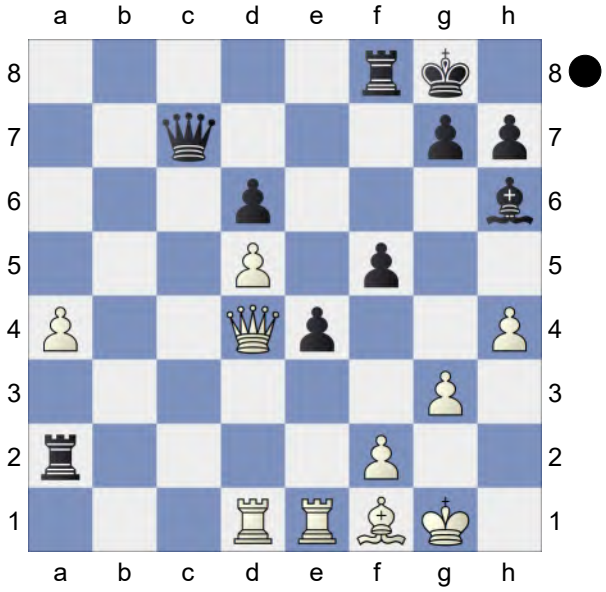
B32
□ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh** **2301**
■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.58)
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be7 8.Nc4 Nf6 9.Bg5 0-0
[9...Nd4 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 b5 12.Ncb6 Rb8 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.c3 Ne6 15.a4 Rb8 16.axb5 axb5 17.Ra6 Bg5 18.Nb4 Rb6 19.h4 Be7 20.Ra7 Nc7 21.g3 0-0 22.Bh3 Qb8 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Nd5 ½-½ (49) Makarian,R (2550)-Theodorou,N (2619) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W rapid 2024 (2.4) Qb7 25.0-0 Ra6 26.h5 Bd8 27.Kg2 Kh8 28.Bg4 Ra2 29.Qb1 Ra4 30.b4 f5 31.Bf3 fxe4 32.Bxe4 Qf7 33.Qc2 Bb6 34.f4 Qa7 35.Qd3 Ra2+ 36.Kh3 exf4 37.Nxf4 Qd7+ 38.g4 Rf2 39.Rxf2 ½-½ (49) Makarian,R (2550)-Theodorou,N (2619) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W rapid 2024 (2.4)]
10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 White is more active. **11...Be6N**
[11...b5 0.83/25 11...Be6 0.39 12.Nce3 0.15/20 (White should try *12.Ncb6±* 0.83/25 *Rb8 13.Nxc8*) 12...Bg5= 13.Qd3 Nd4 14.c3 Ne6 15.g3 Nc5 16.Qc2 Be6 17.Bg2 Rb8 18.0-0 Na4 0.34/24 ½-½ Lensky,I

(1864)-Kretschmar,H (1577) ch-High Pool, Marseilles FRA 2001 (5.52)
(18...Bxe3= -0.07/21 19.Nxe3 b4)]
12.Ncb6 Excellent horsemanship.
12...Rb8 White is slightly better. White is slightly better. **13.c3 Bg5**

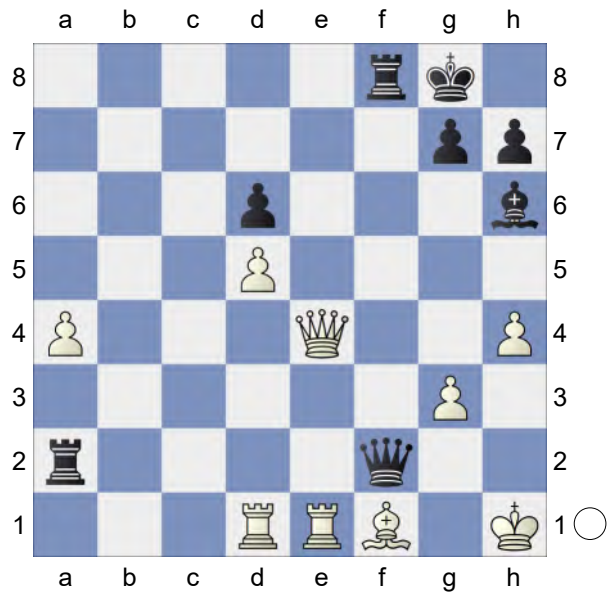


14.h4! Bh6 15.g3 Ne7 16.Bg2 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Rc8 18.0-0 Rc5 19.Qd3 -1.16/22
[19.b4= 0.03/23 Rc6 20.a4]
[19.b4= 0.10/24 keeps the balance. Rc4 20.a4]
19...Bxd5∓ 20.exd5 f5 21.Rad1 Rc7 22.c4 e4 23.Qd4 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.b3 -1.73/24 Wards off Rc4. Repels Rc4
[25.Qb4∓ -1.27/21]
[25.Qb6∓ -1.24/23]
25...Rc2-+ 26.a4 bxa4 27.bxa4 Qc7 -0.79/21
[27...g6∓ -1.25/18 Strongly threatening ...Qe7. 28.Qa7 -1.95/19 *(28.Rb1∓ -1.41/19 was worth a try.)* 28...Rf7]
[Black should play 27...g6 -1.45/20 28.h5 Qe8 *(28...gxh5 29.Ra1-+)* 29.hxg6 hxg6]
28.Rfe1 -1.52/20
[28.Rb1!∓ -0.67/18]
[⌓28.Rb1 -0.79/21]
28...Ra2 -1.00/20 aiming for ...e3!
[28...Rc4-+ -1.78/21 28...g6 -1.30 29.Qb2 Rxa4 -1.11/20 *(29...Rb8-+* -1.80/23 *30.Qa1 g6)*]
29.Bf1∓



f4 -0.01/27
[Black should try 29...g6!∓ -0.95/18 Hoping for ...Bg7. 30.Bb5 Bg7 -0.63/20 Against Rb1 *(30...Rc2∓* -1.21/22 Strongly threatening ...Bg7. *31.Re2 Rc3)*]
[29...g6!∓ -1.29/20 And now ...Bg7 would win. 30.Bb5 Bg7]
30.Qxe4 The position is equal. The position is equal. **30...fxg3**
[30...Qc5 simplifies 31.Qd4! Hoping for Qxc5. fxg3 32.Qxc5! gxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Rfxf2 34.Ra1 Rxa1 35.Kxf2 Rxa4 36.Re8+ Kf7]
[30...Qc5 simplifies 31.Qd4 fxg3 32.Qxc5 gxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Raxf2 34.Bh3 g6]
31.fxg3 Qc5+ 32.Kh1 Qf2

(Diagram)

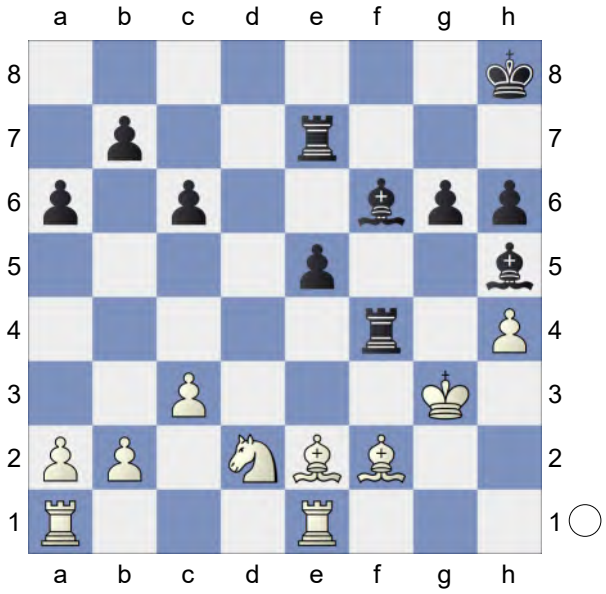


33.Re2 Rxe2 34.Bxe2 Black must now prevent Qe6+. White is weak on the dark squares **34...Qxg3** (-> ...Bf4). White is weak on the dark squares
[34...g6 feels hotter. 35.Qe6+ Kg7 36.Rg1 Bf4]
35.Qg4 Qxg4 36.Bxg4= Endgame. KRB-KRB **36...Rf4 37.Be6+ Kf8 38.Ra1 Rxh4+ 39.Kg2 Be3**
[39...Bd2!?]
40.a5 Rc4 41.a6 Black must now prevent a7. **41...Rc7 42.Rf1+ Ke8 43.Re1 Bc5 44.Bg8+ Re7 45.Rxe7+ Kxe7 46.Bxh7** KB-KB **46...Kd8 47.Kf3 Kc7 48.Kg4 Ba7 49.Kf5 Bb6 50.Bg8 Ba7 51.Kg6 Bb6 52.Kxg7 Ba7 53.Kf7 Bb6 54.Ke7 Ba7 55.Be6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) . White happily takes the draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

B42
□ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
■ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.59)
[Kitty Kat]

B42: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Bd3
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 Nbc6 7.c3 g6
[7...e5 8.Nf3 d6 9.Be3 h6 10.c4 g5 11.Nc3 Bg7 12.Nd5 0-0 13.Bb6 Qd7 14.Rc1 Ng6 15.c5 dxc5 16.Bxc5 Rd8 17.Bb6 Rf8 18.Bc4 Nf4 19.Ne3 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2718)-Buese,R (2659) Bucuresti 11/234 1971]
8.Bf4N White is more active.
[8.Be3 Bg7 9.Nd2 0-0 10.f4 b5 11.f5 exf5 12.exf5 Nd5 13.Bf2 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Bb7 Ivanov,A (2587)-Stripunsky,A (2597) 98/(105) New York 2006]
8...Bg7 9.Nxc6 White is better. **9...dxc6** 1.22/21
[⌓9...Nxc6 0.83/20 10.Bd6 Ne5]
10.e5 0.63/24
[White should try 10.Qe2± 1.22/21]
10...0-0± 11.Qe2 Nd5 12.Bg3 f5 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Nd2 e5 15.Bc4 Kh8 16.Rfe1 Strongly threatening Bxd5!
16...Nf4 17.Qe3 Bg4 18.f3 0.70/19
[18.h3± 1.30/19 Bh5 19.f3]
18...Bh5 1.75/22
[Better is 18...Bf5± 0.70/19]
19.Ne4↑ White is on the roll. **19...Qe7 20.h4 h6 21.Qc5 Rae8** 2.80/18
[21...Qxc5+± 1.55/17 22.Nxc5 a5 23.Bxf4 *(23.Nxb7 Rfb8±)* 23...Rxf4]
22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.Bf2 Nxg2 24.Kxg2 Bxf3+ 25.Kg3 Rf4 26.Nd2 Bh5 27.Be2 1.45/22
[27.Be3+- 2.55/19 Rd7 28.Bxf4 exf4+ 29.Kxf4 Rxd2 30.Re8+ Kh7

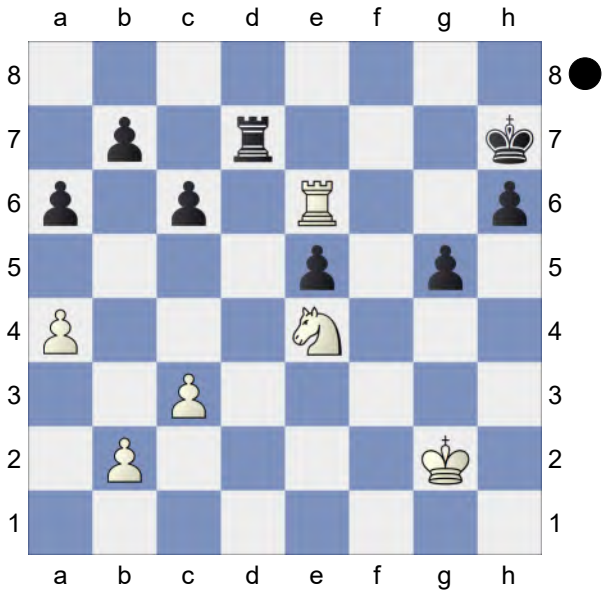
31.Rb8 g5+ 32.hxg5]
27...Bf6±



28.Kg2! Bxh5 is the strong threat. **28...Rxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Bxh4+ 30.Kg2 Bxe1 31.Rxe1** Bxh5 would now be deadly. **31...Bxe2 32.Rxe2** Endgame. KRN-KR **32...Kg7 33.Ne4 g5** 2.02/25
[33...h5± 1.34/24 34.Rd2 a5]
34.Rd2 Rf7 35.Rd6 Rf4 1.92/19
[35...a5± 1.49/22 36.Re6 Rf4]
36.Ng3+- Rf7 37.Nh5+ Kh7 38.Re6 Rf5 39.Ng3 Rf7 40.a4
[40.Rxe5 Kg6 41.Re6+ Kh7]
40...Rd7 41.Ne4

(Diagram)

Prevents Rd2+. Threatens to win with Nf6+. **41...Rd1 42.a5**
[42.Rxe5 Kg6 43.Re7 h5 44.Rxb7 g4]
42...Re1 2.45/15
[42...Rd3 1.90/18 was called for. 43.Rd6 *(43.Rxe5 Kg6+-)* 43...Re3 44.Nf6+ Kg7]
43.Ng3
[Much less strong is 43.Rxe5?! Re2+ 44.Kg3 Rxb2±]



43...h5? 4.44/21
[43...Rb1 2.28/19 44.b4 *(44.Rxe5 Rxb2+ 45.Kf3 Kg7±)* 44...Rc1]
44.Nxh5 Re2+ 45.Kf3 Rxb2 46.Rxe5 Kh6 47.Nf6 White is clearly winning. **47...b6 48.axb6 Rxb6 49.Ne4 Rb5 50.Re6+ Kg7 51.Rxc6 a5 52.Ra6 Rf5+ 53.Ke3 g4 54.Kd4 Kf8 55.c4 Ke7 56.c5 Kd7 57.Rxa5** White threatens c6+! and mate. **57...Rf1 58.Ra7+ Kc6 59.Ra6+ Kc7 60.Rg6 Rg1 61.Ke5 Kb7 62.Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
1-0

C78
□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**
■ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.60)
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Be7
[7...Bc5 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nd5 h6 10.c3

d6 11.a4 b4 12.a5 Rb8 13.Bd2 bxc3 14.bxc3 Ba7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nxe3 Ne7 17.Re1 Bc6 18.Qc2 Ng6 19.Bc4 Bb5 20.d4 Re8 21.Bxb5 Rxb5 22.c4 ½-½ (40) Vachier Lagrave,M (2777)-Yakubboev,N (2573) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (6)]

8.Nc3 0-0 9.a3 Nd4N

[9...h6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.Bd2 b4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Nxe5 Qc7 16.Ng6 Bd6 17.Nxf8 Rxf8 18.c4 Bxh2+ 19.Kh1 Bd6 20.Rc1 Qd8 21.Qh5 Qf6 22.c5 Qxb2 23.cxd6 Qxd2 24.Bc4 ½-½ (50) Gantner,M (2406)-4.e3 (2136) CCLA ch-1 8586 1985 (6) Qf4 25.Qh2 Qd4 26.Rfe1 Bxd5 27.Bxd5 Qxd5 28.Qe5 Qxe5 29.Rxe5 Nb7 30.Rd5 Rb8 31.Ra1 b3 32.Rb1 Nd8 33.Ra5 Nc6 34.Rxa6 f6 35.Ra3 Nd4 36.Ra7 Kf7 37.Rxd7+ Ke6 38.Rxg7 Kxd6 39.Rg6 ½-½ (50) Fercec,N (2442)-Jurkovic,A (2351) op 17th Pula 2003 (9)]

[9...d6 10.Nd5 h6 11.c3 Qd7 12.Ne3 Nd8 13.Nh4 Ne6 14.Nhf5 Kh7 15.Nxe7 Qxe7 16.Nf5 Qd7 17.Qf3 Ng8 18.Qg3 Rad8 19.f4 g6 20.Nxh6 Nxh6 21.f5 Nf4 22.Rxf4 exf4 23.Qxf4 Nxf5 24.exf5 0-1 (30) Roebers,E (2315)-Rohit,K (2472) RTU Open - A 2024 (7)]

10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 White has an edge. **11...c5 12.Ng3 d5 13.f3** -0.36/21

[Better is 13.e5± 0.39/21 Ne8 14.c3]

13...c4∓ 14.Ba2 g6 0.31/21

[14...Bd6∓ -0.40/16]

15.Bh6!± Re8 16.Qd2 -0.45/20

[16.e5!± 0.45/17 Nd7 17.f4]

16...Nd7∓ 17.Rae1 Rc8 0.25/16

[Black should try 17...Bf6∓ -0.41/17]

18.f4? -1.35/22

[18.e5!= 0.25/16]

18...Nf6 -0.73/20

[⌓18...dxe4 -1.35/22 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Nf6]

19.e5∓ Ng4 20.f5 Nxh6! 21.Qxh6 Bg5 22.Qh3 Be3+ -0.40/18

[22...Rc7∓ -0.88/21 ...Bc8 is the strong threat. 23.Qg4 c3 24.bxc3 *(24.Qxd4 cxb2 25.Re2 Bc1=)* 24...dxc3]

23.Rxe3!∓ dxe3 24.d4 Qg5 Dodges Qh6 **25.c3 Rc6! 26.Bb1 Bc8! 27.Ne2 gxf5!** Strongly threatening ... Rh6. **28.Nf4 f6** -0.07/24

[28...e2!∓ -0.82/20 29.Nxe2 Rh6]

29.Qf3 -2.01/23

[29.Qxe3= -0.07/24 and White is okay. fxe5 30.dxe5]

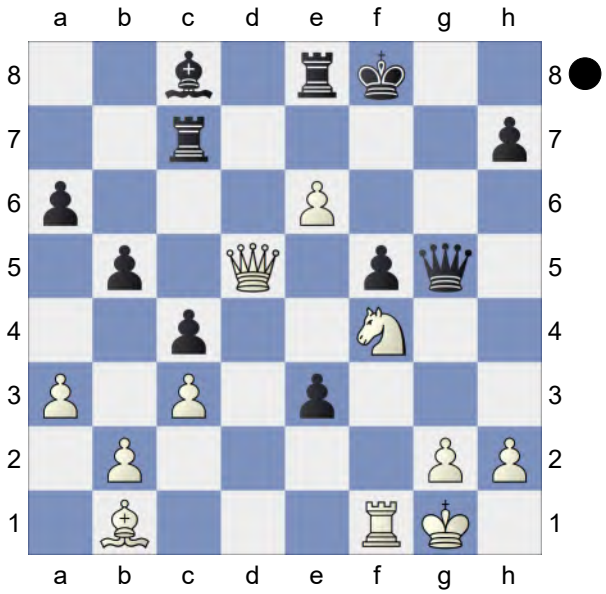
29...fxe5-+ 30.Qxd5+ Kf8 31.dxe5 -2.46/21

[31.Qxc6∓ -1.49/20 is a better defense. exf4 32.Re1]

31...Rc7 White must now prevent ...e2!

32.e6 -2.52/20

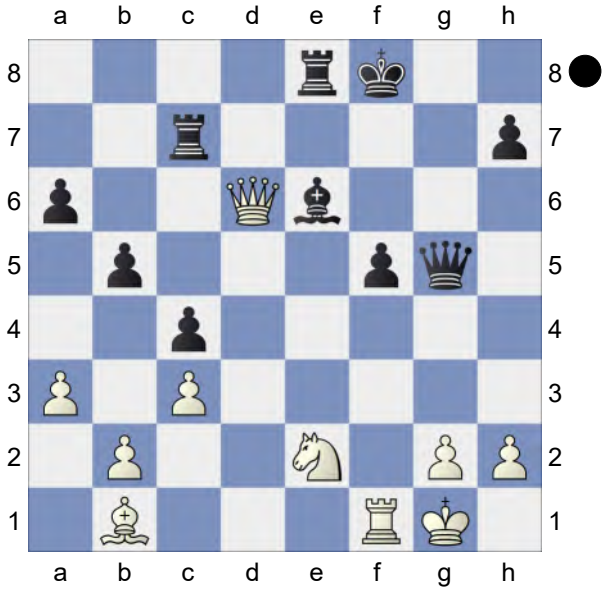
[32.Qd4 -1.74/22 was called for.]



32...e2! Deflection **33.Nxe2 Bxe6** -1.26/18

[33...Rxe6? 34.Rxf5++- *(34.Bxf5*

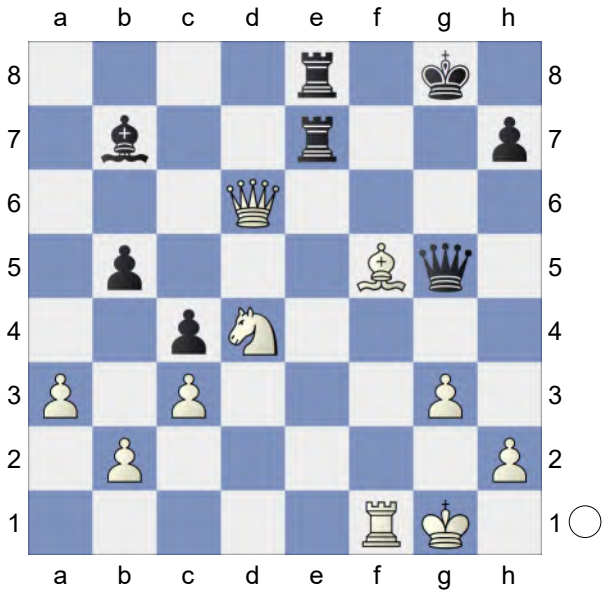
Qe3+ 35.Rf2 Rf7∓; 34.Bxf5 Qe3+ 35.Rf2 Rf7∓)]
[33...Qe3+!-+ -2.31/22 34.Rf2 Qxe6 *(34...Bxe6 35.Qd6+ Rce7 36.Qxa6∓)* 35.Qxe6 Rxe6 *(35...Bxe6? 36.g3-+)* 36.Rxf5+ Rf7]
34.Qd6+∓



Qe7 -0.70/19
[34...Rce7!∓ -1.20/22 Hoping for ... Kg8. 35.Nf4 Kg8 36.Qxa6 Bd7]
35.Qxa6∓ Bc8 36.Qh6+ Qg7 37.Qd6+ Kg8 Threatens to win with ...Rd7.
38.Nd4 Rce7 39.Bxf5 Bb7 0.36/21
[39...Qe5= -0.18/22 40.Qxe5 Rxe5]
40.g3!± Active counter play! **40...Qg5** 1.51/28
[40...Be4± 0.31/22]

(Diagram)

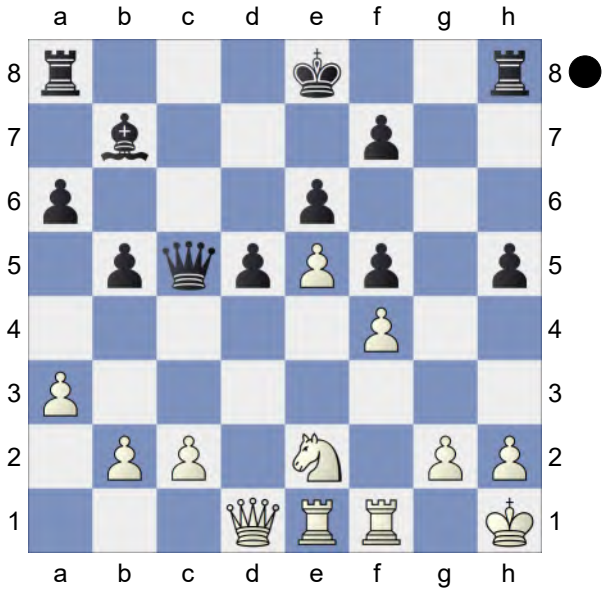
41.Be6+ 0.03/24 The board is on fire.
[41.Nxb5 Qe3+ 42.Rf2 Qc1+ 43.Rf1 Qxf1+ *(43...Qxb2? 44.Bh3-+)* 44.Kxf1 Re1+ 45.Kf2 R8e2#]
[41.Rf4!± 1.51/28 Re1+ 42.Kf2]
41...Kh8!= The position is equal.
[Avoid the trap 41...Rxe6? 42.Qf8+



Rxf8 43.Rxf8+ *(43.Nxe6? Qe3+)* 43...Kxf8 44.Nxe6+ Ke8 45.Nxg5+-]
42.Rf4 Qg6!⇄ ...Qb1+ would now be deadly. Black puts up resistance. Black is weak on the dark squares **43.Qe5+ Rg7 44.Qf5**
[44.Kf2!? Bc8□ 45.Rf6=]
44...Rge7 45.Qe5+
[Don't play 45.Qxb5?! Qb1+ 46.Kf2 Rxe6 47.Qxb7 *(47.Nxe6* leads to mate. *Qc2+* Skewer *48.Ke3 Qd3+ 49.Kf2 Qd2+* Skewer *50.Kf1 Qg2+ 51.Ke1 Rxe6+)* 47...R6e7±]
45...Rg7! 46.Qf5
[46.Kf2!? Bc8□ 47.Rf6=]
46...Rge7 47.Qe5+ Black had all chances to win.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

B90
□ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
■ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.61) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

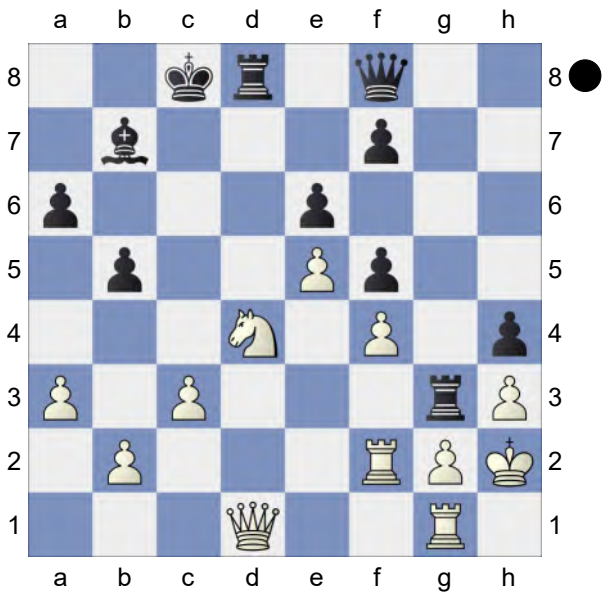
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nb3 e6
[6...Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.g4 h6 9.h4 *(9.Qe2 b5 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.f4 b4 12.Na4 Rb8 13.Bg2 e5* 6.Qf3,6-Rare Lines Full Theory MODERN CHESS 2023 *)* 9...b5 10.Bg2 Ne5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 Nc4 13.Qe2 Nxb2 14.e5 Rb8 15.g6 Nc4 16.gxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ba7 Rb7 18.Bd4 Ndb6 19.0-0 d5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Nxd5 1-0 (39) 5.f3 c6 6. ♕d2 b5 (2724)-C 10/13 (2655) VCC15 VCC 2003 (8.2)]
7.f4N
[7.a4 Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.f4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Nxa5 bxa5 28) 6.h4,6-6.Nb3 e6 7.a4 #2]
7...b5 8.a3 -0.40/21
[8.e5= 0.03/22 dxe5 9.Qxd8+ *(9.fxe5 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Nfd7∓)* 9...Kxd8 10.fxe5]
8...Bb7∓ Black is slightly better. **9.Bd3 d5** 0.97/19
[9...Be7∓ -0.40/20 keeps the upper hand.]
10.e5± Nfd7 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Kh1 0.42/19
[12.Be3± 1.01/18]
12...Qc7 0.94/19
[12...Nc5± 0.42/19]
13.Qe2 0.51/19
[13.Be3± 0.94/19]
13...Nc5± 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Bd2 -0.17/20
[15.Qe1 0.21/19 is more appropriate.]
15...h5 0.31/21
[15...Nd4= -0.17/20 16.Qe1 Nf5]
16.Rae1 -0.51/20
[16.Qe1± 0.31/21]
16...Nd4∓ 17.Qd1 g6 0.34/20
[Black should play 17...Nf5∓ -0.48/20]
18.Be3!± And now b4 would win.
18...Nf5 19.Bxc5 -0.35/21
[19.Bxf5!± 0.41/26 gxf5 20.Bd4]
19...Qxc5∓ 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Ne2



d4! 22.Nxd4
[22.Qxd4 Qxc2]
22...0-0-0 23.c3 h4→ Black has compensation. Black attacks. **24.h3 Rhg8 25.Rf2 Rg3** aiming for ...Rdg8! **26.Kh2 Qf8 27.Rg1**

(Diagram)

Qg7! ...Rxc3! would now be deadly. Black is more active. **28.Qf1?** -2.97/21 This costs White the game.
[28.Rd2∓ -1.29/20 was the only defense.]
28...Re3 (-> ...Qg3+). White is weak on the light squares **29.Nf3** -4.63/19



[⌓29.Rf3 -2.92/22 Bxf3 30.gxf3]

29...Qg3+-+ Black is clearly winning.

30.Kh1 Rdd3

[Not 30...Qxf4 31.Qc1-+]

31.a4 bxa4 32.Nh2 Qxh3 Hoping for ... Qg3. **33.Re2 Qg3 34.Rxe3 Qxe3 35.Qe1 h3 36.Qxe3 hxg2+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

C67

□ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**

■ **Garv,Rai** **2277**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.62)

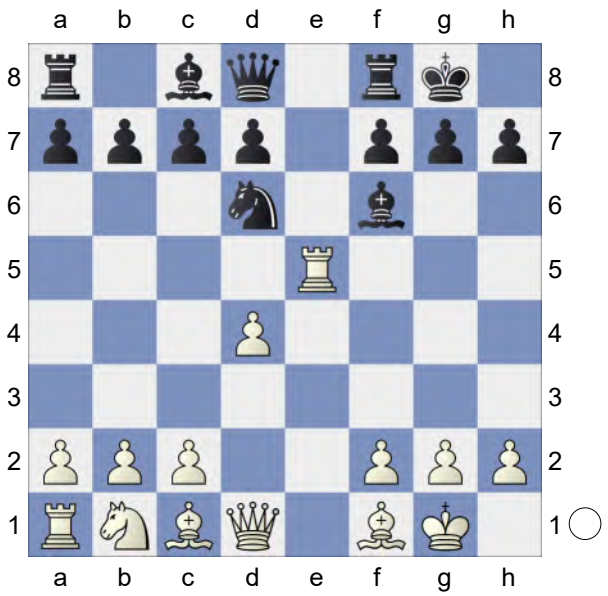
[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.Rxe5+ Be7 8.Bf1 0-0 9.d4 Bf6

(Diagram)

10.Bd3 -0.31/22 **Bxe5∓ 11.dxe5 Ne8** Black is slightly better. **12.Nc3 d6**



13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh6 d5N 2.67/22

[14...dxe5? 15.Bg5 Nf6 16.Qh4+-]

[14...Be6= -0.30/24 and Black is okay. 15.Bg5 Qd7]

[14...Qe7 15.exd6 Nxd6 16.Bg5 f6 17.Nd5 Qg7 18.Qxg7+ Kxg7 19.Nxc7 fxg5 20.Nxa8 Bf5 21.Nc7 Rc8 22.Nd5 Bxd3 23.cxd3 Rc2 24.g4 Rxb2 25.Re1 Rxa2 26.Re7+ Nf7 27.Rxb7 Rd2 28.Rxa7 Rxd3 29.Nc7 ½-½ (34) Gurevich,M (2563)-4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2690) Grand Prix Rapidplay 2000 Kf6 30.Ne8+ Ke6 31.Ng7+ Kf6 32.Ne8+ Ke6 33.Ng7+ Kf6 34.Ne8+ ½-½ Yoo,C (2563)-Robson,R (2690) USA (ch) 154/124 2022]

15.Bg5+- Qd7 4.22/26

[15...f6 2.84/21 was called for. 16.exf6 Rf7]

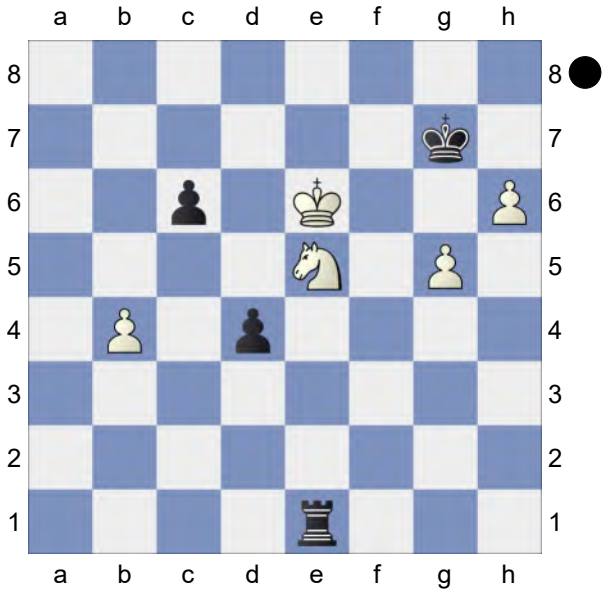
16.Re1? 0.40/23

[16.Bf5!+- 4.22/26 Qc6 *(16...gxf5 17.Bf6 Nxf6* Remove Defender *18.exf6 Kh8 19.Qxf8#; 16...Qxf5? 17.Nxd5+-)* 17.Rd1]

16...c6± 17.f4 0.00/26

[17.Re3± 0.42/24 is superior. f6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.h3]

17...f6= 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.f5 Qg7! 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.Bxg6 This pair of bishops is nice.
[21.Qxg6 Qxg6 22.Bxg6 Kg7∓]
21...Ng4!↑ Black has some pressure. Chess con chili. **22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Bh5 Bf5! 24.Re7+! Kg8 25.Ne2** -0.88/21
[25.Rxb7∓ -0.40/21 Nf6 *(25...Rab8 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.h3±)* 26.Be2]
25...Nf6!∓ 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.c3 Bg6 -0.58/20
[27...Raf8∓ -1.13/20 Hoping for ... Bg4! 28.Nf4 Bg6 29.Bxg6 Rxf4 30.Bh7+ Kh8]
28.Bxg6∓ Rxg6 29.Rxb7 Endgame. KRR-KRN **29...Rg7** Prevents Rc7
30.Rb4 -1.14/22
[30.Rxg7+∓ -0.54/23 Kxg7 31.Nd4]
30...Re8 -0.64/19
[Black should play 30...c5∓ -1.14/22 31.Rf4 a5]
31.Nf4 Rd7 -0.25/21
[31...a5∓ -0.64/22 32.Rd4 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Rb1]
32.Rd4 -0.98/22
[32.Kf2= -0.25/21 keeps the balance.]
32...Re4 -0.31/25
[32...c5!∓ -0.98/22 33.Rd2 *(33.Rxd5 Rxd5 34.Nxd5 Re2∓)* 33...d4]
33.Kf2 Rxd4 34.cxd4 KR-KN **34...Re7 35.Ne2** -0.72/24
[35.b3∓ -0.36/28]
35...Kf7 Black has strong compensation. Black is more active.
[35...Rb7!? 36.b3□ Rf7+ 37.Ke1 Rh7∓]
36.Kf3 Re4
[36...Rb7!? 37.b3□ Re7∓]
37.h3 Kf6 38.g3 a5 Threatening ...a4. **39.b3 Ke6 40.h4 Kf5 41.g4+ Kf6 42.a3! Kf7 43.b4 a4 44.Nc3!**
[44.h5 Kf6 45.Nc3 Rxd4 46.Nxa4 Kg5-+]
44...Rxd4 White must now prevent ... Rd3+. **45.Nxa4 Rd3+ 46.Kf4 Rxa3 47.Nc5 Rc3 48.Kf5 Rf3+ 49.Ke5 Re3+ 50.Kf4**
[50.Kd6 d4 51.Kxc6 Rc3∓ *(51...d3 52.Nxd3 Rxd3 53.b5=)*]
50...Rc3 aiming for ...Rc4+. **51.Kf5 Rc4 52.Nd3 Kg7 53.h5 Kh6 54.Ne5 Rc1** ...Rf1+ is the strong threat. **55.Nf7+ Kg7 56.Ne5 Rf1+ 57.Ke6! d4** Strongly threatening ...Re1. **58.g5?** -7.88/22
[58.Kd6= -0.11/23]
58...Re1!-+ 59.h6+



Kg8! 60.Kf5

(Diagram)

Rxe5+! 61.Kxe5 Intending g6! and mate. **61...d3** And now ...d2 would win. **62.Kf6** g6 would now be deadly. **62...d2 63.h7+ Kxh7 64.g6+ Kg8** What a bad dream for White.
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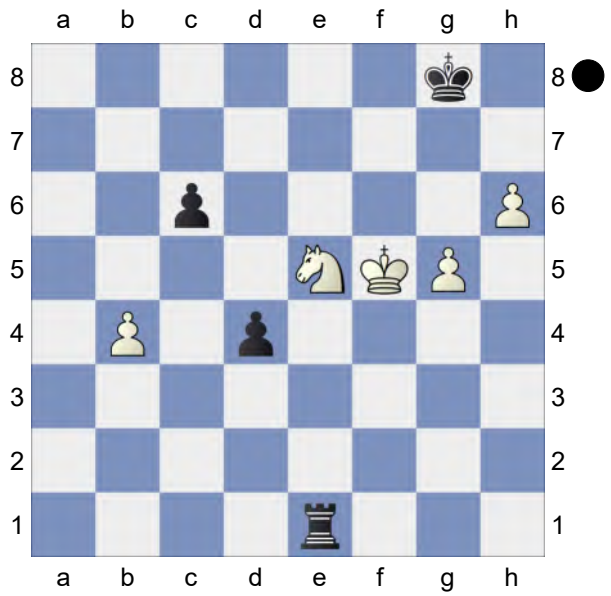
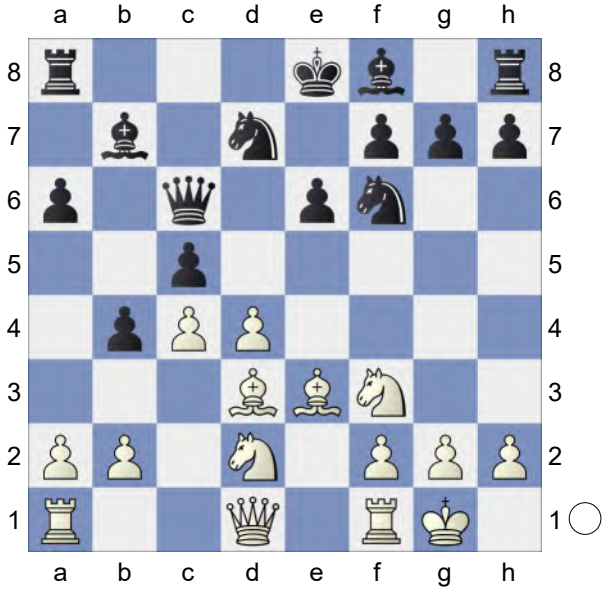


B28

□ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula** **2276**
■ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.63)
[Kitty Kat]

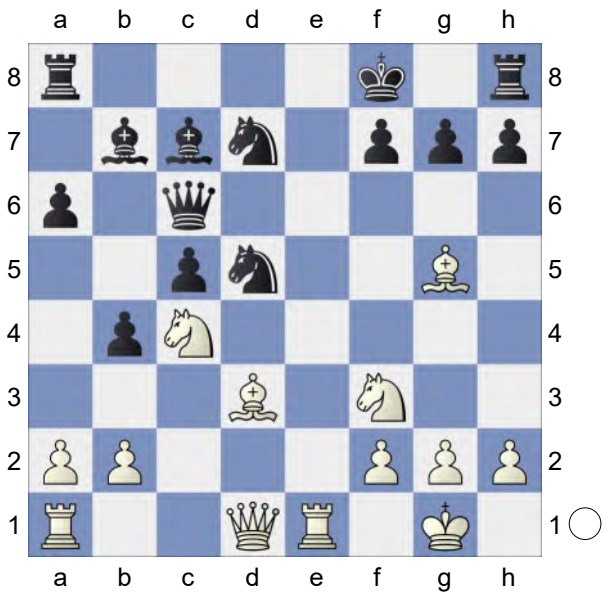
B28: Sicilian: 2 Nf3 a6 (O'Kelly Variation)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c3 d5
[3...d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Be3 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Rc1 Be6 13.Ng5 Nd4 14.Nxe6 Nxe6 15.Bc4 Nd4 16.Bd5 Qb6 17.f4 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 1-0 (47) Akopian,V (2693)-Izoria,Z (2607) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2005 (3)]
4.exd5 Qxd5N
[4...Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nxd5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Bc4 Be6 9.Bb3 Nxc3 *(9...Na5 10.0-0 Nxb3 11.axb3 g6 12.Ng5 Bg7 13.Nxe6 fxe6 14.Re1 Qb6 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Bg5 0-0 17.Bxe7 Bxd4 18.Bxf8 Bxf2+ 19.Kh1 Bxe1 20.Bh6 Re8 21.Qxd5+ Qe6 22.Qxb7 Bc3 23.Rf1 Bxb2 24.h3* Chapter-Games Chapter 4 (2)) 10.bxc3 Bxb3 11.Qxb3 Qd7 12.d5 Na5 13.Qb4 Qxd5 14.0-0 e6 15.Qg4 h5 16.Qg3 Bd6 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.Qxf4 0-0 19.Rad1 1-0 (60) Zarnicki,P (2514)-Barp,A (2432) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (8)]
5.d4 e6 6.Be3 Nd7 7.Nbd2 Ngf6 8.Bc4 Qc6 White is slightly better. **9.0-0 b5 10.Bd3 Bb7** 0.55/19
[10...c4= 0.00/18 11.Bc2 Bd6]
11.c4± b4 0.99/21
[11...Be7± 0.52/21]



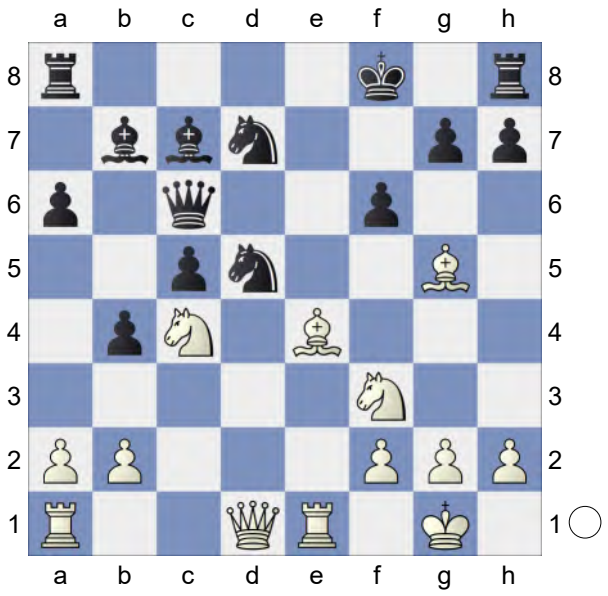
12.d5!± exd5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bg5 Re1+ is the strong threat. **14...Bd6 15.Re1+** White has strong compensation. **15...Kf8 16.Nc4** Strongly threatening Be4. White is more active. **16...Bc7** 2.35/21
[16...h6± 1.09/18 was worth a try. 17.Bh4 N5f6]

(Diagram)

17.Be4 1.32/19
[Better is 17.Bc2!+- 2.35/21]



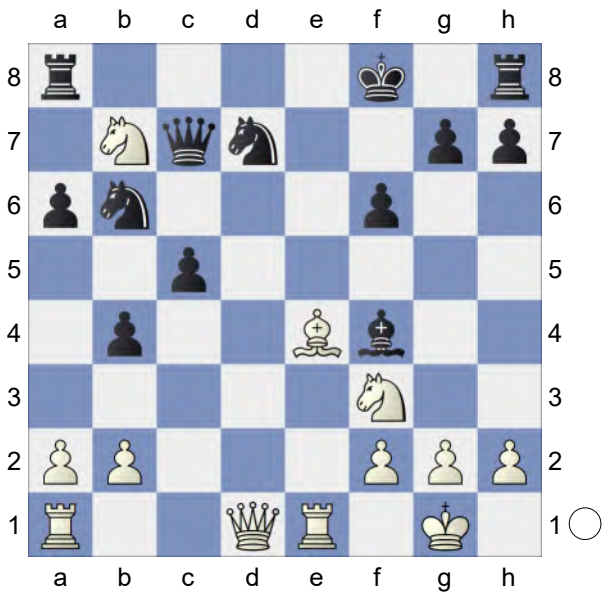
17...f6? 3.45/18
[17...Re8± 1.32/19 keeps fighting.]



18.Bf4!+- Hoping for Bxc7. Deflection
18...Bxf4
[18...N7b6 19.Na5]
19.Na5 Qc7 20.Nxb7
[20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Nb6±]
20...N5b6

(Diagram)

21.Nxc5! Discovered Attack **21...Nxc5**



[21...Re8 22.Nxa6]
22.Bxa8 Nxa8 23.Qe2 Qf7 Inhibits Qe8+. **24.Rad1** Intending Rd8+ and mate. **24...g5 25.Rd8+ Kg7 26.Rxh8** Remove Defender **26...Kxh8 27.Qe8+ Qxe8 28.Rxe8+ Kg7 29.Rxa8 g4 30.Nd4** White is clearly winning. **30...Be5 31.Nc6 Bxb2 32.Nxb4 Bc3 33.Nxa6** Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.40
1-0

A07
□ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
■ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.64)
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c5**
[3...c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 *(5.h3 Bh5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5*

9.Ne5 Bg6 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.b3 a5 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rc4 Rab8 1-0 (50) Hidalgo,J (2532)-7.♕d6 ♕f6 8. ♕f6 ♘f6 (2374) Hiroshima Chushikoku-ch 2023 (7)) 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nfxe4 17.dxe4 Ne6 18.Qg3 ½-½ (33) Akopian,V (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2711) World Team Championship, Ningbo 2011 (3)]

4.0-0 e6 5.d4N

[5.b3 Nc6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.h3 b5 10.a4 b4 11.e4 Ba6 12.Re1 Nd7 13.Nh2 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.f4 Rad8 16.Ng4 Nxg4 17.Qxg4 dxe4 18.Bxe4 f5 19.Qh5 fxe4 0-1 (23) Terelya,I-Hamiliton 85/342 Russia 2002 20.Nxe4 Nd4 21.Rac1 Rf5 22.Qg4 Bb7 23.Re3 e5 0-1 Ozols,K-Zirnis,A Latvian Exiles 5254 1952]

[5.d3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b5 11.Nf1 Bb7 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.N1h2 Kh8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Qh6 h4 17.Nxh4 Nxe5 18.N4f3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 d4 1-0 (42) Ravisekhar,R (2325)-Miheso,C Thessaloniki ol (Men) 1988 (2)]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.c4 Hoping for Bg5. **8...Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.N1d2** The position is equal. **10...Nf6 11.Ne4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 f5 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Be3 Rd7 16.Rfc1 Bd5 17.Na5 Rc7 18.Nc4 Bxc4** 1.02/17

[18...e4± 0.61/21 should be considered.]

19.Rxc4± Be7 20.Ra4 Kd7 21.Rd1+

[21.Bxa7? Ra8 22.Rd1+ Kc8-+]

21...Ke6 22.a3 White is much more active.

[22.Bxa7 Ra8 23.Bb6 Rxa4∓]

[22.Rxa7 Rxa7 23.Bxa7 Ra8∓]

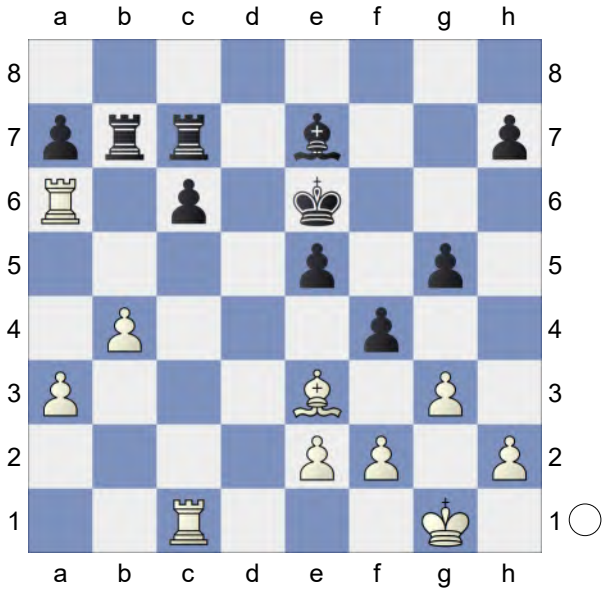
22...Rb8 23.b4

[23.Bxa7 Rxb2 24.e4 Rb3∓]

23...Rbb7 1.34/22

[Black should try 23...g5 0.76/23]

24.Ra6 g5 25.Rc1 f4



26.Bc5

[26.Raxc6+ Rxc6 27.Rxc6+ Kd5-+]

26...Bxc5 27.Rxc5 Endgame. KRR-KRR **27...Kd6 28.Kg2** 1.29/23

[28.gxf4+- 1.65/20 gxf4 29.Kg2]

28...fxg3 29.Kxg3 h5 30.f3 1.23/21

[30.h3+- 1.74/26]

30...Rb8 2.20/23

[30...Rb6± 1.23/21 31.Raa5 Re7]

31.Rca5? 0.24/23

[Better is 31.Raa5+- 2.20/23 Re7 32.h3]

31...Rbb7? 2.02/24

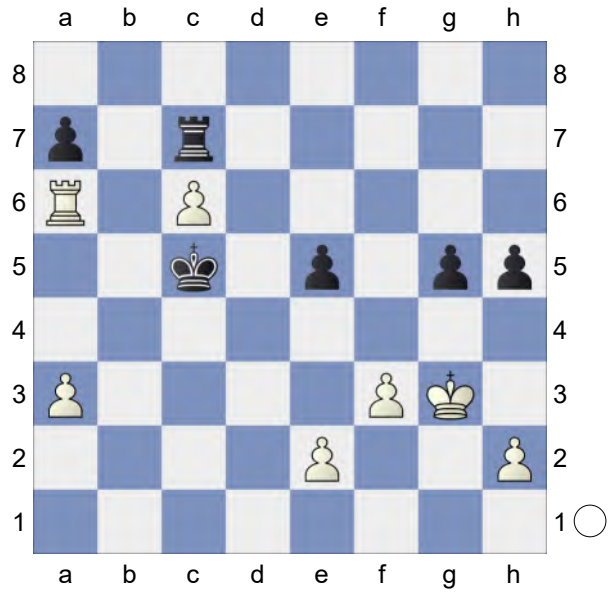
[31...g4!= 0.24/23]

32.b5? 0.25/19

[32.h3+- 2.02/24]

32...Rb6= 33.bxc6 Threatens to win

with e4.
[33.Rxa7 Rxa7 34.Rxa7 Rxb5∓]
33...Rxa6? 2.09/20 Black is on the road to losing.
[33...h4+= 0.29/21 and Black stays safe. 34.Kg4 Rcxc6 35.Rxb6 *(35.Rxa7 Rc2±)* 35...axb6]
34.Rxa6 Black must now prevent h4. KR-KR **34...Kc5**



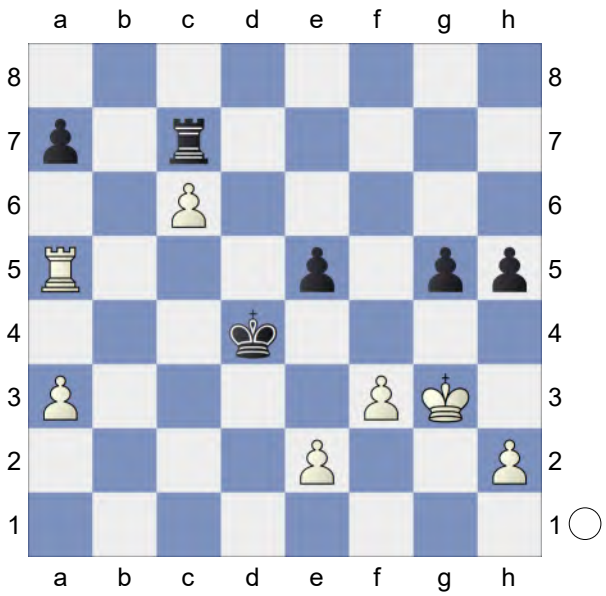
35.Ra5+ 0.99/19
[35.a4!+- 2.37/19 and the rest is easy.]
35...Kd4? 5.71/20
[35...Kd6± 0.99/19]

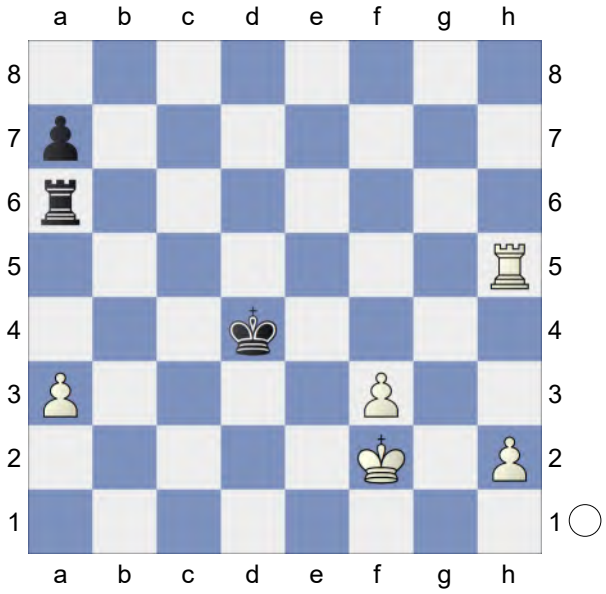
(Diagram)

36.e3+!+- Decoy. White is clearly winning. **36...Kxe3**
[36...Kd3 37.Rxe5]
37.Rxe5+ Kd4 38.Rxg5 Rxc6 39.Rxh5 Rg6+ 40.Kf2 Ra6

(Diagram)

41.a4! Rg6
[41...Kd3 42.a5]

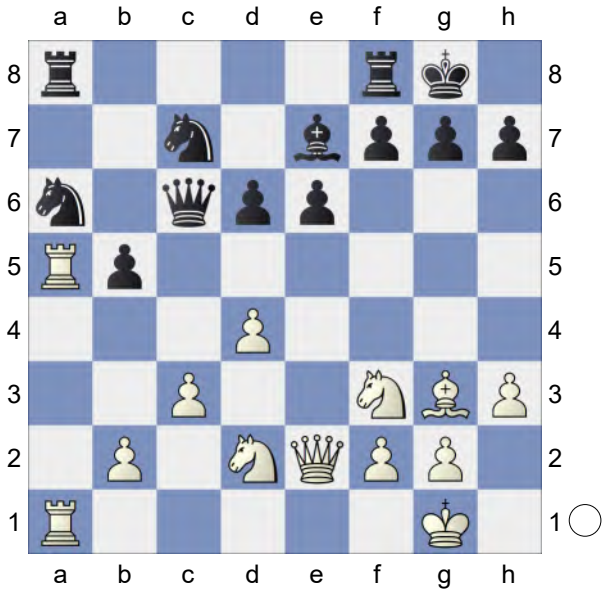




42.Rh4+ Ke5 43.Rg4 Rh6 44.Kg3 Kf5 45.h4 Ra6 46.Rg5+ Kf6 47.a5 Rc6 48.Rb5 Kg6 49.Rd5 Kf6 50.Kg4 Kg6 51.h5+ Kf6 52.Rf5+ Kg7 53.Kg5 a6 54.Rd5 Rc3 55.Rd7+ Kg8 56.f4 Rg3+ 57.Kf5 Ra3 58.h6 Ra1 59.Ra7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.57
1-0

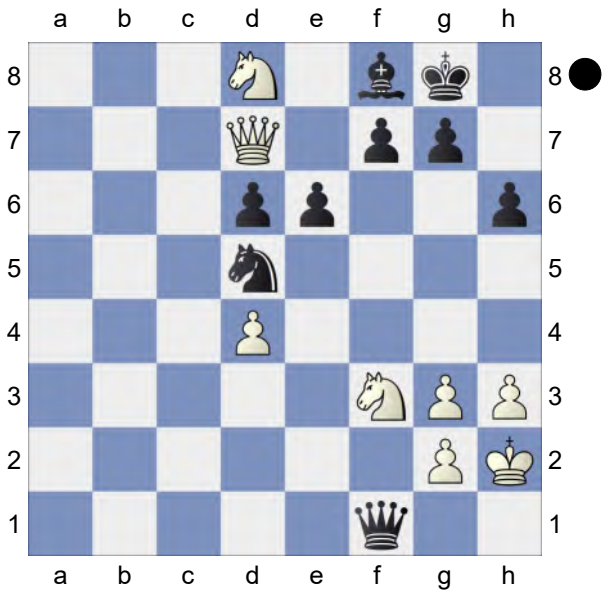
A46
□ **Wafa,Hamed** **2359**
■ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.65) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A47: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 b6: Torre, London and Colle Systems
Huzman,A; Vainerman,I: 'Inf 43/36' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4
A) 5...a6 6.g3 *(6.e4 Qc7 7.a3 b6 8.Be3 Bb7 9.f3 Be7 10.Rc1 d6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qd2 Rac8 14.b4 Rfe8 15.Kh1 Qb8 16.Rc2 Bd8 17.Na4 Ne5 18.Bg1 h5 19.Bf2 Ng6 20.c5 b5* ½-½ (47) Skopec,L (2642)-Papadiamandis,E (2632) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (8.1)*)* 6...Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Qxd4 Nfxd5 20.Qxh8 0-1 (23) Adianto,U (2598)-Kasparov,G (2838) EUR-ASIA m 30' rapid 2001 (5);
B) 5...Bb4 6.Qb3 Bc5 7.Be3 b6 8.f3 Qe7 9.g3 Nc6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Bg2 Na5 12.Qa4 Bb4 13.Bc1 Nxc4 14.0-0 d5 15.Kh1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.Qc2 Rac8 (23) Chapter-Games Chapter - 24]
[3.g3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nd2 Bc5 *(6...b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Nb5 Qc8 9.e4 a6 10.Nc3 d6 11.0-0 Be7 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Rac1 Ra7 16.g4 h6 17.f4 Nh7 18.Nf3 Nhf8 19.g5 Ng6 20.gxh6 Nxf4 21.Qd2* 1-0 (39) Phandsupatavorn,W (2490)-Kulejewski,L (2250) Biel Master Open 2015 *)* 7.N2b3 Be7 8.Qd3 a6 9.Bg2 d6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.Ba5 Qc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rac1 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.e4 Qb8 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.h3 Rc8 1-0 (52) Huzman,A (2435)-Novikov,I (2480) USSR 43/36 1987]
3...c5 4.c3 b6 5.e3 Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.a4 -0.28/24
[⌓7.h3 0.25/21]
7...cxd4 0.10/21
[⌓7...Nh5 -0.28/24]
8.exd4= d6 The position is equal. **9.h3 Ba6 10.Bb5 Bxb5 11.axb5 Nd5 12.Bg3 Nc7 13.Qe2 a6 14.bxa6 Nbxa6 15.0-0 b5** Prevents Nc4 **16.Ra5 Qd7 17.Rfa1 Qc6**



18.Qe4 0.06/21
[White should try 18.Nf1!± 0.80/18]
18...Nd5 19.b3 Nac7 20.c4 Black must now prevent Rxa8. **20...Rxa5 21.Rxa5 Qb6 22.Ra1 Nf6 23.Qc2 h6 24.Qc3 Ra8 25.Rxa8+ Nxa8 26.cxb5 Qxb5 27.Qc8+ Qe8 28.Qb7 Qd8! 29.Nc4 Nc7 30.Na5 Qd7 31.Nc6 Bf8! 32.b4 Ncd5 33.Qa6**
[33.Qxd7 simplifies Nxd7 34.Kf1 f5 35.Ke2]
33...Ne4 34.b5 Qc7 35.Qa8 -0.45/24

[35.Ne1= -0.04/24 is superior.]
35...Nec3 36.Qa6 Qb6 37.Qc8? -2.14/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[37.Qxb6= -0.26/24 and White has nothing to worry. Nxb6 38.Na7]
37...Ne2+-+
[Don't do 37...Nxb5 38.Qe8]
[37...Qxb5 38.Qe8 *(38.Bxd6 Kh7±)* 38...Kh7 39.Qxf8=]
38.Kh2 Nxg3
[Stronger than 38...Qxb5 39.Qe8 *(39.Bxd6 Kh7=)* 39...Kh7 40.Qxf8=]
39.fxg3 Nb8 is the strong threat.
39...Qxb5 Strongly threatening ...g6.
40.Qd7? -3.80/21
[40.Nb8 -1.80/20 Nf6 41.g4]
40...Qf1 ...Ne3 would now be deadly.
41.Nd8

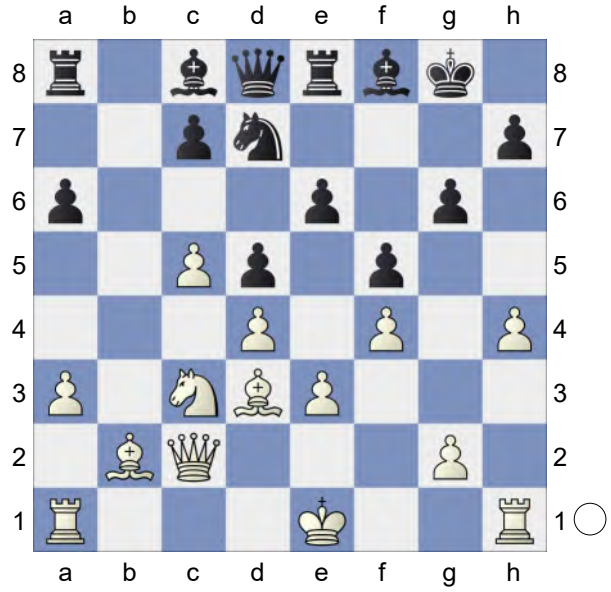


Ne3! 42.Qxf7+ Kh7 43.Nh4 Qxf7 Black is clearly winning. **44.Nxf7** Endgame. KBN-KNN **44...Be7** Against Nd8 **45.Kg1 Kg8 46.Nxh6+ gxh6 47.Nf3 Bf6 48.Kf2 Nc2 49.d5 exd5 50.g4 Kf7 51.h4 Nd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.05 (flawless)
0-1

D38
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Navrotescu,Andreea** **2356**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.66)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
Inf 103/(292) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 d5 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 a6**
[7...Re8 8.a3 Bf8 9.Bd2 e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.cxd5 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 13.h4 c6 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Bd3 h6 16.e4 Nxc3 17.Bxc3 Qc7 18.e5 Rad8 19.f4 Qb6 20.Qe2 Qb3 21.f5 Bd5 22.Rhg1 ½-½ (36) Ponomariov,R (2647)-Piorun,K (2597) Chessable Masters Play In rapid 2024 (5)]
8.a3 Bd6N 0.99/21
[8...Bxc3+± 0.36/20 9.Qxc3 Re8]
[8...Be7 9.b4 b6 10.Bb2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bb7 12.0-0 b5 13.Bd3 h6 14.Ne4 Nd7 15.Rfd1 f5 16.Nc3 Nf6 17.d5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.e4 Nxb4 20.axb4 fxe4 21.Bf1 Qc6 22.Qxc6 Bxc6 23.Ne5 1-0 (42) Udeshi,A (2635)-Novikov,S (2594) Kragero Resort Chess 2017 (9) Bd5 24.Rdc1 Bf6 25.Rxc7 Rfc8 26.Rac1 Rxc7 27.Rxc7 a5 28.bxa5 Rxa5 29.Nc6 Ra2 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Ne7+ Kf8 32.Bxb5 Ra1+ 33.Bf1 Bb3 34.Ng6+ Kg8 35.h3 Re1 36.g3 Ba4 37.Kg2 Bd1 38.Nh4 ½-½ (42) Wang,H (2743)-Radjabov,T (2745) Norway Chess 1st 2013 (4) Bf3+ 39.Nxf3 exf3+ 40.Kg1 e5 41.Rc3 e4 42.Re3 1-0 Aronian,L (2813)-Hammer,J (2608) Norway Chess 1st 2013 (6)]
9.c5± White is better. **9...Be7 10.b4 Re8 11.Bb2 Bf8 12.b5** 0.24/22
[White should play 12.Bd3± 1.08/21]

12...Nb8 13.bxa6 bxa6 0.81/24
[13...b6± 0.42/19]
14.Ne5 Nfd7 15.f4 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
15...f6 1.20/22 Against h4
[15...Nxe5± 0.70/20 16.fxe5 Kh8]
16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Bd3 g6 18.h4 f5

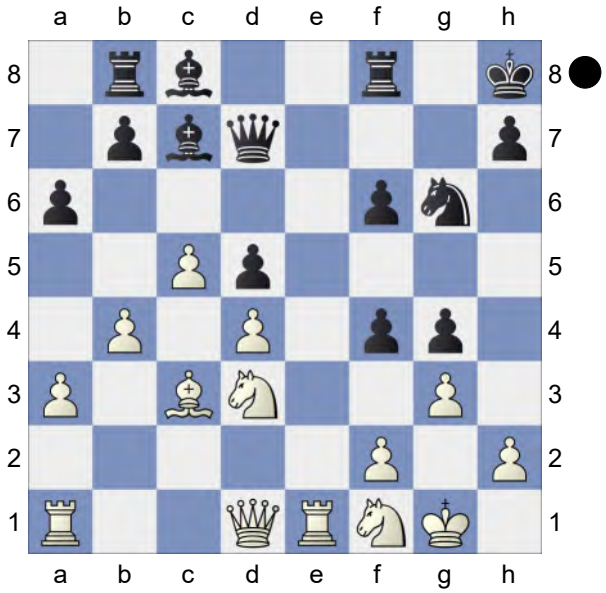


19.g4! Nf6
[19...fxg4 20.h5]
20.g5 Ng4 21.Bc1
[21.Ke2 looks sharper. h5 22.Na2 a5 23.Rab1]
21...h5 22.Rb1 Bd7 23.Bd2 Bc6 24.Na2 Bb5 25.a4 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Qd7 27.Qc2 Reb8 1.98/21
[27...Kh7± 1.29/20 was called for. 28.c6 Qd6]
28.Ke2+- Qe8 29.Ba5 Ra7? 3.73/23
[29...e5 1.66/19 was necessary. 30.fxe5 Qf7]
30.Rxb8 Qxb8 31.Rb1 Qe8 32.Qb3 Rb7? 6.14/20
[32...Qd7 3.28/18 33.Rb2 e5]
33.Qxb7 Qxa4 34.Qb3
[34.Bxc7 is a self mate. Qc2+ 35.Ke1 Qf2+ *(35...Qxa2? 36.Qb2+-)* 36.Kd1 Nxe3+ 37.Kc1 Qc2#]
34...Qxa5 35.Nc3 Bxc5 36.dxc5 Qxc5 37.Nd1 d4 38.Qxe6+ Kg7 39.Qd7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.55
[Stronger than 39.Qxa6 Qc2+ *(39...dxe3?* is the wrong capture. *40.Qa4+-)* 40.Ke1 Qxb1=]
1-0

B13
□ **Socko,Monika** **2402**
■ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.67)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 e6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Re1 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Nbd2N**
[9.Ng5 g6 10.Nf3 Nf5 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Nf1 Nh4 13.Ne3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 h5 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.h3 Bf8 17.Rad1 Bg7 18.Bc1 b5 19.b4 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 Ne7 22.g4 hxg4 23.Nxg4 Nf5 ½-½ (39) Mamedov,R (2650)-Artemiev,V (2761) Poikovsky 141/38 2019]
9...f6 10.c4 Kh8 11.a3 Nf5 12.Bxf5 -0.04/18
[12.b4± 0.34/20 is superior.]
12...exf5= 13.c5 Bc7 14.b4 a6 15.Bb2 f4 0.27/22
[15...g5 -0.21/24 deserves consideration.]
16.Bc3 -0.48/21
[16.Qb3!= 0.27/22]
16...Rb8 -0.01/20
[16...g5∓ -0.48/21]
17.Nb3 -0.44/22
[17.a4= -0.01/20 b5 18.axb5 Rxb5 19.Qa4]

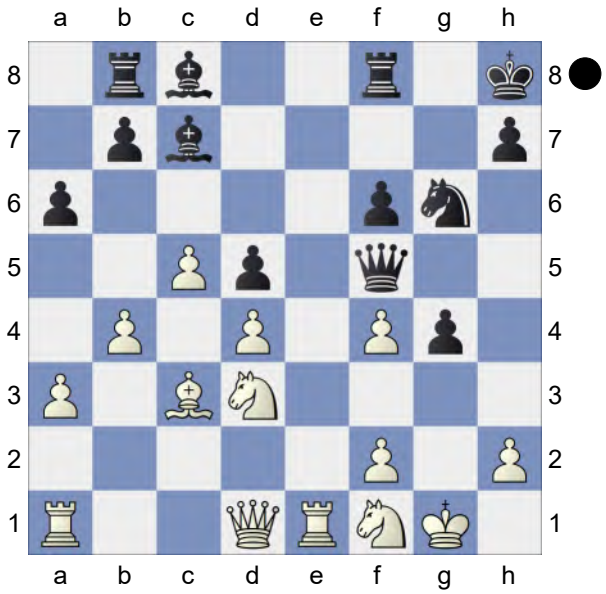
17...g5 18.Nfd2 -0.79/22
[18.a4!= -0.24/21]
18...g4 -0.27/19
[18...Bf5∓ -0.79/22]
19.Nf1 -1.12/20
[19.a4!= -0.27/19 keeps the balance.]
19...Ne7 -0.21/18
[19...f3!∓ -1.12/20 And now ...fxg2 would win. 20.g3 f5]
20.Nc1 -0.60/20
[20.a4= -0.21/18]
20...Ng6∓ 21.g3 Qd7 -0.15/23
[21...fxg3∓ -0.63/22 22.fxg3 f5]
22.Nd3 -0.92/20
[22.a4= -0.15/23]



22...Qf5!∓ 23.gxf4? -2.39/21
[23.a4∓ -0.75/21 Bd7 24.Qb1]

(Diagram)

23...Nh4!-+
[23...Nxf4 24.Nxf4 Bxf4 25.Bd2±]
[23...Bxf4 24.Ng3 Bxg3 25.fxg3∓]
24.Ng3 Nf3+ -0.61/17
[24...Qg6-+ -1.96/22 Hoping for ...



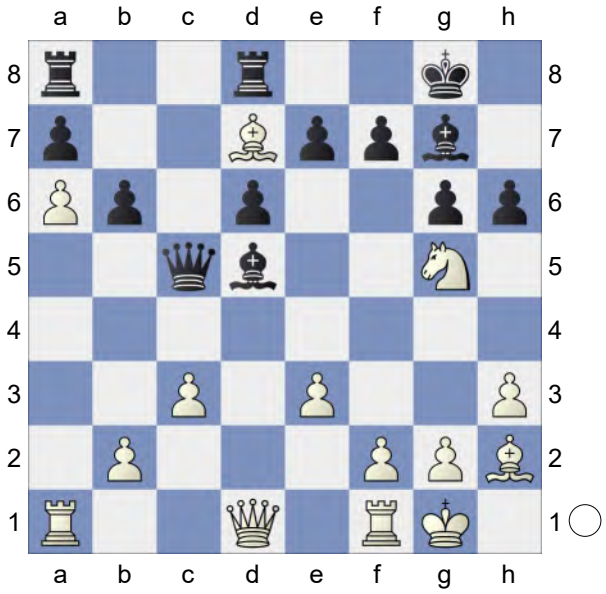
Nf3+. 25.Re7 Bf5 26.Nxf5 Nf3+ 27.Kf1 Qxf5 28.Rxc7 Qh5]
25.Kh1? -2.59/21
[25.Qxf3!∓ -0.61/17 gxf3 26.Nxf5 Bxf5 27.Re3]
25...Qg6 26.Re3 Bf5 27.Ra2 -3.56/22
[⌓27.Ne1 -2.18/22 Bxf4 28.Qe2]
27...Rbe8 28.Rae2? -4.54/22
[28.Nxf5 -2.71/21 keeps fighting. Qxf5 29.Rxf3]
28...Be4
[Don't do 28...Qh6 29.Rxf3 *(29.Rxe8? Qxh2#)* 29...gxf3 30.Rd2 *(30.Nxf5?* too greedy. *Qh3-+; 30.Rxe8? Rxe8 31.Nxf5 Qh3-+)*]
29.Nxe4 Ng3 is the strong threat.
29...Qh6 Double Attack **30.Rxf3 gxf3 31.Re1 dxe4 32.Ne5 fxe5 33.d5 Rf5** Black mates. **34.Rxe4 Qh3 35.Qg1 Rg8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

A48

□ **Luong Phuong Hanh** 2225
■ **Binu,Devdutt** 2274
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.68) 10.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems
A48: Est-indienne (sans c2-c4)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4
[3.c4 c5 4.g3 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Ndb5 Nxc3 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nxc3 Bg7 10.Bd2 Be6 11.g3 Nc6 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Ke8 14.b3 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 f6 16.0-0 Kf7 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Rxc6 bxc6* 1-0 (41) Arsovic,G (2359)-Lusheski,K (1573) FRM-chT2 Gp-A 2022 (5.2)*)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 e4 9.Nd4 0-0 10.Nc2 Be7 11.0-0 Be6 12.b3 Nc6 13.Bb2 dxc4 14.bxc4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxe4 Bg7 1-0 (92) Svidler,P (2727)-Bu,X (2714) Nanjing Pearl Spring 1st 2008 (8)]
3...Bg7 4.e3 0-0N
[4...c5 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 Qxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.Rxa7 0-0 12.Nbd2 Nb6 13.Ke2 Be6 14.Nc4 Nc8 15.Raa1 Nd6 16.Nxd6 exd6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bb5 h6 19.Ra7 0-1 (43) Dreev,A (2698)-Bologan,V (2669) Russie (coupe federation blitz) 2004 (10)]
5.h3 d6 6.c3 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 c5 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.a4 Re8 11.Bh2 Qc7 12.a5 Ne4 1.53/23
[12...cxd4± 0.33/22 13.a6 Bd5]
13.a6± Bc6 White is clearly better.
14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Ng5 Bd5 16.Bb5? 0.31/23
[White should play 16.e4+- 1.83/25]
16...h6!± 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Bxd7 Red8



19.Ne6! Bxe6
[19...fxe6 20.Ba4]
20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qd3↑ White has the initiative. **21...Kh7 22.Ra4 Qf5** 0.90/23 Repels Rg4
[22...Bf6± 0.49/21]
23.Qe2 0.37/23
[23.e4± 0.90/23 Qf7 24.Re1]
23...Rac8 24.Rf4 Qc5 1.37/18
[24...Qh5± 0.42/19 25.Qxh5 gxh5]
25.Qg4!±
[25.Rf7?! Re8±]
25...e5 26.Rf7 Re8 2.56/21
[26...Rc7± 1.47/21 was called for.]
27.f4!+- exf4
[27...Qxe3+ 28.Kh1 h5 29.Qd7]
28.Bxf4 0.37/20
[White has to play 28.R1xf4+- 2.37/20 Threatens to win with Qe6. Qd5 *(28...Qxe3+ 29.Kh1±)* 29.Bg3]
28...Qc4± Inhibits Qe6. **29.Bg3** -0.55/21
[White should try 29.Bxd6!± 0.42/28 exd6 30.Qd7]
29...Qxg4∓ 30.hxg4 Kg8 0.05/21
[30...g5∓ -0.43/24]
31.R1f3 -0.57/22

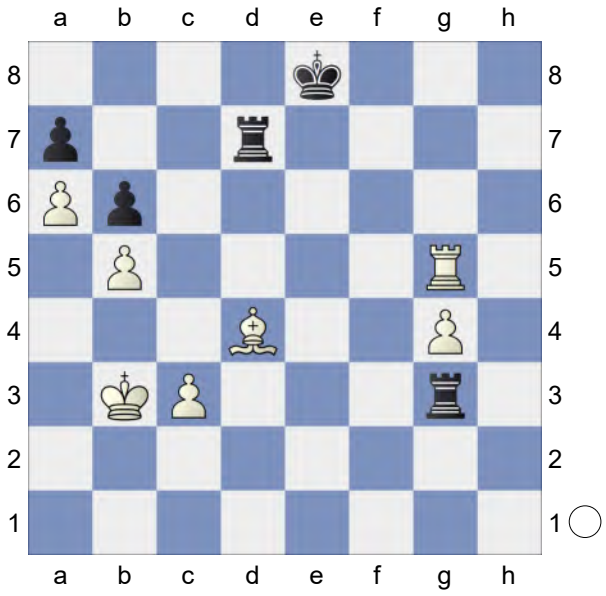
[31.Bxd6!= 0.05/21 exd6 32.Rxa7]
31...Bf6 32.R3xf6 exf6 33.Rxf6
[33.Rxa7? Ra8 34.Rb7 Rxa6-+]
33...Rxe3= Endgame. KRR-KRB **34.Bf2 Kg7 35.Rxd6 Re7** Prevents Rd7. **36.Bd4+ Kh7 37.Kh2 g5 38.b4 Rcc7 39.Rd8 Kg6 40.Rf8** -0.47/28
[40.Rd6+= -0.10/28 Kh7 41.Bf6]
40...Kh7 0.00/33
[40...Rc6∓ -0.47/28 feels stronger.]
41.Rh8+ Kg6 42.Rf8 Rcd7 43.Rf6+ Kg7 44.Rc6+ Kf8 0.00/22
[44...Kh7∓ -0.66/26]
45.Kg3 Rd5 46.Rxh6 Ke8 47.Rh8+ Kf7! 48.Rh6 Rdd7 49.Rf6+ Ke8? 2.27/22 White stays focused until the end.
[49...Kg7= 0.00/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 50.Rc6+ *(50.Rxb6+? Rxd4 51.Rc6 Rdd7-+)* 50...Kh7]
50.Rf5+- Re1 51.Rxg5 Rh5 would now be deadly. **51...Ra1 52.b5 Ra3** 3.28/20
[52...Ra2 1.88/19 was necessary. 53.Re5+ Re7]
53.Kf4
[53.Re5+ Re7±]
53...Ra2 54.g3 Rf7+ 55.Ke4 Re2+ 56.Kd5 Rd7+ 57.Kc4 Rg2 58.Kb3 And now Rg8+ would win. **58...Rxg3?** 10.31/25
[58...Re2 2.17/19 59.Rh5 *(59.Rg8+ Kf7+-)* 59...Re6 60.Rh8+ Ke7]

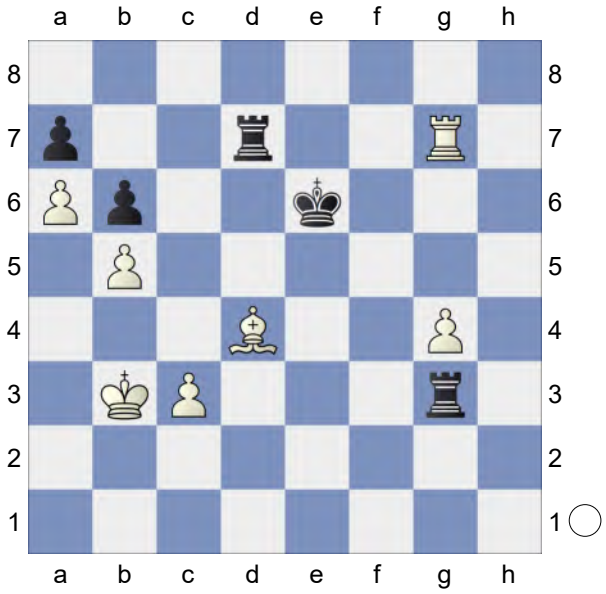
(Diagram)

59.Rg8+! Kf7 60.Rg7+ Ke6

(Diagram)

61.Rxd7!
[Weaker is 61.Rg6+ Kd5=]

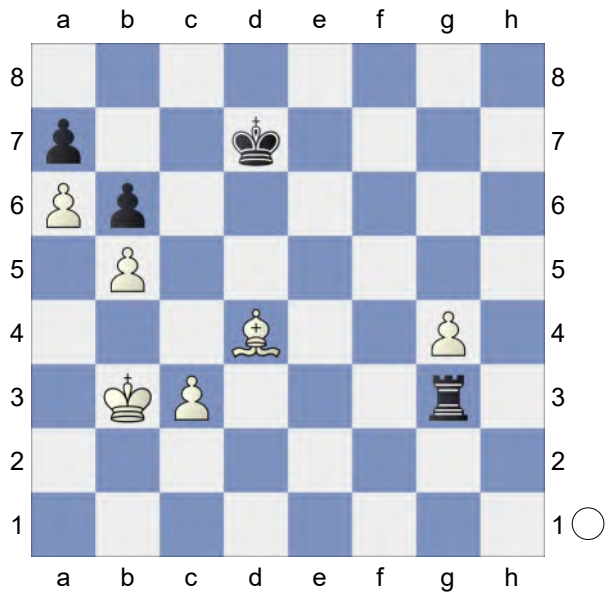




61...Kxd7

(Diagram)

62.Bxb6! Promotion **62...Rxg4**
[62...axb6 63.a7]
63.Bxa7 b6 is the strong threat. KR-KB
63...Rg8 64.b6 Kc6 65.b7 Kb5 66.b8Q+ Rxb8 67.Bxb8 Kxa6 68.Be5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.29 (precise)
1-0



A07

□ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
■ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar** **2241**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (7.69)
[Kitty Kat]

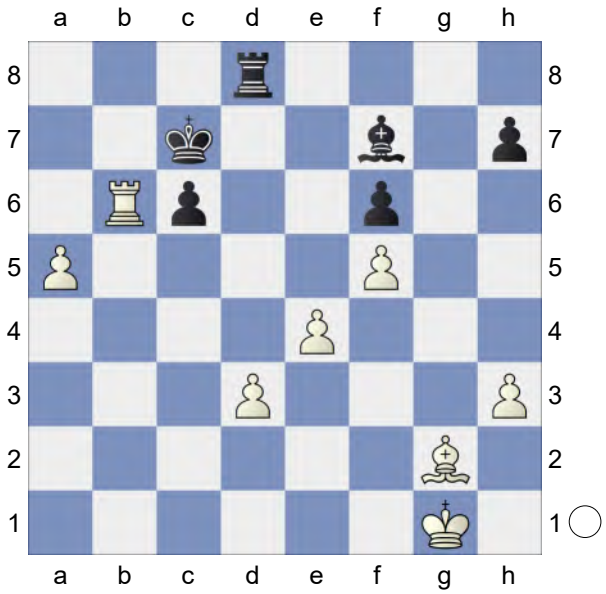
A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4 e6 6.0-0 Bd6N
[6...Nf6 7.d4 *(7.d3 Be7 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Be3 Qxb3 10.axb3 a6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ne5 Nbd7 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Rac1 Rfd8* Meier,G (2630)-Karjakin,S (2783) chess.com (blitz) 133/(6) 2017*)* 7...Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Nxe5 *(9...Be7 10.Nc3 Bg6 11.f4 Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qb3 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bc5+ 16.Be3 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Qb6 18.Kf2 Ke7 19.a4 Rhd8 20.a5 Qxe3+ 21.Kxe3 Rd5 22.a6 Rb5 23.axb7 Rxb7 24.Rfc1* 1-0 (47) Preotu,R (2451)-Erdogmus,Y (2592) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (6.16)*)* 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 f5 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.f4 Qb6+ 14.Kh2 0-0-0 15.f5 Bc5 16.Rb1 Bd4 17.Bf4 Rde8 18.g4 Bf7 19.e6 Bg8 20.b4 h5 21.b5 1-0 (29) Mondrzycki,B (2214)-Svobodova,M (1973) Brno op 2022 (8)]
[6...Nd7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.Qb3 Nc5 11.Qc2 0-0 12.e3 a5 13.Ne2 Bg6 14.Rd1 h6 15.Nf4 Bh7 16.b3 Ne6 17.Bb2 Nxf4 18.exf4 Re8 19.Qc3 Nf5 20.a3 Bf8 21.Re1 0-1 (52) Kampal,T (2465)-Levitina,I (2679) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (5)]
7.Qb3 Qb6 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...Bg6** 0.58/22
[8...Nf6= 0.19/21 should be considered.]
9.d3!± Nd7 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Be3 Qa6 12.a4 Ne7 13.b4 Bxb4 0.81/19
[13...0-0± 0.45/20]
14.Qb2!± Bd6 15.Qxg7 Rg8 16.Qb2 Hoping for Nc3. White is more active.
16...Nf5 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Qxb6
[18.Qa2 is interesting. Nxg3 19.Be3 Bc5 20.d4]
18...Nxb6 1.66/19
[18...axb6± 0.68/19 19.Nc3 Ne5]
19.a5 Nd7 20.g4 0.91/18
[⌓20.Nc3 1.38/19]
20...Ne7 21.Nc3 a6 Against Nb5
22.Rfb1 0-0-0 1.03/22
[22...Rb8± 0.63/21]
23.Nd4 Nc5 1.23/21
[⌓23...Kb8 0.86/21]
24.Nb3 0.66/20
[24.Rb6± 1.23/21]
24...Nc6 1.08/19
[24...Nxb3± 0.66/20 25.Rxb3 Nc6]
25.Be3 0.29/20
[25.Nxc5± 1.08/19 Bxc5 26.Na4]
25...Nxb3= 26.Rxb3 Be5 27.Bb6
[27.Rc1!?]

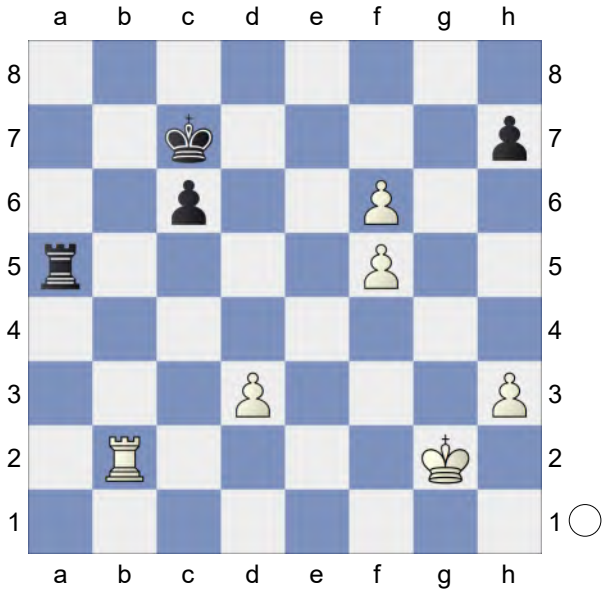
27...Bc7 0.85/21
[27...Rd7± 0.37/21 is superior.]
28.Rc1 0.46/22
[White should play 28.Na4± 0.85/21]
28...Bxb6 1.14/21
[Black should try 28...h5!± 0.46/22]
29.Rxb6± Strongly threatening Na2.
29...Rd7 30.e4↑ White is in control.
30...Rgd8 31.f4 0.70/19
[31.exd5 exd5 32.Ne2 *(32.Nxd5 Rxd5 33.Rcxc6+ bxc6∓)* 32...Bxd3+-]
[Better is 31.h4± 1.17/21]
31...f6? 3.06/23 Loses the game.
[31...Nxa5? 32.f5 *(32.Nxd5+ Kb8±; 32.exd5 Rc7±)* 32...exf5 33.exf5+- *(33.exd5 fxg4 34.Ra1 Kc7∓)*]
[31...dxe4± 0.70/19 32.dxe4 h5 *(32...Nxa5 33.Rbb1±)*]
32.f5+- exf5 33.gxf5
[Don't play 33.exd5?! Nxa5 34.Na4+ *(34.Rxf6 fxg4 35.Na4+ Rc7=)* 34...Kb8+-]
[33.Nxd5 fxe4 34.dxe4 *(34.Nxf6 Rxd3 35.Rcxc6+ bxc6∓)* 34...Rd6 35.Ne7+ Kc7±]
[33.exf5 Bf7 34.Na4 Rc7±]
33...Bf7 34.Nxd5
[34.exd5 Bxd5 35.Bxd5 *(35.Nxd5 Rxd5 36.Bxd5 Rxd5+-)* 35...Rxd5+-]
34...Rd6 5.47/20
[34...Bxd5 3.70/21 might work better. 35.exd5 Rxd5 36.Bxd5 Rxd5]
35.Ne7+ White is clearly winning.
35...Kc7 36.Nxc6 Rxc6 37.Rcxc6+ bxc6 38.Rxa6 Endgame. KRB-KRB
38...Kb7 Wards off Ra7+ **39.Rb6+ Kc7**

(Diagram)

40.e5! Bd5
[40...Be8 41.exf6]
41.exf6 Bxg2 42.Kxg2 KR-KR



42...Rd5 43.Rb2 Rxa5



44.f7!
[Less strong is 44.Rf2 Kd8±]
44...Ra8 45.Re2 Rf8 46.Re7+ Kd6 47.f6 Kd5 48.Kf3 Kd4 49.Kf4 Kxd3 50.Kg5 c5 51.Kh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

C77

□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2646**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.1) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.0-0

[9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 d6 14.h3 g6 15.Qd2 Bg7 16.g4 Kh8 17.g5 h5 18.Nf6 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rg1 Ra8 21.Rxa8 Qxa8 22.Nh4 Ne7 23.Ke2 Rf7 0-1 (31) Fedoseev,V (2674)-Nakamura,H (2775) Chessable Masters Div 1 Win rapid 2023 (1.4)]

9...d6N

[9...0-0 10.h3 *(10.Nc3 h6 11.h3 d6 12.Nd5 Be6 13.c3 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qd7 17.Ne2 Rfe8 18.Ng3 Nf5 19.Kh2 Nh4 20.Qd3 Re7 21.Bd2 Bb6 22.Rac1 Rbe8 23.Bc2 Ng6 24.Bb1 Re5* 0-1 (74) Zhurova,A (2269)-Mkrtchyan,M (2334) The Game has begun U20 Girls 2022 (9)*)* 10...d6 11.Re1 h6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 Ne7 14.c3 c5 15.d4 Ng6 16.Nbd2 Qe7 17.Nf1 Nf4 18.Ng3 g6 19.Qd2 Kg7 20.Bc2 b4 21.cxb4 cxb4 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Bb3 Rd8 24.Qc2 0-1 (37) Hansen,E (2579)-Mamedyarov,S (2746) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (5) Bxh3 25.gxh3 Rbc8 26.Qb1 Nxh3+ 27.Kg2 Nf4+ 28.Kg1 Ng4 29.Qf1 Nxe3 30.fxe3 Rd3 31.exf4 Rxb3 32.fxe5 Rxb2 33.Qh3 Rc3 34.Qg4 Qc5+ 35.Kh1 Rc1+ 36.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 37.Ng1 Qg5 0-1 Heymann,U (2579)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2746) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (5)]

10.h3 h6 11.Be3 Bb6 12.Nc3 The position is equal. **12...0-0 13.Ne2 Ne7 14.Qd2** Threatening Bxh6! **14...Bxe3 15.fxe3 Be6** 0.29/22

[15...c5 -0.20/19 deserves consideration.]

16.Bxe6= fxe6 17.Ng3 Ng6 18.Ra7 b4 19.Qe1 Qd7 20.Qa1 Qc6 21.Qa4 Qxa4

[21...Qb6 feels hotter. 22.Kf2 Nh4 23.Qa5 Rbc8]

22.Rxa4 b3 0.89/20

[22...Ne7= 0.15/25]

23.c3± Nd7 24.Ra7! Rfc8 25.Kf2 Ne7 26.Ke2 d5 1.53/24

[⌓26...Nc5 1.06/21]

27.Nd2 Rb6 28.Rfa1 White is more active. **28...Kf7 29.Ra8 c5 30.R1a7** And now Rxc8 would win. **30...Rxa8 31.Rxa8 Nc6** 1.45/20 Inhibits Ra7.

[Black should play 31...Rc6 1.00/20]

32.Ra3 g6 33.Rxb3 c4 2.72/23

[33...d4± 1.43/20 is a better defense. 34.Nh1 dxc3 35.bxc3 *(35.Rxb6 c2±)* 35...Ra6]

34.Rxb6+-

[34.dxc4?! Rxb3 35.Nxb3 dxc4±]

34...Nxb6 35.exd5

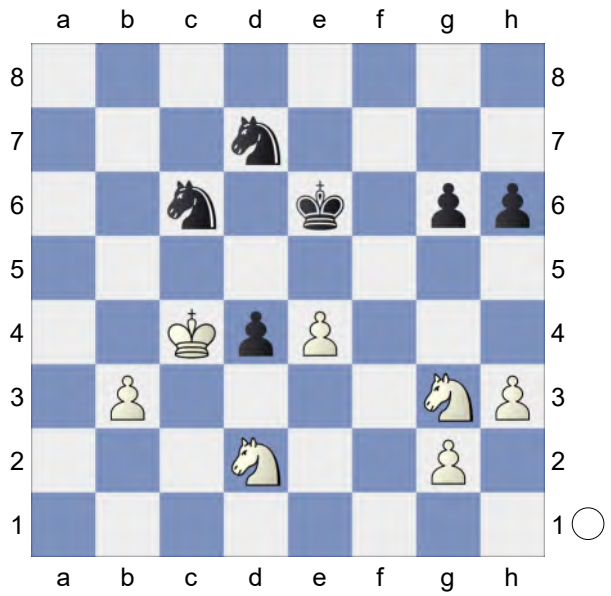
[35.Nh1 Na5 36.exd5 Na4±]

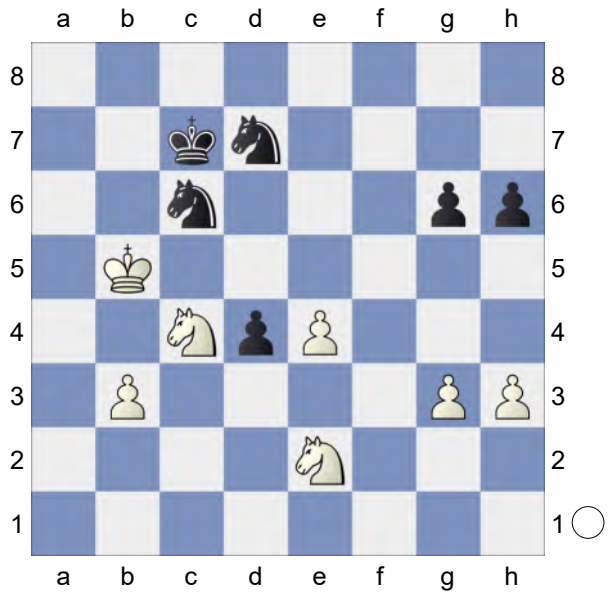
35...exd5 Endgame. KNN-KNN **36.e4! cxd3+ 37.Kxd3 d4 38.cxd4 exd4 39.b3** Repels Na4 **39...Nd7 40.Kc4 Ke6**

(Diagram)

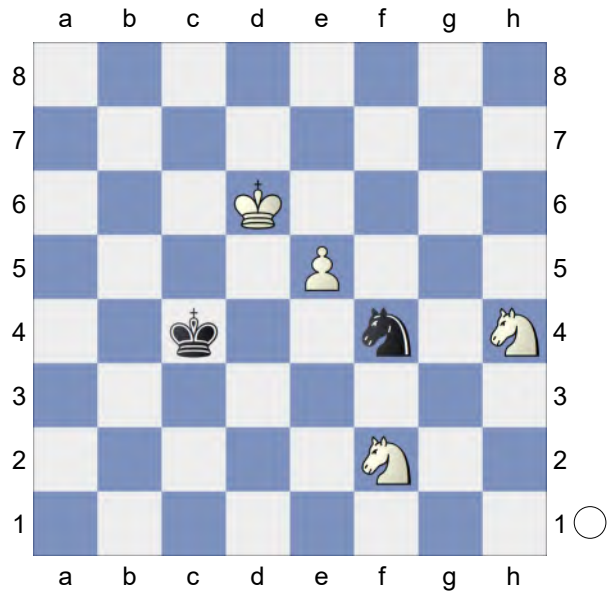
41.Ne2! Ke5 42.g3 Na5+ 43.Kb4 Nc6+ 44.Kb5 Kd6 45.Nc4+ Kc7

(Diagram)





46.Nf4 Na7+ 47.Ka6 Nc6 48.Ne6+
[48.Nxg6 Nc5+ 49.Kb5 Nxe4=]
48...Kb8 49.Kb5 d3? 4.98/21
[49...Na7+ 2.88/20 keeps fighting. 50.Ka4 Nc6]
50.Nd2 Nce5 51.Kb4 g5 52.Nc5 aiming for Nxd7+. **52...Nf6** 3.66/23
[⌓52...Kc8 2.43/22 53.Nxd7 Kxd7]
53.Kc3 Nh5 54.Nf1
[54.Nxd3 Nxd3 55.Kxd3 Nxg3+-]
54...Nf6 55.Kd4
[55.Nxd3 Nxe4+ 56.Kd4 Nxd3±]
55...Nf3+ 56.Kxd3 Ng1 4.32/22
[⌓56...Kc7 3.04/18 57.Ne6+ Kd6]
57.e5 Ne8 58.Ke4 Nxh3 59.Kf5 h5 60.Ne6 h4 61.g4 Ng1 62.Nxg5 Ne2 63.Nf3 Dodges Nd4+ **63...h3 64.g5 Kc7 65.Kg4 Kd7 66.Kxh3 Ke6 67.Kg4 Nc1 68.N1d2 Nd3 69.g6 Kd5 70.Kf5 Nc5 71.b4 Ne6 72.b5 N6g7+ 73.Kg5 Ne6+ 74.Kh6 N8g7 75.Kh7 Nf5 76.Kh8 Ne7 77.g7 Nd8 78.g8Q+ Nxg8 79.Kxg8 Kc5 80.Kf8 Kxb5 81.Ke8 Ne6 82.Kd7 Nf4 83.Kd6 Kb4 84.Ne4 Kc4 85.Nf2 Nh5 86.Nh4 Nf4** 12.31/20
[⌓86...Ng7 4.90/21 87.Ke7 Kd5]



87.Nh3! Nd5
[87...Nh5 88.Nf5]
88.e6 Nb6 89.Kc6
[Less strong is 89.e7 Nc8+ 90.Ke6 Nxe7±]
89...Nd5 90.Nf5 Nf6 91.e7 Kd3 92.Ng5 14.52/20
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.30
[⌓92.Nf2+ #28/21 Ke2 93.Ne4 Ne8 94.Kd7 Trapped Piece Kf3 95.Kxe8 Kxe4 96.Kd8 Kf4 97.e8Q *(97.e8R Kxf5 98.Re7 Kf6 99.Ke8 Kg6*

100.Rf7 Kg5 101.Kd7 Kg6)]
1-0

D37
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
■ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**
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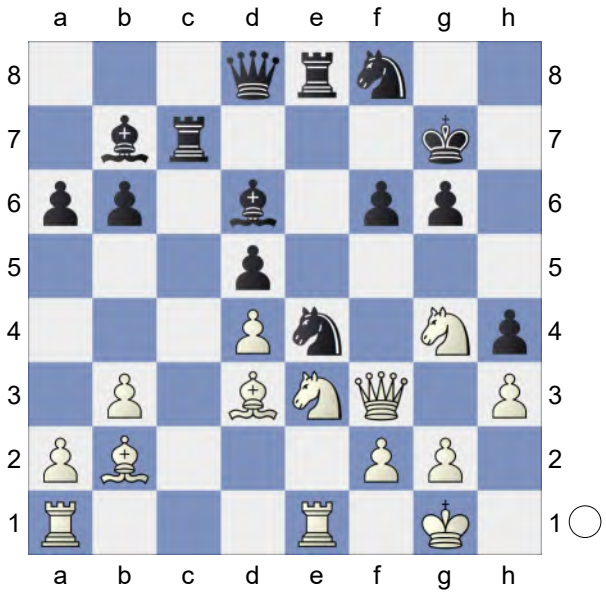
[Kitty Kat]

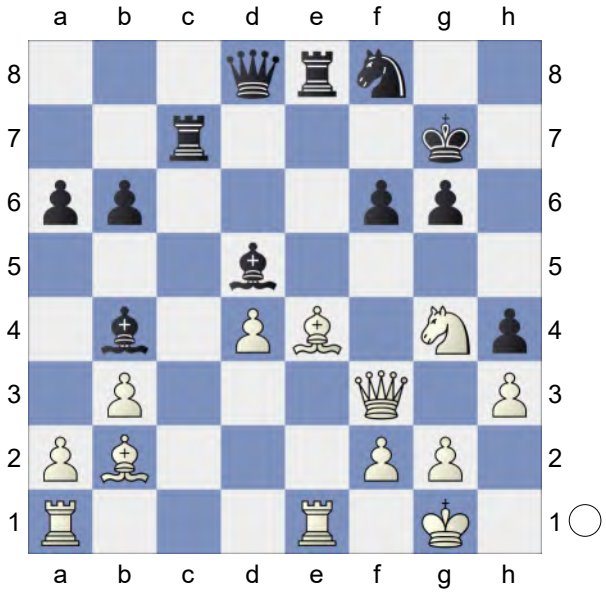
D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 h6 5.e3 Be7N
[5...Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 a6 8.a4 c5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.e4 Bd6 13.Re1 Ng4 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bb3 0-0 7) Sarin Queen/^s Gambit Decl-Sarin Queen'S Gambit Declined 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 b6 8.Bd3 White has an edge. **8...Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Qc2 a6 12.Ne5 c5 13.Bf5 cxd4 14.exd4 Rc8 15.Qd3 Rc7 16.Ne2 Bd6 17.Ng3 Re8 18.Rfe1 Nf8 19.Qf3** Prevents h5 **19...g6 20.Bd3**
[20.Rac1!?]
20...h5 21.h3 h4 22.Nf1 Ne4 23.Ne3 f6 0.39/19
[23...f5= -0.06/21]
24.N5g4± Kg7

(Diagram)

25.Nxd5! Remove Defender **25...Bxd5 26.Bxe4** 0.09/25
[26.Rxe4± 0.55/20 was preferrable. Ne6 27.Qe3]
26...Bb4 0.51/21
[26...Rxe4= 0.09/25 27.Rxe4 f5 Pin]

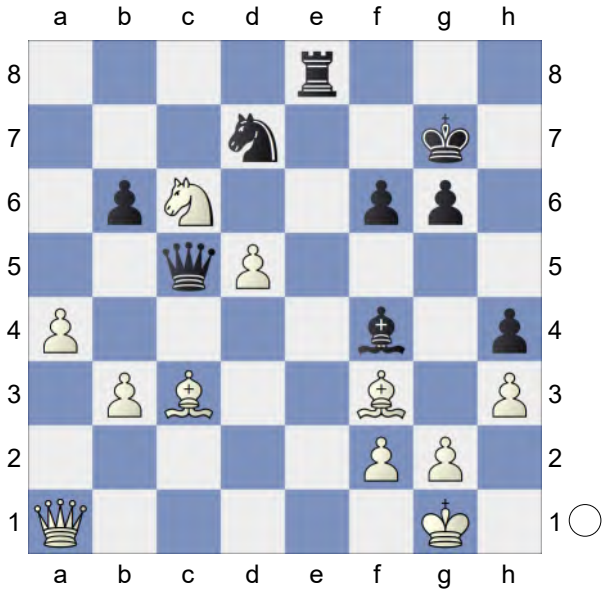
(Diagram)





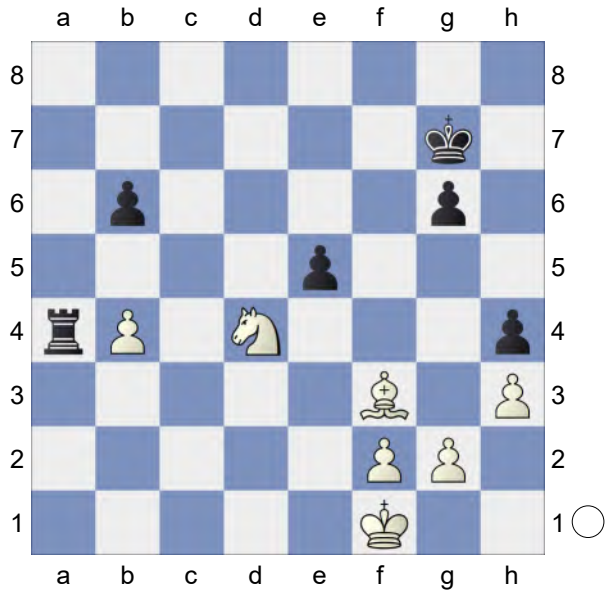
27.Bxd5! aiming for Rxe8. **27...Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Bxe1 29.Be4** 0.03/19 Dodges Rc2. This pair of bishops is nice.
[29.Bc6!± 0.73/22 d5 would now be deadly. Bd2 30.d5]
29...Bd2!= 30.d5 Bg5 31.Qd3 -0.15/19
[Better is 31.g3!± 0.42/20 Qd6 32.gxh4 Bxh4 33.Qe3]
31...Qd6! 32.Qxa6 -0.96/20
[32.g3!= -0.05/23 keeps the balance. hxg3 33.fxg3]
32...Nd7!∓ 33.Qf1 Qf4 0.03/23
[33...Qb4!∓ -1.08/20 34.Qe2 Bc1]

34.Qb1↑ White fights for an advantage. **34...Nf8** 0.70/21
[34...Qd6= 0.01/24]
35.Ne3 0.00/25
[White should try 35.Nh2!± 0.70/21]
35...Re7 36.Bf3 Qb4 37.Qa1 Nd7 38.Bc3 Qc5 39.Nc2 Threatens to win with Nd4. **39...Re8** 0.86/22
[39...Bd2= 0.00/24 remains equal. 40.Bxd2 Qxc2]
40.Nd4± Nf8 Inhibits Ne6+. **41.a4** b4 is the strong threat. **41...Bf4 42.Nc6 Nd7** 1.62/22
[42...Kh7± 0.84/23 might work better.]



43.Bb4!+- Qc1+ 44.Qxc1 Bxc1 45.Be7 Bf4
[45...Ne5? 46.d6 Rxe7 47.Nxe7+- *(47.dxe7 Kf7+-)*]
46.d6 Rc8 47.b4 Ra8? 3.65/22 This costs Black the game.
[47...Ne5 48.b5±]
[47...Nb8± 1.44/22 48.b5 Kf7]
48.Nd4 Bxd6 49.Bxd6 Rxa4 50.Kf1 Ne5 51.Bxe5 fxe5

(Diagram)



52.Nc2 Kf8 53.Ke2 Ke7 54.Kd3 Kd6 55.Be4 g5 56.Kc4 Ra2 57.Kb3 Inhibits Rb2+. **57...Ra7 58.Na3** And now Nb5+ would win. **58...Rf7 59.f3 Kc7 60.Nc4 Rd7 61.Kc3**
[But not 61.Nxe5 Rd2 62.Nf7 Rxg2+-]
61...Re7 62.b5 Re8 63.Bc6 Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

C41
□ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
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[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Re8 8.0-0 Bf8 9.Bf4 White is slightly better.
[9.h3 Nbd7 *(9...c6 10.Re1 a5 11.Be3 Na6 12.f4 Nc5 13.Bf2 a4 14.Qd2 Qa5 15.Rad1 g6 16.g4 h6 17.Re2 Bg7 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5*

Nh7 20.Rde1 Be6 21.Qe3 Bc4 22.Rd2 Rxe5 23.Qxe5 Bxe5 24.Rxe5 0-1 (30) Karthikeyan,M (2624)-Bosiocic,M (2555) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (3)*)* 10.g4 Nc5 11.Re1 c6 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 a5 14.Be3 Qc7 15.a4 Na6 16.Qd2 Ndc5 17.Rad1 Bd7 18.Nde2 Rad8 19.Ng3 Qc8 20.Kh2 d5 21.e5 Nb4 22.Qf2 b6 23.Bd4 Bf5 1-0 (52) 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525 (2752)-Molina,R (2862) London Classic 9th 2017 (10.5)]

9...Nbd7 10.a4N

[10.Qd2 Ne5 11.Rad1 c6 12.h3 b5 13.b3 b4 14.Na4 c5 15.Nb5 d5 16.exd5 Bxh3 17.Bxe5 Rxe5 18.Bxh3 a6 19.Nbc3 bxc3 20.Nxc3 Bd6 21.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qc7 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Rxe4 Qb6 ½-½ (48) Stoltz,G-Nimzowitsch,A Copenhagen Training for Olympia Team 1933 (7) 25.Qe3 g6 26.Bd7 Rd8 27.Be8 Qc7 28.Kg2 Rb8 29.Rh4 h5 30.Re4 Rb4 31.c4 Rb8 32.Qf3 Bf8 33.Qf6 a5 34.d6 Qb7 35.f3 Bg7 36.Qe7 Qxe7 37.Rxe7 Bf8 38.Bxf7+ Kg7 39.Ra7 Bxd6 1-0 (48) Vachier Lagrave,M (2731)-Rapport,R (2671) Biel GM 48th 2015 (10)]

[10.Re1 Ne5 11.h3 c6 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.a4 h6 15.Be3 Bd7 16.f4 Ng6 17.Qf2 b6 18.Bd4 Nh7 19.h4 Rab8 20.Nd2 Be7 21.Nc4 Nf6 22.Ne3 Ne5 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.exf5 Neg4 0-1 (79) Poetsch,H (2415)-Conquest,S (2529) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (7)]

10...a5 11.Ndb5 h6 12.h3 Ra6 0.64/21

[12...Nc5= 0.04/22]

13.Re1 Ne5 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bd7 16.c4 Ra8 0.72/19

[16...g5± 0.36/20 17.Bd2 Nxc4]

17.Bxe5 0.08/23

[17.Rc1± 0.72/19]

17...dxe5= 18.d6 Bxb5 0.37/20

[18...Bxd6!= -0.13/19 19.Nxd6 *(19.Bxb7 Rb8±)* 19...cxd6]

19.axb5±

[19.cxb5 Rb8±]

19...Rb8 Black is weak on the light squares **20.c5**

[20.Rxa5 Bxd6 21.Ra7 Qf6 22.Rxb7 *(22.Bxb7? Bc5-+)* 22...Rxb7 23.Bxb7 g6±]

20...cxd6 21.c6! bxc6 22.Bxc6 0.18/21

[22.bxc6± 0.68/20 Rb5 23.Qd3 Rxb2 24.Reb1 Rxb1+ 25.Rxb1]

22...Re6!= 23.Qd5 Be7 24.Ra4 Rf6 25.Kg2 Qc8 26.Rxa5 Bd8 27.Ra3 Qe6

[27...Bb6 is interesting. 28.Re2 Qe6 29.Qd3 g6]

28.Qxe6

[28.Qd3 keeps more tension. g6 29.Re2 Bb6 30.Ra4]

28...fxe6 29.f4 Bb6 30.Rf3 Bd4 31.fxe5 Bxe5 32.Rxf6 gxf6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **33.Ra1 Bd4 34.Ra4 Bb6 35.Re4 Kf7 36.Bd7 e5 37.Rc4 Ke7 38.Bf5 Bd8 39.Ra4 Rb7**

[39...Rxb5 40.Ra7+ Kf8 41.Ra8∓]

40.Ra6 Bb6 41.Ra8 d5 aiming for ... e4. **42.Rh8 Kd6 43.Rxh6 Bd8 44.Rh8 Be7 45.h4**

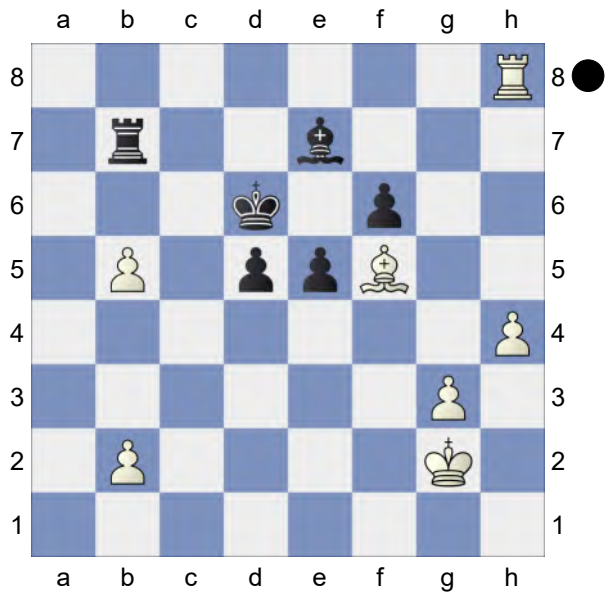
(Diagram)

Black must now prevent h5. **45...Rxb5 46.h5 Rxb2+ 47.Kh3** And now h6 would win. **47...Rf2 48.Kg4** -1.18/20

[48.Bg6= 0.00/27]

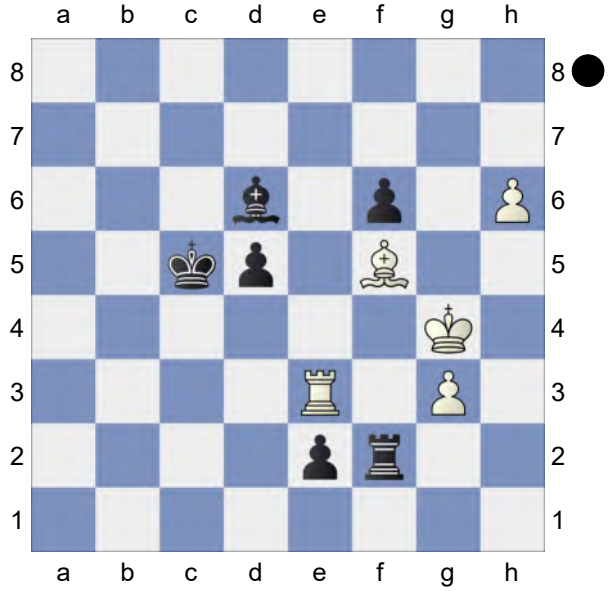
48...e4∓ 49.h6 e3 (-> ...e2) **50.Ra8?** -5.55/27 Loses the game.

[50.h7∓ -1.25/20 nothing else works.



e2 51.Rd8+ Kc5 *(51...Bxd8 52.h8Q=)* 52.Rc8+ *(52.h8R e1Q 53.Rc8+ Kd6 54.Rhd8+ Bxd8 55.Rxd8+ Kc5 56.Kh5 Rxf5+ 57.Kg6 Qe6)* 52...Kd4 53.Rc1 *(53.h8R e1Q 54.Kh5 Rxf5+ 55.Kg6 Rg5+ 56.Kf7 Ba3 57.Rh4+ Kd3 58.Rc7 Qxg3)*]

50...e2-+ Black is clearly winning. **51.Ra6+ Kc5 52.Re6 Bd6** ...Be5 is the strong threat. **53.Re3**



Hoping for h7. **53...d4! 54.Re8 Be5 55.Rc8+ Kb4 56.Rc1 Rf1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.07 (flawless)

0-1

B11

□ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**

■ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**

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[Kitty Kat]

B11: Caro-Kann: Two Knights Variation

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 e6 6.Be2 Bc5 7.Qg3 Bd4 8.exd5 exd5 White is slightly better. **9.0-0 Nd7 10.Bd1 Ne7 11.Ne2 Be5 12.Qf3 0-0 13.d4 Bc7 14.c3 Ng6 15.Bc2 Re8N**

[15...Nf6 16.Bg5 Qd6 17.g3 Ne4 18.Be3 Rae8 19.Rfe1 f5 20.Nf4 Qd7 21.h4 Nh8 22.Kg2 Nf7 23.Nd3 g6 24.Bf4 Bb6 25.Qd1 Nf6 26.Ne5 Qc8 27.Nxf7 Rxf7 28.Qd2 Ne4 29.Qd3 Bc7 30.Qf3 ½-½ (36) Radeva,V (2297)-Ter Avetisjana,A (2134) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.10)]

16.Ng3 Qf6 17.Nf5 Nh4 18.Nxh4 Qxh4 19.g3

[19.Qf5 feels hotter. Nf8 20.Bd3 Qe7 21.Qg4]

19...Qe7

[19...Qxh3? too greedy. 20.Bf5+-]

20.Bd3 g6 21.Bd2

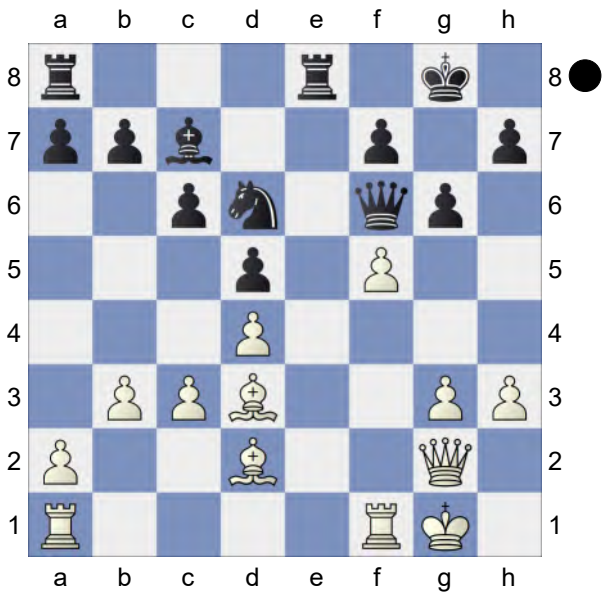
[21.Bh6 with more complications. Qf6 22.Qg4 Qe6 23.Kg2]

21...Qf6 22.Qg2 Nb6 23.b3 Nc8 24.f4 Nd6 25.f5

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent fxg6. **25...Qe7** 0.49/23

[25...Nxf5? loses. 26.g4+-]



[25...Qg7= 0.00/20 might be stronger.]

26.Rae1 0.10/21

[26.Rf3± 0.49/23]

26...Qd7!= 27.g4 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Re8 29.Qf3 Rxe1+ 30.Bxe1 Qe7 31.Bg3 Ne8 32.Bf2 Qd6 33.c4 Active counter play! The position is equal. **33...Nf6 34.Kf1 g5 35.h4 Qf4 36.Qxf4 Bxf4 37.hxg5 Bxg5 38.Be2 Ne4 39.cxd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

B23

□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**

■ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**

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[Kitty Kat]

B53: Sicilian: 2...d6: Lines with Qxd4

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.Nge2N

[5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6

A) 7.Qd3 g6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Nd5 0-0 11.Bg5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Ne5 *(12...Nb4 13.Qe4 a5 14.c3 Na6 15.Qxe7 Qxe7 16.Bxe7 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 b5 18.Nd4 Bxd4 19.cxd4 Nb4 20.Bxd6 Nc2 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rd1 Nxd4 23.Bc7 Nf5 24.d6 Nxd6 25.Bxd6 Re2 26.Kf1 Rxb2 27.Be5* 1-0 Renzewitz,S (2661)-Steger,J (2201) Gonfreville op 1979 (2.70) *)* 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.c3 Rfc8 15.Rae1 b5 16.h4 Rc4 17.f4 Bf6 18.Bxf6 exf6 19.b3 Rc5 20.f5 Re8 21.fxg6 hxg6 1-0 (50) Guseinov,G (2636)-Woodward,A (2545) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/Inrapid 2024 (8);

B) 7.Qd2 g6 8.b3 Bh6 9.f4 e5 10.Nd5 Nce7 11.Ne2 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Bg7 13.Bb2 Nf6 14.Qd3 Qc6 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Nc3 Rd8 17.Qe3 Rd4 18.Rd1 0-0 19.0-0 Nxe4 0-1 (36) Kovalev,V (2662)-Matlakov,M (2699) Moscow (rapid) 144/38 2019]

[5.f4 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Nf6 9.Kh1 0-0 10.Be3 b5 11.Qe1 b4 12.Nd1 c4 13.Nf2 cxd3 14.cxd3 e5 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Qd1 Qb7 18.Qa4 Nd7 19.Rc4 Nb6 1-0 (48) Kovalev,V (2650)-Visakh,N (2518) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2020 (7)]

5...Nc6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.b3 Qg4 9.Qxg4 Nxg4 10.Nde2 White has an edge. **10...Nb4 11.f3 Nf6 12.Kd2 e6 13.Nb5 Rc8** Prevents Nc7+ **14.c4 a6 15.Nbd4 g6 16.a3 Bh6+**

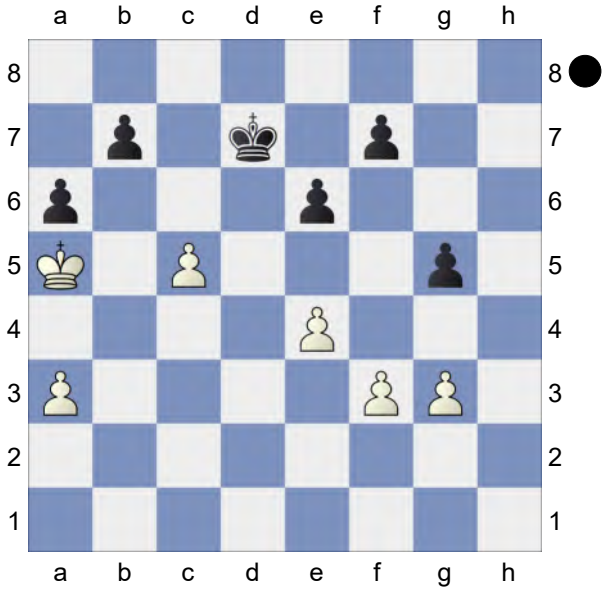
[16...Nc6 simplifies 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.Nd4 Rc8]

17.Kc3 Bxc1 18.Rhxc1

[18.Nxc1 simplifies Nc6 19.Nxc6 Rxc6 20.Kb2]

18...Nc6 19.b4 Ke7 20.Nxc6+ The position is equal. **20...Rxc6 21.h4 h6 22.Kb3 g5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Nd4**

Rc7 25.c5 dxc5 26.Rxc5 Rxc5 27.bxc5= Endgame. KRN-KRN **27...Rc8 28.Kb4 Nd7 29.Nb3 Ne5 30.Rd1** Prevents Nd3+ **30...Nc6+ 31.Ka4 Rc7 32.g3 Rd7 33.Rxd7+ Kxd7 34.Na5 Nxa5 35.Kxa5**



Black must now prevent Kb6. KP-KP **35...Kc6 36.Kb4 f6 37.Kc4 Kc7 38.f4 gxf4 39.gxf4 Kc6 40.Kb4 b6 41.cxb6 Kxb6 42.Kc4 Kc6! 43.Kb4 Kb6** An interesting draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

B93

□ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**
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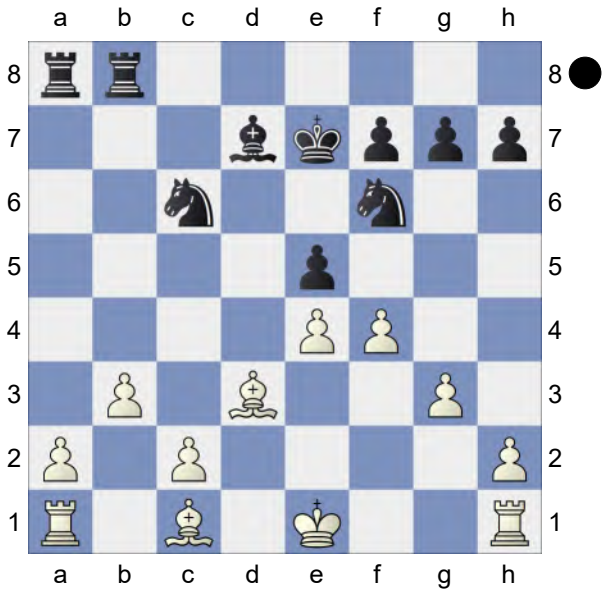
[Kitty Kat]

B93: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 f4

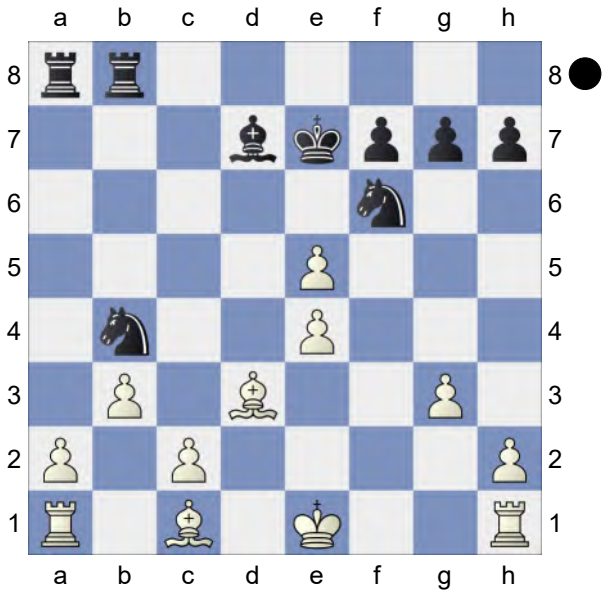
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e5 7.Nf5 -0.18/21
[⌓7.Nb3 0.21/22]
7...Nc6= 8.Bc4 Be6 0.22/19
[⌓8...Bxf5 -0.28/20 9.exf5 Qa5]
9.Bb3 The position is equal. **9...Na5N**
[9...g6 10.fxe5 Nxe5 11.Nd4 Bxb3 12.axb3 Bg7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 0-0 15.0-0 Ned7 16.Qf3 Qc7 17.Kh1 Rae8 18.Rad1 b5 19.Bg3 b4 20.Nd5 Qc5 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.Rfe1 d5 23.exd5 Nxd5 24.Rxe8 ½-½ (37) Beerdsen,T (2509)-Warmerdam,M (2679) Bundesliga 2425 2024 (2.1)]
10.Ba4+? -1.39/18
[10.fxe5± 0.43/20 stays ahead. dxe5 11.Qf3]
10...b5∓ White is on the road to losing.
11.Nxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5+ Bd7 13.Nxd6+ Bxd6 14.Qxd6 Qe7 15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.Bd3 Nc6
Black is much more active. The white rooks are passive. **17.g3** -2.00/16
[17.b3∓ -1.05/22]
17...Rhb8-+ 18.b3



Nb4! 19.fxe5

(Diagram)

Ng4 Excellent horsemanship.
[19...Rxa2 20.Rxa2 *(20.exf6+ gxf6 21.Rxa2 Nxa2+-)* 20...Nxa2 21.exf6+



gxf6 22.Ba3+ Ke8 23.Kd2+-]

20.Bb2 -3.12/22

[20.Bg5+ -2.12/18 keeps fighting. f6 21.exf6+ gxf6 22.Bh4]

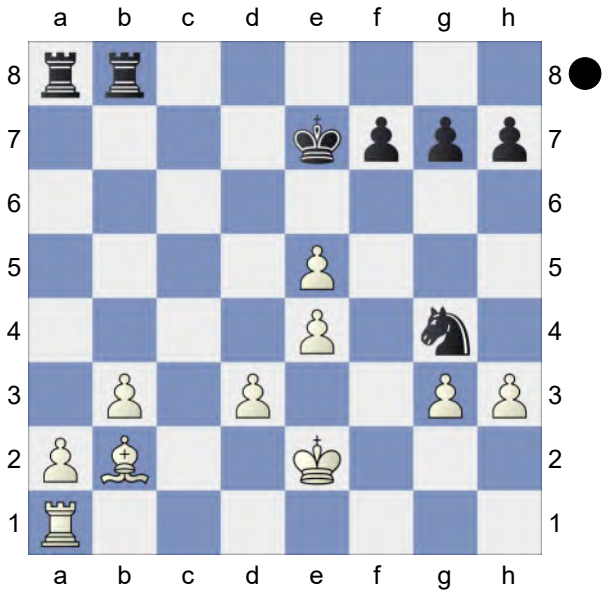
20...Bb5

[20...Rxa2 21.Rxa2 Nxa2 22.h3∓]

21.h3 Bxd3

[21...Nxd3+ 22.cxd3 Rc8 *(22...Ne3 23.Kd2±)* 23.a4 *(23.hxg4 Rc2=)* 23...Nxe5 24.Bxe5± *(24.axb5 Nxd3+ 25.Kd2 Nxb2±; 24.Ba3+ Kd8=)*]

22.cxd3 Nc2+ 23.Ke2 Nxa1 24.Rxa1



Rc8! ...Rc2+ is the strong threat. **25.Bd4**

[25.hxg4? too greedy. Rc2+ 26.Ke3 Rxb2-+]

[25.Kd2 Nf2]

25...Nh2 26.a4 Rc2+ 27.Ke3 Rg2 28.a5 Rxg3+ 29.Ke2 Nf3

[Resist 29...Rxh3 30.Bc5+ Ke6 31.b4-+]

30.Be3 Rxh3 Strongly threatening ... Rc8! **31.d4 g5** Black is clearly winning. **32.b4 g4 33.Kf2 h5 34.b5 Rh2+ 35.Kg3 Rb2 36.Rh1 Rxa5 37.Rxh5 Ra3 38.Kf4 Re2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=0.30

0-1

D06

□ **Salem,A.R. Saleh** **2622**

■ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.7) 11.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

D06: Queen's Gambit: Symmetrical and Baltic Defences

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c5 3.cxd5

[3.Nf3 cxd4 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nxd4 Qxd5 *(5...a6 6.Qa4+ b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1* D 06/01 2003*)* 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.e4 Bd7 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Ndb5 Rc8 10.Rc1 e5 11.Bc4 a6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nbc3 Nd4 14.Bb3 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bc6 16.0-0 Bc5 17.Qg4 0-0 0-1 (41) Ferragut,A (2710)-Maung,M (2847) Jugoslavija 85/456 2002 (9.8) 18.Kh1 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 f5 20.Qg5 fxe4 21.Qxe5 Rf5 22.Qxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxc8 Rxd5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.g3 Bxb2 26.Bf4 b5 27.Re1 Rd4 28.Kg2 Rc4 29.Rd1 Bf6 30.Rd2 Kf7 31.g4 Bd4 32.Re2 Bc5 1-0 (41) Dubov,D (2708)-Christiansen,J (2577) Titled

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3...Nf6 4.e4N

[4.Nc3 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nxc3 6.bxc3 cxd4 7.cxd4 e5 8.e3 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 e4 11.Ne5 0-0 12.Bc4 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.0-0 b6 15.Rfc1 Bb7 16.Qb4 Rfc8 17.h3 Rc7 18.Rc3 Rac8 (42) Chapter-Games Chapter 13 Game 9]

4...Nxe4 5.dxc5 Qa5+ 6.Bd2! Nxd2 7.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 8.Nxd2 Ngf3 is the strong threat. White is slightly better.

8...g6! 9.Rc1 Bh6 10.Bb5+ Nd7! 11.c6! bxc6 12.dxc6 Nb6 13.Ngf3 0-0 14.0-0 a6 15.Be2 Bg4 White must now prevent ...Bxd2. **16.Rc2 Bf5 17.Rc5 Na4 18.Re5 Ra7 19.Nc4** Hoping for Ra5. **19...Rb8 20.Nd4 Bg7 21.Ra5**

[21.Rd5 Be4 *(21...Nxb2 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Nxb2+-)* 22.Ra5 Bxd4∓ *(22...Nxb2 23.Ne5=)*]

21...Bxd4 This pair of bishops is nice.

22.Rxa4 Bxb2 23.Ne3 a5 24.Nxf5 gxf5 25.Rd1↑ Black is under pressure.

25...Be5 26.Rd5 Rb1+ 27.Bf1 f6 28.g3 Kf7 1.09/21

[28...Rc7!± 0.45/20]

29.Kg2 0.66/22

[29.Rc4± 1.09/21 aiming for Rxe5! Rb8 30.f4]

29...Rc1 1.14/21

[29...Rc7± 0.66/22 should be considered.]

30.Bb5±

[30.Raxa5 Rxa5 31.Rxa5 Rxc6±]

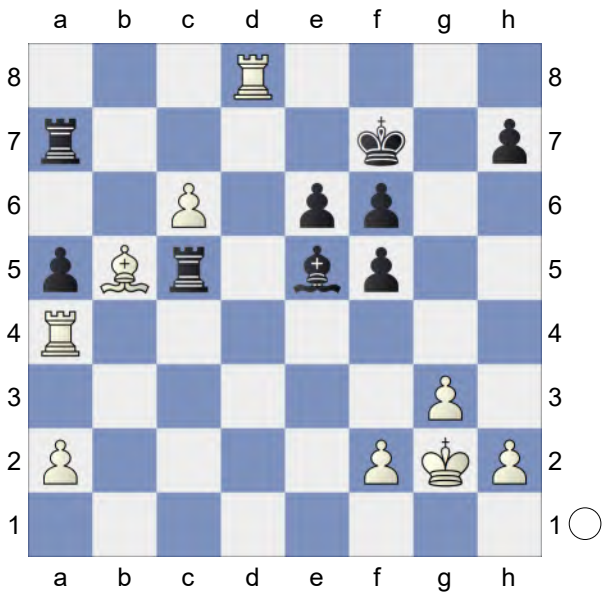
30...e6 31.Rd8 And now Rh4 would win.

31...Rc5

(Diagram)

32.Rh4! Kg7 33.a4 Re7 Repels Re8

34.Ra8 Bc3 35.Rb8 0.93/21



White is much more active.

[⌓35.Rc4 1.41/25 Rxc4 36.Bxc4]

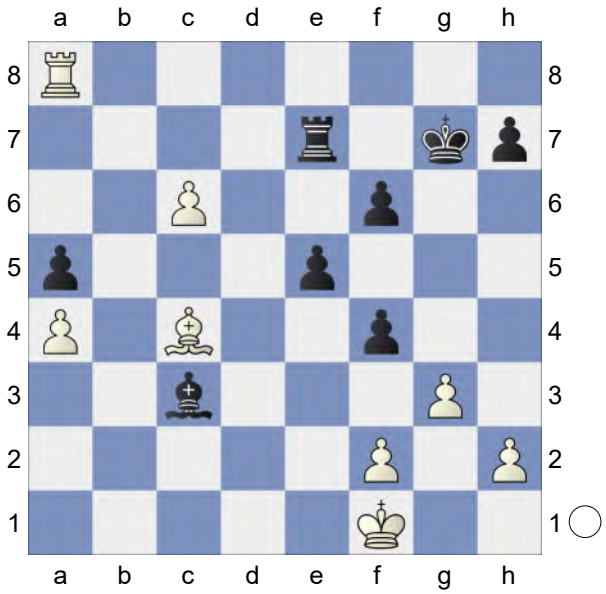
35...Be5 36.Ra8 Bc3 1.37/23

[⌓36...Rc7 0.85/25 37.Rd8 *(37.Rxa5 R7xc6 38.Ra7+ Rc7±)* 37...Rc2]

37.Kf1 e5? 2.89/21 Loses the game.

[37...Rc7± 1.20/22 38.Re8 e5]

38.Rc4+- Rxc4 39.Bxc4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **39...f4**

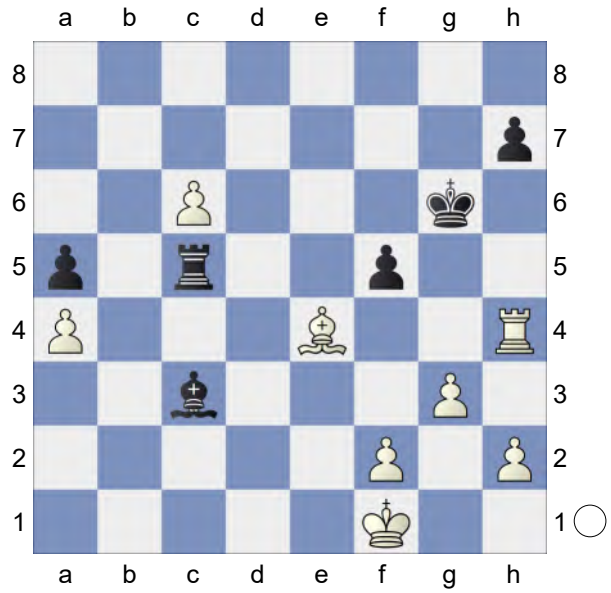


40.Be6! Deflection, Promotion **40...f3**

[40...Rc7 41.Rg8+]

41.Rg8+ Kh6 42.Bf5

[Don't play 42.Bd7 e4]
42...e4 43.Rg4 Re5 (-> ...Rd5)
44.Rh4+
[But not 44.Bxe4 f5 45.Rh4+ Kg6+-]
44...Kg5 45.Bxe4 Rc5 5.26/19
[⌓45...f5 3.75/18 46.Bxf3 Re7]
46.Bxf3 Rh5+ would now be deadly. White is clearly winning. **46...Kg6**
47.Be4+ Skewer **47...f5**



48.Bxf5+! Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise)
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B31
□ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.8) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6
Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 (43) Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 (72) Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 (30) 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.d3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 The position is equal.
11...Ne6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.h4 f6 0.33/23
[13...Qb6= -0.16/19 14.Rab1 Rae8]
14.Qg3± Qd7 15.Qh3 f5 16.Ne2 Qd5 17.Qe3 Rad8 18.b3 Nd4 19.Rac1 Qe6 20.Ng3 Qd5 21.h5 Ne6 ...g5! is the strong threat. **22.Ne2 b6** 0.78/25
[22...gxh5± 0.34/23 feels stronger. 23.Qh3 Rf7]
23.Rcd1 Nd4 1.36/20
[23...gxh5± 0.57/22 24.c4 Qd7]
24.Rd2 0.34/21

[24.h6± 1.36/20 Nxc2 25.hxg7 Nxe3 26.gxf8R+ Kxf8 27.Bxe3 *(27.fxe3 Qg8±)*]

24...Nxe2+ 1.36/23

[24...gxh5± 0.34/21 25.Nxd4 cxd4]

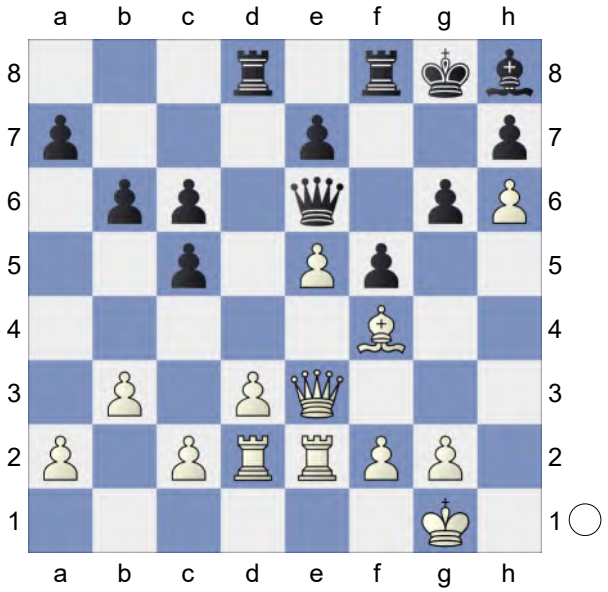
25.Rexe2 0.67/21

[White should try 25.Qxe2± 1.36/23 Bh8 26.Bg5]

25...Qe6 2.01/18

[Better is 25...gxh5± 0.67/21 26.Qh3 Qf7]

26.h6+- Bh8



27.d4! cxd4 28.Rxd4 c5 2.73/21

[28...Rxd4 1.77/20 was worth a try. 29.Qxd4 c5]

29.Rd3 Kf7

(Diagram)

30.c4 0.92/20

[30.Bg5!+- 2.28/19 is more deadly.]

30...a6? 3.66/21

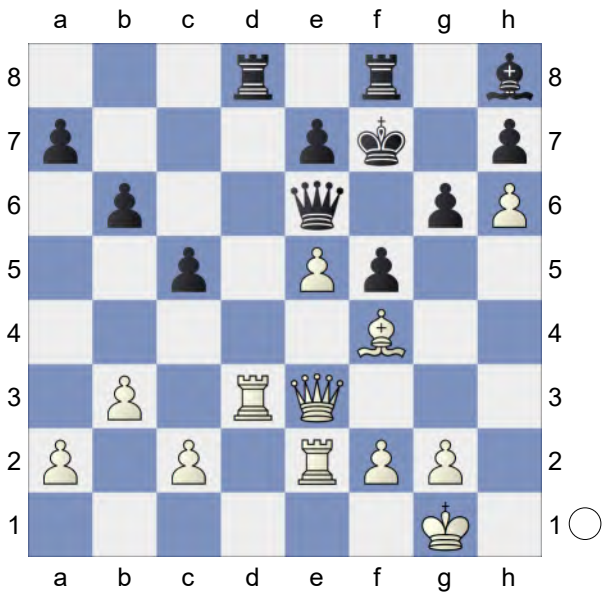
[30...Rxd3± 0.92/20 31.Qxd3 Rc8]

31.Bg5 f4 32.Qxf4+

[32.Bxf4 Qf5 33.Rdd2 Qg4+-]

32...Kg8 33.Qd2

[Weaker is 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Re3 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Rd4+-]



33...Rxd3 34.Qxd3 Rf5 6.12/20

[⌓34...Bxe5 4.27/19 35.Qe3 Rf5]

35.f4 Rxg5 36.fxg5 Intending Qd8+ and mate. **36...Bxe5 37.Qe4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.55

1-0

C84

□ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**

■ **Xu,Zhihang** **2511**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.9) 11.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack

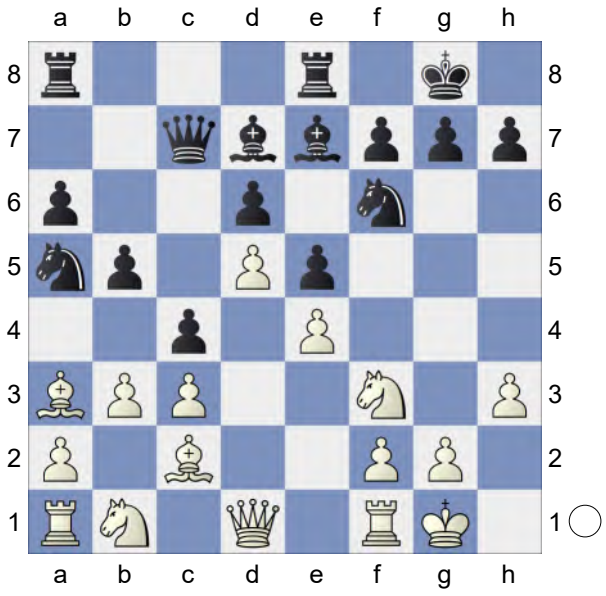
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 Bd7 0.91/21

[12...Nc4± 0.48/22 might be stronger. 13.b3 Nb6 14.a4 c4 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8 Nxa8 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.Ba3 Nd7 19.Bb4 Nc5 20.Qe2 Nb6 21.Nbd2 f5 22.Rd1 g6 23.Qe3 f4 24.Qe2 Ba6 25.Ra1 Ra8 26.Qf1 Qc8 27.Ra5 Ncd7 0-1 (40) Firouzja,A

(2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (3.12)]
[12...c4 13.b4 cxb3 14.axb3 Nb7 15.b4 Nd7 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Nbd2 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Qc2 Rff8 21.Qd3 Rfc8 22.Ra2 Na4 23.Rc2 a5 24.Rfc1 Qd7 25.Ne4 g6 26.Bg5 Bxg5 27.Nfxg5 1-0 (41) Adams,M (2661)-Yang,C (2121) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (1.9)]

13.b3N
[13.Nbd2 c4 14.Nh4 g6 15.Ndf3 Nh5 16.Bh6 Ng7 17.Kh2 Qd8 18.g3 Nb7 19.Qd2 Nc5 20.Rae1 a5 21.Rg1 f5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Ng5 Rf6 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.g4 fxg4 26.Ne6+ Nxe6 27.Rxg4+ Kf7 0-1 (41) Hasan,M (2211)-Rohit,K (2358) Dubai op 22nd 2022 (8)]

13...c4 14.Ba3 Rfe8



15.Nxe5 0.23/20 **dxe5** 1.55/21
[15...Bxh3!= 0.23/20 keeps the balance. 16.gxh3 *(16.Nxf7 Bg4=)* 16...dxe5]

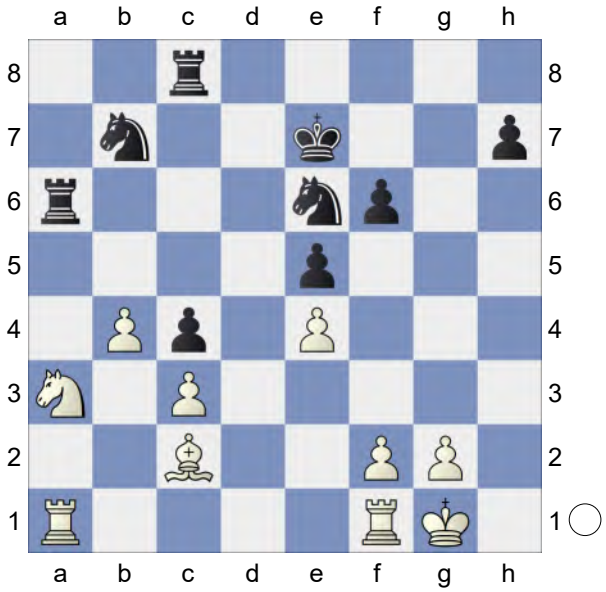
16.Bxe7!
[16.d6 Bxd6 17.Qxd6 Qb7=]

16...Bg4
[16...Rxe7 17.d6 Qd8 18.dxe7 Qxe7 19.Qf3]

17.hxg4 Qxe7 18.g5 Nd7 19.Qg4 Rec8 20.b4 Nb7 21.a4 f6 2.19/22
[21...a5± 1.24/21 was called for. 22.bxa5 *(22.axb5 axb4 23.Rxa8 Rxa8±)* 22...Rxa5]

22.Qe6++- Qxe6 23.dxe6 Nf8 24.e7 Ne6 25.gxf6 gxf6 26.Na3 0.85/18
[White should play 26.f4+- 1.69/24 And now fxe5 would win. exf4 27.e5 fxe5 28.Be4]

26...Kf7± 27.axb5 Kxe7 28.bxa6 Rxa6



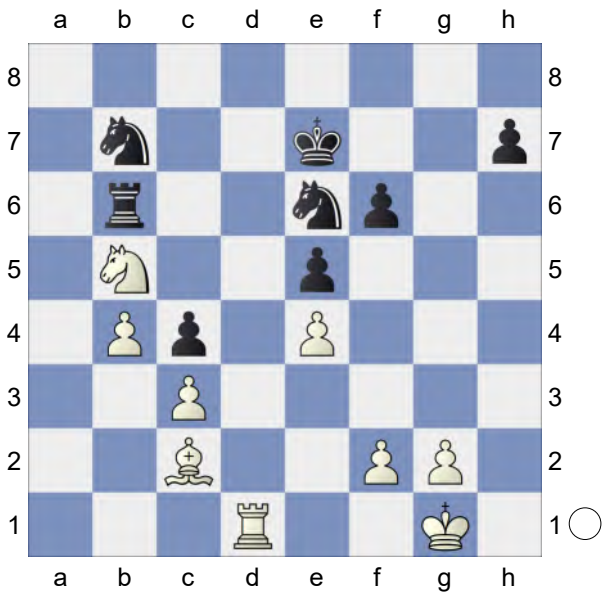
...Rca8 is the strong threat. **29.Nb5!↑** White has some pressure. **29...Rca8 30.Rxa6 Rxa6 31.Rd1 Rb6**

(Diagram)

32.Na7 Strongly threatening Nc8+.
32...Ra6 1.45/27
[⌓32...Kf8 0.94/25]

33.Nc8+ Ke8 34.Rd2 White is more active. **34...Ra3 35.Nb6** Threatens to win with Ba4+. **35...Rxc3 36.Nd5 Ra3** Prevents Ba4+. **37.Nxf6+ Ke7 38.Nd5+**
[38.Nxh7? perishes. Nd4 39.Bb1 Ra1-+]

38...Kf8 39.Ne3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
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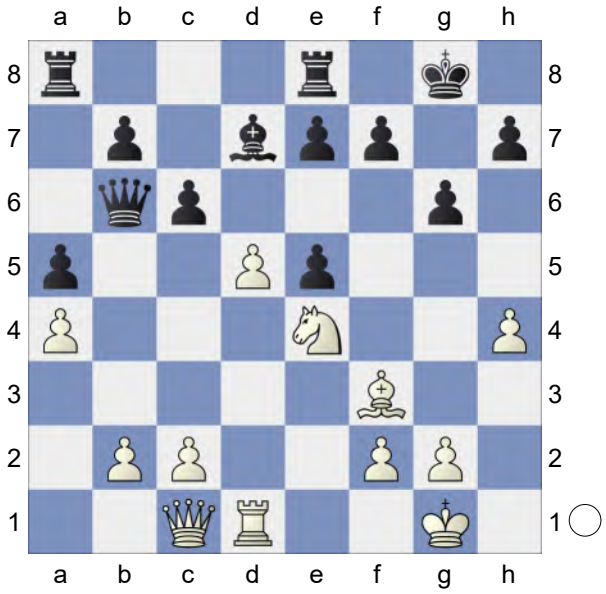
B00

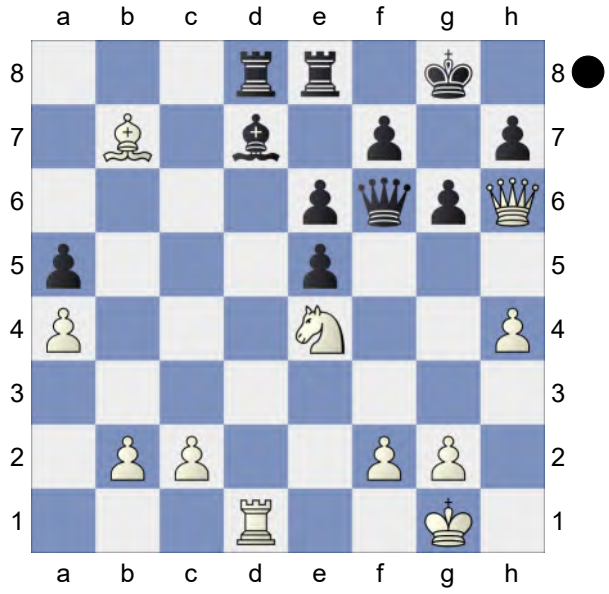
□ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.10)
[Kitty Kat]

B08: Pirc Defence: Classical System
1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d5 Nb8 8.Re1 c6 9.a4 a5 10.h3 Na6 11.Bg5N White is better.
[11.Bf1 Nb4 12.Bg5 Bd7 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.g3 cxd5 15.exd5 Rc5 16.Be3 Rxc3 17.bxc3 Ne4 18.Qc1 Nxc3 19.Bd4 Nbxd5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Bc4 e6 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Nd4 Qf6 24.Qe3 Rc8 25.Ra3 Ne4 ½-½ (55) Bjerre,J (2633)-Carlsen,M (2829) EU-chT 24th Budva 2023 (7.1) 26.Rd1 Rc4 27.Ne2 Rxc2 28.Rxd5 Nc5 29.Nd4 Rb2 30.Qe1 Bc6 31.Rf3 Bxd5 32.Rxf6 Kxf6 33.Nf5 Kxf5 34.g4+ Kf6 35.Qc3+ Ke6 36.Qxb2 Bb3 37.Qe2+ Kd5 38.Qf3+ Ke6 39.g5 Kd7 40.h4 Kc7 ½-½ (55) Bjerre,J (2633)-Carlsen,M (2829) Budva 2023]
11...Nd7 12.Qd2 Black is weak on the light squares **12...Re8 13.Bh6 Bh8 14.Qf4** 0.53/20
[White should play 14.Be3± 0.96/22]
14...Ne5 15.Rad1 Qb6 16.Qc1 Nc5 17.Be3 -0.11/18
[17.Bf4± 0.38/22 is superior.]
17...Nxf3+= 18.Bxf3 Bd7 19.h4 Qb4 20.e5 Bxe5 0.04/21
[20...Qxh4? 21.Rd4+-]
[20...dxe5∓ -0.43/24 21.dxc6 Bxc6]
21.Bxc5! Qxc5 22.Rxe5 dxe5 23.Ne4! Qb6



...cxd5 would now be deadly. **24.Qh6** Ng5 would kill now. **24...cxd5!**
[24...Qxb2 25.Ng5 f6 26.Qxh7+ Kf8 27.Qh8#]
25.Ng5 -1.66/24 This costs White the game.
[25.Rxd5= 0.06/23 and White has nothing to worry. Rad8 *(25...Bxa4? 26.b3+-)* 26.Ng5]
25...Qf6-+ Strongly threatening ...Qg7.
26.Bxd5

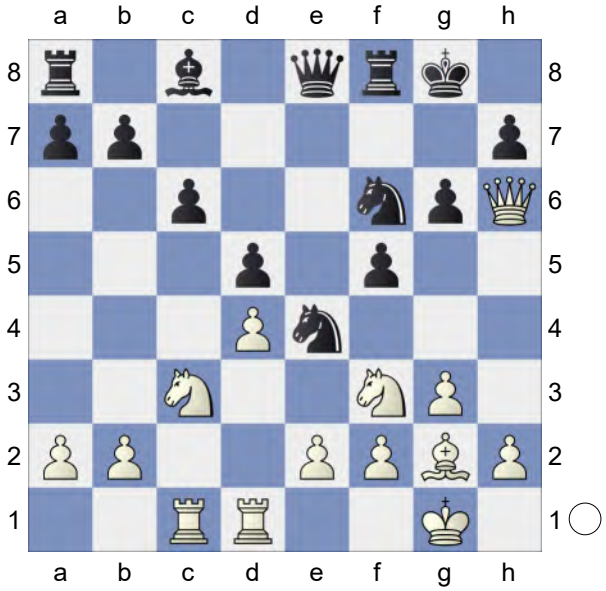
[26.Nxh7? Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7-+]
26...e6 27.Bxb7
[27.Nxh7? Qg7 28.Qxg7+ Kxg7 29.Bxb7 Rad8-+ *(29...Bxa4 30.Bxa8 Rxa8 31.Ng5=)*]
27...Rad8 Threatens to win with ...Qg7.
28.Ne4 -3.01/20
[28.Nxh7? Qg7 29.Qxg7+ Kxg7-+]
[⌓28.Qxh7+ -1.63/19 Kf8 29.Ne4]



28...Qe7! 29.Qg5 Qxg5
[Weaker is 29...Bxa4 30.Rxd8 Qxd8 31.Qxe5 *(31.Nf6+ Kf8=)* 31...Qd1+ *(31...Bxc2 32.Nf6+ Kf8 33.Bf3±)* 32.Kh2 Qxc2 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nxh7+ Kg8 35.Nf6+ Kf8 36.Qd6+ Kg7 37.Qe5= *(37.Nxe8+ Bxe8 38.Qd4+ f6=)*]
30.hxg5 Bc8 Discovered Attack
[Not 30...Bxa4 31.Nf6+ Kf8 32.Ra1 Bxc2 *(32...Re7 33.Be4∓)* 33.Nxe8 Kxe8 34.Rxa5∓]
31.Rxd8 Rxd8 Endgame. KRB-KBN **32.Bc6 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Kf8 34.c4 Bd7** Black is clearly winning. **35.Bb5 Bxb5 36.cxb5** KR-KN **36...Rb1 37.Nd2 Rxb2 38.Nc4 Rb4 39.Nxa5 Rh4+ 40.Kg3 Rxa4 41.Nc6 Ra3+ 42.Kh4 Rb3 43.Nxe5 Rxb5 44.Ng4 Rf5 45.g3 h5** Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

A87
□ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**
■ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.11)
[Kitty Kat]

A87: Dutch Defence: Leningrad System: 5 Nf3
1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.0-0 e6 7.Nc3 d5 8.Bg5 c6 9.Qc1 White is more active. **9...Nbd7 10.Rd1 Qe8 11.cxd5** White is slightly better. **11...exd5 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 Ne4 14.Rac1 Ndf6**



Threatens to win with ...Nxf2! **15.Ne5**
[15.h3 simplifies Qe7 16.Ne5 Be6 17.e3]
15...Ng4 16.Nxg4 Black must now prevent Ne5. **16...Nxc3 17.bxc3 fxg4 18.f3** -0.12/22

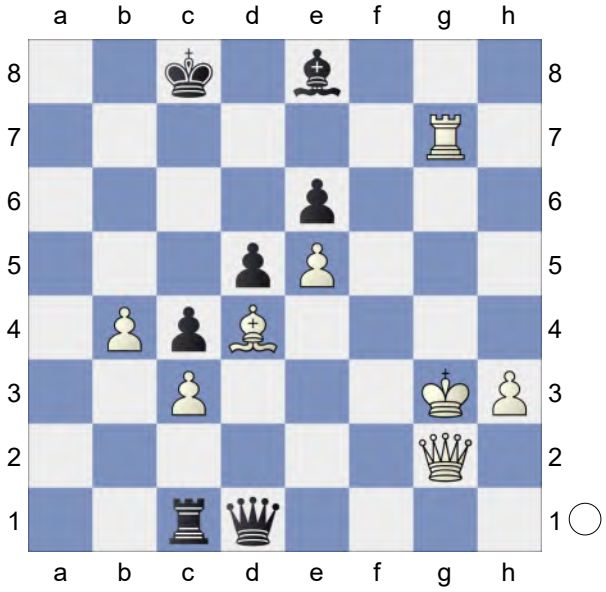
[18.Qd2 0.24/22 feels stronger.]
18...Bf5 The position is equal.
[18...Qxe2 19.Re1 gxf3 20.Rxe2 fxe2 21.Re1+-]
19.Qd2 Qd7 White is weak on the light squares **20.Rf1 Rae8 21.Rce1 Rf7 22.fxg4**
[But not 22.e4 Be6∓]
22...Bxg4 23.Rxf7 Qxf7 24.e4 Wards off Bf5 **24...dxe4 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Bxe4=** Endgame. KQB-KQB **26...Be6 27.a3 Bd5 28.Bxd5 Qxd5** KQ-KQ **29.Qf4** aiming for Qb8+. **29...Qb3 30.Qb8+ Kg7 31.Qxa7 Qd1+ 32.Kg2 Qe2+ 33.Kg1 Qe1+** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

B40

□ **Pranav,V** **2621**
■ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.12)
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6
[3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bc4 Be8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bc6 17.Ne5 Bd5 18.a3 1-0 (50) 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) 64/339 Amsterdam 1995 (3)]
4.Bd3N
[4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.b4 Raf8 18.Bb2 Rxf3 0-1 (76) Sermek,A (1678)-Fields,P (1942) 134 Linz 2014 (7) 19.gxf3 Bxh3 20.Kh1 Rf4 21.Rg1 Bg5 22.Rg3 Bf5 23.Ba2 Be6 24.Qe2 Bf7 25.Re1 d4 26.Qe8+ Qxe8 27.Rxe8+ Kh7 28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.Kg2 Rd7 30.b5 Ne7 31.Rg4 d3 32.Bc3 Ng6 33.Re1 Nf4+ 0-1 (76) Rohith,S (1678)-Adireddy,A (1942) Asia-ch Rapid U20 2023 (7)]
4...d5 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bc2 c4 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Qe2 Rb8 1.01/24
[8...Qc7= 0.09/22 keeps the balance.]
9.d4 cxd3 10.Bxd3 Be7 11.Bf4 Nc5 12.Bc2 b5 13.b4 Na4 14.a3 Bd7 15.Rd1 a5 16.Ra2 Qc8 17.Bd3 Na7 1.44/16
[Black should try 17...0-0 1.04/21]
18.Rc2
[18.bxa5 Nc6=]
18...Nb6 19.Qe3
[19.bxa5?! Nc4=]
19...h6 20.Nd4 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[20.bxa5 Nc4 21.Bxc4 *(21.Qxa7? Bc5-+)* 21...bxc4∓ *(21...Bc5 22.Nd4∓)*]
20...Nc4 1.19/21
[⌓20...g5 0.75/22]
21.Qg3± g5 22.Bc1 Qc7 23.f4 Nc6 24.Rf2!
[24.fxg5 hxg5 25.Re2 Nxd4 26.cxd4 Qa7±]
24...Rg8 25.fxg5 hxg5 26.Bxc4 bxc4 27.Nxc6 Bxc6 28.Be3 axb4 29.axb4 Ra8 2.20/20
[⌓29...Rg6 1.83/19 30.Rdf1 f5]
30.Rdf1 Rg7 2.46/19
[30...Kd8 1.95/19 was worth a try. 31.Bd4 *(31.Rxf7 Be8±)* 31...Be8]
31.Qh3+- Qh8+ would now be deadly.

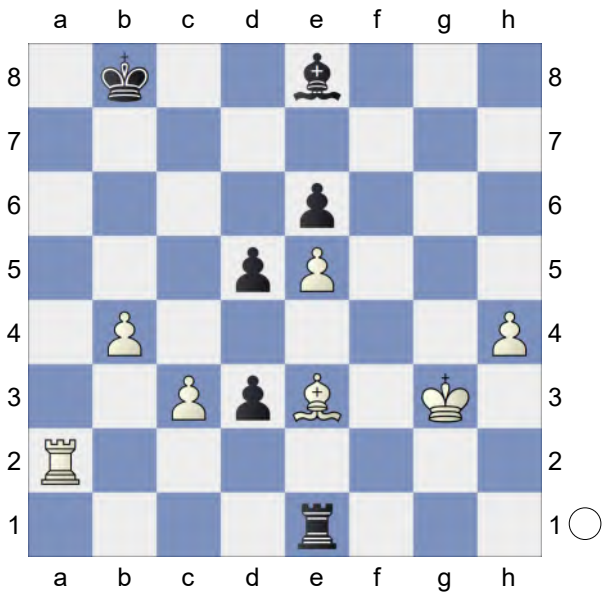
31...Kd7
[31...Qxe5? 32.Bd4 g4 33.Qh8+ *(33.Bxe5 gxh3 34.Bxg7 Bg5+-)* 33...Kd7 34.Bxe5+- *(34.Qxg7 Qxg7 35.Bxg7 f5+-; 34.Qxa8 Qxd4+-)*]
32.Bd4
[32.Rxf7 Rxf7 *(32...Qxe5? 33.Bd4+-)* 33.Rxf7 Qxe5±]
32...Qd8 Against Qh6
[32...g4? 33.Qh6 Rg6 34.Qh7+-]
33.Rxf7 Rxf7 34.Rxf7 Qg8 35.Rf1 0.00/25
[Only move: 35.Qh5+- 2.97/24]
35...Qg6 0.37/23
[35...Ra2= 0.00/25]
36.Nd2± g4 37.Qg3 Qh5 0.76/16
[37...Ra2± 0.37/20 38.Rf2 Ra1+ 39.Nf1 Ba4]
38.Rb1 Qf5 0.96/22 Inhibits Nf1.
[38...Ra2± 0.43/20 39.Nf1 Bh4]
39.Qe1 Bg5 40.Nf1 b5 is the strong threat. **40...Ra2 41.Ra1 Rb2 42.Qg3** 0.48/26
[White should play 42.Ra7+!± 0.87/22 Kd8 43.Rg7]
42...Re2 1.18/19
[42...Kc7± 0.48/26]
43.Ra7+!± Kc8 44.Rg7 Strongly threatening h3. **44...Rc2 45.h3** 0.14/17 The board is on fire.
[Much worse is 45.h4 Rc1 46.Qf2 *(46.Rxg5? Qxf1+ 47.Kh2 Qh1#; 46.Rg8+ Kd7=)* 46...Bxh4 47.Qxf5 exf5±]
[45.Rxg5!± 0.96/21 Qxg5 46.h4]
45...Rc1= 46.Qf2
[46.hxg4? is a self mate. Qxf1+ 47.Kh2 Qh1#]
46...Bd2 Deflection **47.Qxd2** -0.52/21
[Better is 47.Rxg4= 0.23/22 Qxf2+ 48.Kxf2 Bxc3 49.Bxc3 Rxc3 50.Ng3]
47...Qxf1+∓ 48.Kh2 Qh1+ 0.36/5
Black is weak on the dark squares
[48...g3+!∓ -0.64/26 49.Kxg3 Qd3+ 50.Qxd3 cxd3 51.Rg8+ Kd7]
49.Kg3± gxh3 50.gxh3 Be8? 2.25/22
[50...Rd1!± 0.63/15 51.Qf2 Rd3+ 52.Be3 Be8]
51.Qg2+- Qd1



52.Qf3? 0.00/29
[White must play 52.Re7!+- 1.77/21 Kd8 53.Rxe6]
52...Qd3!= Threatens to win with ...Bh5. **53.Rg8 Kd7** aiming for ...Bh5. **54.Rg7+ Kc6** Hoping for ...Bh5. **55.Ra7↑** White is pushing. **55...Bh5** Pin **56.Ra6+ Kb7 57.Ra7+!**
[But not 57.Rb6+? Kc7 58.Qxd3 cxd3-+]
57...Kb8 58.Qxd3 cxd3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **59.Ra2 Be8** 0.66/26
[59...Be2= 0.03/25]
60.h4 Rd1 Dodges Rd2 **61.Be3** 0.14/24 Prevents d2
[61.Kf4± 0.53/23 might be stronger.]
61...Re1

(Diagram)

62.Bf4 0.00/30



[62.Bd4!± 0.76/22]

62...Bh5 The position is equal. **63.Rd2 Rg1+ 64.Kf2 Rg4 65.Bg5 Bg6 66.Ra2 Rc4 67.Ra3 d4 68.cxd4 Rxd4** White must now prevent ...d2! **69.Ra2 Rxb4 70.Ra6 Rd4 71.Rd6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)

½-½

A15

□ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**
■ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun** **2416**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.13)
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.b3

[3.g3 a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 (26) Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

3...b6 4.Bb2 Bb7 5.Nc3 d5N

[5...c5 6.e3 Be7 7.g4 0-0 8.g5 Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Rg1 Nc6 11.d3 Bg6 12.h4 d5 13.Nh2 f5 14.f4 Qd6 15.h5 Be8 16.h6 gxh6 17.gxh6+ Bg6 18.Qh5 Kf7 19.Qh3 d4 20.0-0-0 1-0 (32) Model Games-Williams,S Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

6.e3 dxc4 7.bxc4 c5 8.Be2 The position is equal. **8...Be7 9.Qc2 Nc6 10.a3 Rc8 11.Rg1 Na5 12.g4 Nd7 13.d3**

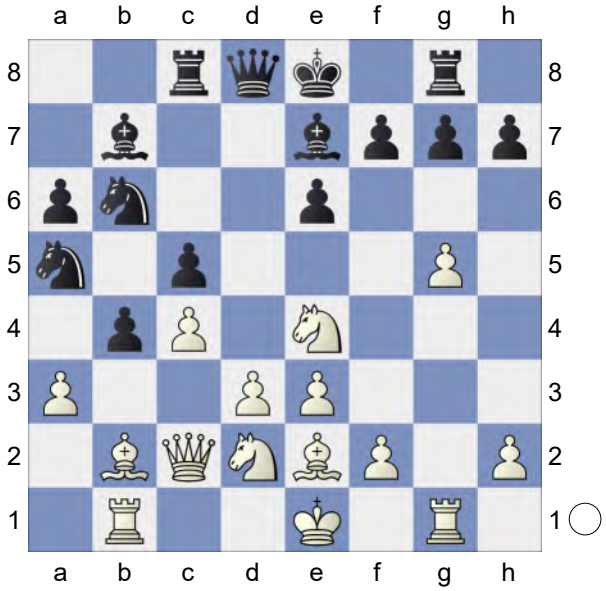
[13.Nb5?! Bxf3 14.Bxf3 a6 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Qxh7 Rxg7 17.Qxg7 Nxc4=]

13...a6 White now steadily converts the win. **14.Ne4 Rg8** 1.38/20

[⌓14...0-0 0.80/24]

15.g5± b5 16.Nfd2 Nb6 17.Rb1 b4 2.35/19

[⌓17...Kf8 1.70/19 18.Ba1 Ra8]



18.axb4!+- cxb4 19.Ra1 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 b3 21.Qd2 Nc6 22.Qd1

[22.Rxa6?! Nb4 23.Ra7 Ra8 24.Rxa8 Qxa8±]

22...Rb8 23.Qxb3

[23.Rxa6 Nb4 24.Ra7 Nc8=]

23...Qc7 24.Kf1

[24.Rxa6?! Nb4+-]

24...Qxh2 25.Ba3 Active counter play!
[25.Rxa6 Nd7 26.Qa4 Rxb2=]
25...Nd7 26.Qa4 Nb4 3.58/18
[26...Bxa3 2.19/18 was worth a try. 27.Qxa3 *(27.Qxc6 Qh3+ 28.Rg2 Qh1+ 29.Rg1 Qh3+ 30.Ke1 Qh2±)* 27...Nb4]
27.c5 a5 28.Bxb4
[28.Qxa5 Qh3+ 29.Ke1 Nc2+ 30.Kd2 Nxa1 31.Rxa1 Qf5±]
28...axb4 Black is weak on the light squares **29.d4 Kd8 30.Bb5** White is clearly winning. **30...Qc7 31.Qxb4 e5 32.Rd1 Ke8 33.Qa4 exd4 34.Rxd4 Rd8 35.Ke2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.40
1-0

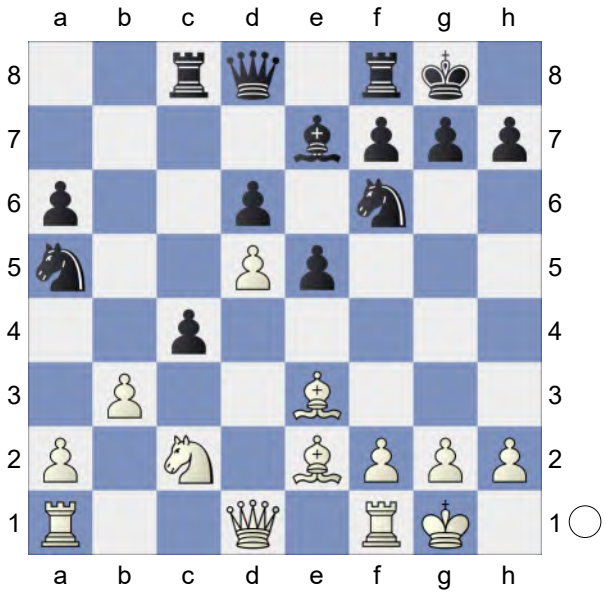
B32

□ **Shuvalova,Polina** **2504**
■ **Pranesh,M** **2582**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.14)
[Kitty Kat]

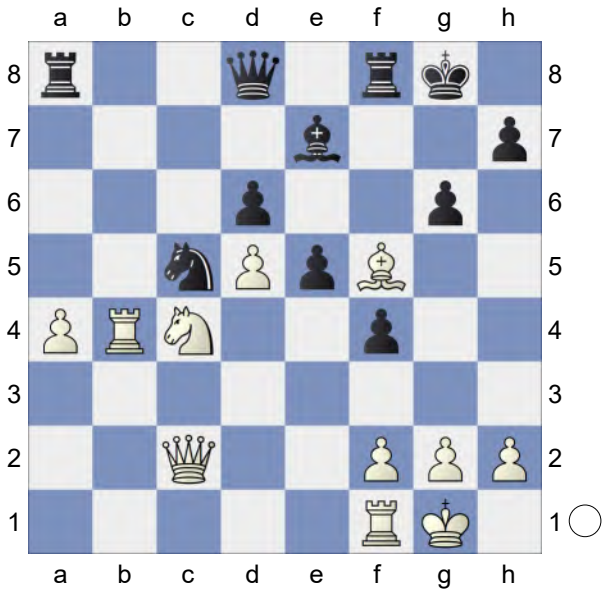
B32: Sicilian: Löwenthal and Kalashnikov Variations
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 a6 7.N5a3 Nf6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.Nc2 0-0 10.Be2 Be6 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Be3 White is slightly better. **12...Na5 13.b3 b5 14.Nd5! Bxd5**
[14...bxc4? loses. 15.Bb6 Qd7 16.Bxa5+-]
15.exd5 bxc4

(Diagram)

16.b4! Nb7 17.Na3 a5 18.Nxc4 axb4 19.Rb1 Ne4N aiming for ...Nc3. **20.Rxb4**



[Reject 20.Bb6 Qe8±]
20...Nbc5 21.Qc2 Dodges Nc3 **21...f5 22.a4 f4 23.Bxc5 Nxc5 24.Bg4** 0.43/22 Black is weak on the light squares
[24.a5± 0.94/23]
24...Ra8 25.Bf5 White is more active. **25...g6**



26.Bxg6 0.00/34 **hxg6=** The position is equal. **27.Qxg6+ Kh8** Strongly threatening ...Rf6! **28.Qh6+ Kg8** White must now prevent ...Rf7! **29.Qg6+ Kh8** Hoping for ...Rf6! **30.Qh6+ Kg8**

Threatens to win with ...Rf7! **31.Qg6+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

E21

□ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**
■ **Uskov,Artem** **2430**
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[Kitty Kat]

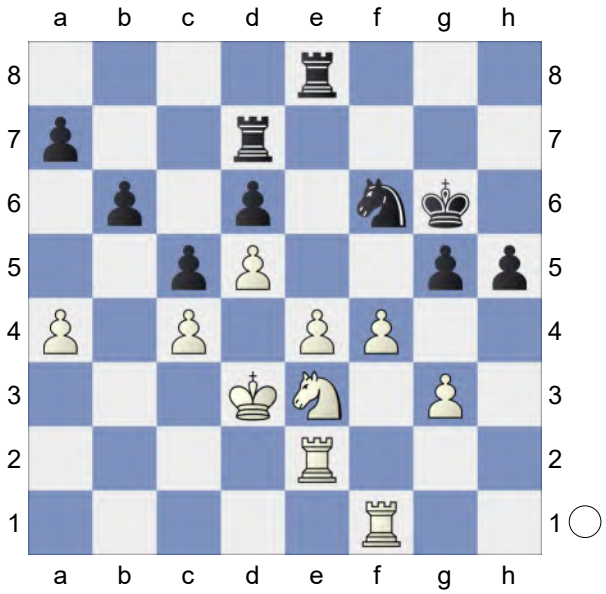
E31: Nimzo-Indian: Leningrad Variation: 4...h6 5 Bh4 c5 6 d5 d6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 c5 7.d5
[7.Rc1 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d5 *(8...Nc6 9.e3 d5 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nxc6 Qxd1+ 13.Kxd1 bxc6 14.Bd3 Rd8 15.Ke2 Rb8 16.b3 f5 17.Na4 Rd6 18.Rhd1 Kf8 19.h3 Ke7 20.f4 Bd7 21.Nc5 Rg8 22.Nxd7 Rxd7 23.Kf2* ½-½ (30) Paskulj,K (2629)-Heymann,U (2606) 45: Lloyds Bank 1994 (3.1)*)* 9.cxd5 g5 10.Bg3 Qxd5 11.e3 Qxa2 12.Qc2 Nd5 13.h4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qxc2 15.Rxc2 Be7 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.f4 Nc6 18.fxg5 Bxg5 19.Rh5 f6 20.Nf3 Bxe3 21.Re2 Bc1 (30) Sevian,S (2654)-S,L (2611) Douglas 144/(180) 2019]
7...exd5 8.cxd5 d6 9.e3 g5N 0.20/21
[9...Nbd7 -0.28/19 feels stronger. 10.Bd3 *(10.Be2 Qa5 11.Qb3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxd5 13.0-0 N7f6 14.Rac1 Be6 15.c4 Nb6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.e4 f5 18.Qc2 Qa4 19.exf5 Qxc2 20.Rxc2 Bxf5 21.Rd2 Rfe8 22.Rfd1 Rad8 23.Bf1 Bg4 24.Rxd6 Rxd6* 0-1 (43) Mohd Zin,M-Razali,F (1805) Kuala Lumpur Arena op 2015 (3) *25.Rxd6 Kg7 26.Nd2 Be6 27.f4 Nc8 28.Rd3 Ne7 29.Rb3 b6 30.a4 Nc6 31.Nf3 Rd8 32.g3 Nd4 33.Nxd4 Rxd4 34.Rc3 Bd7 35.Ra3 a5 36.Ra2 Kf6 37.Kf2 Bf5 38.Rb2 Rd6 39.Be2 Ke7* 0-1 (43) Goudriaan,M-Bodin,S (1805) OUCCS Championship 2003 (3)*)* 10...Qb6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxd5 6) Kasparov Variation 4.Nf3-Kasparov Variation 4.Nf3 −]
10.Bg3= Ne4 11.Nd2 Nxg3 White is slightly better. **12.hxg3** Hoping for Qh5. **12...Kg7 13.a3**
[13.Qc2 is interesting. Nd7 14.a3 Ba5 15.f4]
13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.Be2 White is more active. **15...Nf6 16.c4 Bf5 17.Qb3 Qe7 18.f3 Rfe8 19.Kf2 Bg6 20.Qc3 Qe5 21.Rac1** 0.48/22
[21.Qxe5± 0.84/21 Rxe5 22.Rae1]
21...Rab8 22.a4
[22.Qxe5 simplifies Rxe5 23.e4 Re7 24.a4]
22...Nd7 23.g4
[23.Qxe5+ simplifies Nxe5 24.g4 f5 25.gxf5 Bxf5 26.e4]
23...f6 1.00/22
[23...f5± 0.53/21]
24.Nf1± f5 25.gxf5 Bxf5 26.Ng3 0.58/23
[26.Bd3± 1.01/23 Qxc3 27.Rxc3 Bxd3 28.Rxd3]
26...Bg6 1.02/22
[26...Nf6± 0.58/23]
27.Bd3 Qxc3 28.Rxc3 Bxd3 29.Rxd3 Kg6 30.e4 And now Nf5 would win.
30...Ne5 31.Rc3 Red8 32.Nf5 h5 33.g3 Rd7 34.Rb1 Rf8 35.Kg2 Rff7 36.Rf1 Rf8 37.Kf2 Re8 38.Ke2 Rh8 39.Kf2 Re8 40.Kg2 Rf8 41.Rf2 Re8 42.Re2 b6 43.Re1 Rdd8 44.Ra1 0.72/25
[⌓44.Kf2 1.12/25]

44...Rd7 1.13/25
[⌓44...Nf7 0.72/25]
45.Ra2 0.35/22
[45.Kf2± 1.13/25]
45...Rf8 1.12/20
[45...Kf6!± 0.35/22]
46.Raa3 0.48/21
[Better is 46.Rf2± 1.12/20]
46...Re8 1.12/26
[46...Rxf5± 0.48/21 47.exf5+ Kxf5]
47.Rc2 Rb8 48.Rb3 Re8 49.Rbc3 0.55/24
[49.Re3± 1.03/23]
49...Rf8 1.07/23
[49...Kf6!± 0.55/24]
50.Ra2 0.39/24
[50.Rc1± 1.07/23]
50...Re8 1.06/22
[50...Rxf5!± 0.39/24 51.exf5+ Kxf5]
51.Kf1 0.65/24
[51.Kf2± 1.06/22]
51...Nf7 52.Re2 Ne5 1.10/24
[52...Nh6± 0.70/22]
53.Ke1 Rh8 54.Kd2 Re8 55.Kc2 Rb8 56.Re1 Re8 57.Kb3 Rb8 58.Kc2 Re8 59.Ra1 0.70/22
[59.Kd2± 1.08/27]
59...Rb8 60.Rb1 Re8 61.Re1 Rf8 62.f4 Ng4 63.Rf3 Inhibits Nf2. **63...Nh2 64.Rf2 Ng4 65.Rf3 Nh2 66.Rfe3 Ng4 67.R3e2! Rff7 68.Kd3 Rf8** 1.59/23
[⌓68...Rf6 0.93/23]
69.Rf1! Re8 70.Ne3 Nf6 2.42/21
[70...Nxe3± 1.21/21 71.Rxe3 Rf7]

(Diagram)

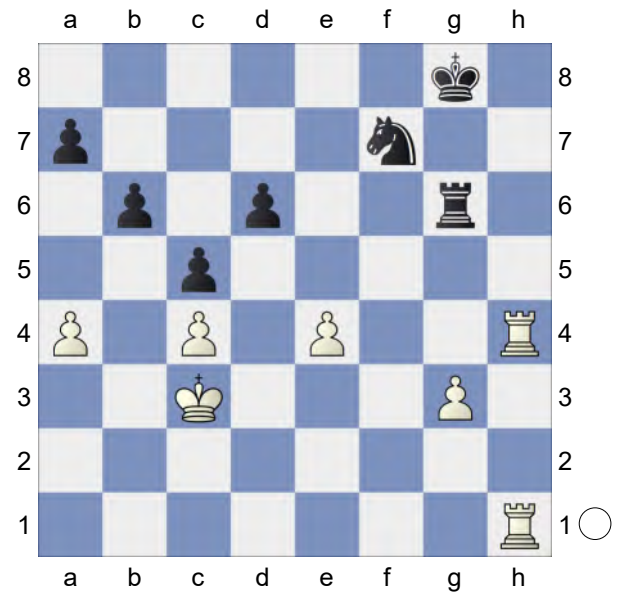
71.fxg5!+-
[Weaker is 71.Nf5 Rdd8±]
71...Nh7 72.Ng2 aiming for Rf5.
72...Nxg5? 4.18/21
[72...Kxg5 2.43/21 was necessary.



73.Ref2 Kh6]
73.Nf4+ Kh6 4.95/23
[73...Kg7 3.38/18 is a better defense. 74.Nxh5+ Kg6]
74.Rh2
[Not 74.Rh1 Nf3 75.Rxh5+ *(75.Nxh5 Kg5±)* 75...Kg7+-]
74...Nf7 75.Rxh5+ Kg7 76.Ke3 Rde7 77.Ne6+ Rxe6 78.dxe6 Rxe6 Endgame. KRR-KRN **79.Kd3?** 1.20/26
[79.Rfh1+- 4.50/23 has better winning chances.]
79...Rg6± 80.Rh3 Ne5+ 2.25/21
[80...Ng5± 1.23/23 81.Rh2 Nf7]
81.Kc3+- Re6 3.58/27
[⌓81...Ng4 2.21/28 82.Rf3 Ne5]
82.Rfh1 Nf7 83.Rh7+ Kg8 84.R7h4 1.96/19
[⌓84.Kd3 3.42/25]
84...Rg6

(Diagram)

85.g4 1.28/19
[White should try 85.R1h3!+- 1.90/22]
85...Ng5? 4.48/22 This move loses the game for Black.
[85...Rf6± 1.28/19 is more resistant.



86.Kd2 Rg6]

86.Rh8+ Kg7 87.Re8 Rf6 88.e5 Rf3+ 89.Kc2 Re3? 7.21/21

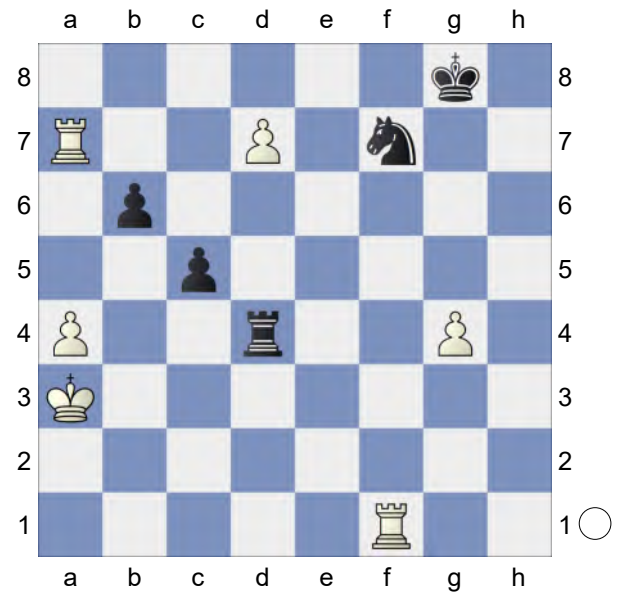
[89...dxe5 3.49/18 90.Rxe5 Kf6]

90.Re7+ White is clearly winning.

90...Kf8 91.Rxa7 Kg8 Against Rh8+

92.exd6 Threatens to win with d7.

92...Re2+ 93.Kc1 Re4 94.d7 Rxc4+ 95.Kb2 Nf7 Repels d8Q+ **96.Rf1** Intending Rxf7! and mate. **96...Rb4+ 97.Ka3** White threatens Rxf7! and mate. **97...Rd4**



98.Rxf7! Remove Defender, Promotion.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

1-0

A07

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2703**

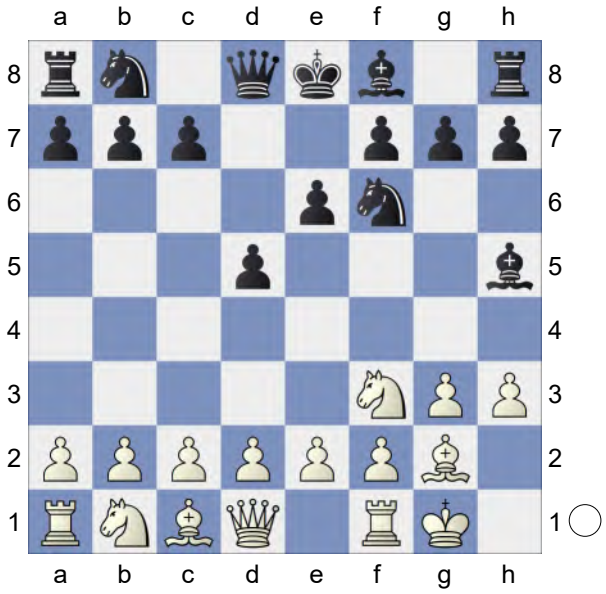
■ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.16)

[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Nf6 5.h3 Bh5



6.c4! c6 7.d4 Nbd7 8.cxd5 White is slightly better. **8...exd5 9.Nc3**

[9.Nh4 Bg6 10.Nc3 Bd6 11.Bg5 *(11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Rb1 a5 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Qd3 Re8 15.Rfe1 Be7 16.h4 Nf8 17.Bf3 N8h7 18.Bd2 Bd6 19.a3 Qd7 20.Kg2 Re7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Nf6 24.Bf3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Bc5* 0-1 (80) Nikitenko,M (2522)-Suyarov,M (2281) Kazakhstan Cup 2023 (5)*)* 11...Qc7 12.Rc1 Qb6 13.Na4 Qa6 14.a3 Be4 15.b4 0-0 16.f3 Bg6 17.Nxg6 hxg6

18.g4 b5 19.Nb2 Qxa3 20.Rxc6 Qxb2 21.Rxd6 Qxb4 22.Rc6 Rfc8 23.Ra6 Qc4 ½-½ (31) Donchenko,A (2658)-Edouard,R (2645) 146/23 Bremen 2020]

[9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.e4 Qxb3 15.axb3 dxe4 16.g4 Bg6 17.Ra4 ½-½ Aradhya,G (2412)-Nezad,H (2326) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)]

9...Bd6 Repels Ne5 **10.Qb3N**

[10.Nh4 0-0 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.f4 b5 14.g4 b4 15.Nd1 Nxg4 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.Bf3 f5 18.Ne3 h5 19.Ng6 Rf6 20.Ne5 Nf8 21.Bxg4 hxg4 22.Bd2 Ne6 23.Nc2 Rh6 24.Kg2 Ra4 1-0 (46) 2.d3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4. ♗g2 î (2590)-Heymann,U (2609) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2005 (11)]

[10.Re1 0-0 11.Qb3 Qb6 12.Bf4 Bxf4 13.Qxb6 axb6 14.gxf4 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 b5 16.a3 Rfe8 17.e3 Nb6 18.Rac1 Na4 19.Rc2 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Kf8 21.Rcc1 Re6 22.Kg2 Ke7 23.Bg4 Rd6 24.Bf3 Re6 ½-½ (30) Houghton,G (2208)-Bernstein,O (2187) 22/449 Sochi 1976 (7.2)]

10...Qb6 11.Nh4 Bg6 Dodges Nf5 **12.Qd1 0-0 13.a3 Rfe8 14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Qd3** Repels Ne4 **15...a5 16.Rd1 a4 17.Bg5 Nh7**

[17...Qxb2? 18.Rdb1+-]

18.h4 Nxg5

[18...Qxb2? 19.Rdb1+-]

19.hxg5 Nf8

[19...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 20.Rdb1+-]

20.e3 Re7

[20...Qxb2? perishes. 21.Rdb1+-]

21.Rd2 Rae8 0.70/22

[21...Ne6= 0.30/20 was preferrable.]

22.Nxa4 -0.03/26

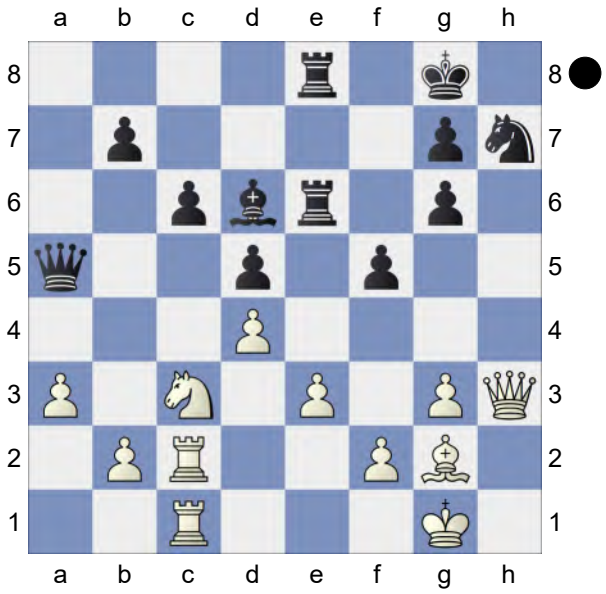
[22.e4!± 0.70/22]

22...Qa5 23.Nc3 Nh7! 24.Qe2 -0.39/21

[24.Re2= 0.00/25 should be considered.]

24...Nxg5∓ 25.Qg4 Nh7 26.Rc1 Re6 27.Rdc2 f5 28.Qh3 -1.59/26

[28.Qd1∓ -0.32/21]



28...Ng5 -0.85/23

[Black should play 28...Rf8! -1.59/26 29.b4 Qd8 *(29...Qxa3 30.b5∓)*]

29.Qh4∓ Nf7 30.Qh3 Ng5 -0.28/21

[30...Rf6∓ -0.73/23]

31.Qh4 -0.94/20

[31.Qh1= -0.28/21 keeps the balance.]

31...Nf7 32.Qh3

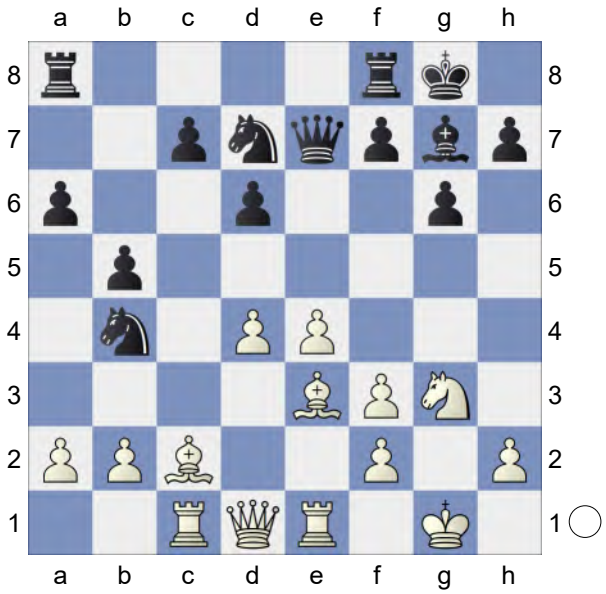
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

C79

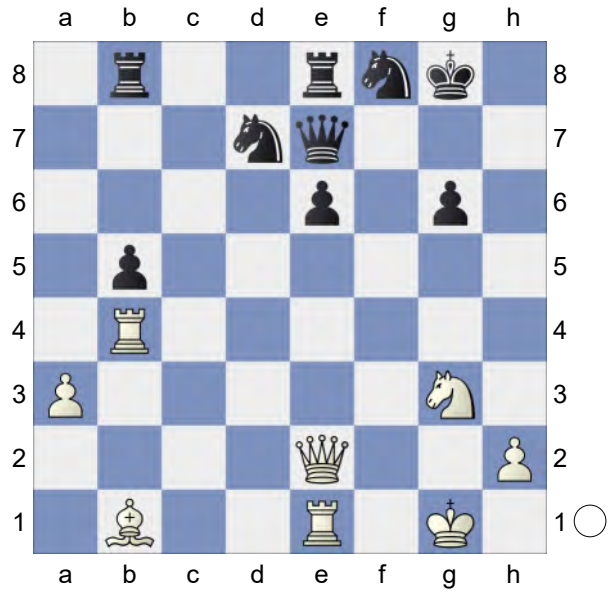
□ **Shyaam Nikhil P** 2445
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** 2656
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.17) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6
Ivkov,B: 'Inf 10/306' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.c3 g6 8.d4 Qe7 9.Nbd2 Bg7 10.Nf1 0-0 11.Ng3** 0.34/22
[11.h3± 0.76/21]
[11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Qe8 13.Bc2 Kh8 14.Ne3 Rc8 15.Nd5 Ng8 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Qd2 Be6 18.a4 f6 19.Ne3 Qf7 20.b4 Rfd8 21.Qe2 Nge7 22.Nd2 Rd7 23.b5 Nb8 24.Ndc4 Rcd8 25.Na5 Rd2 0-1 (50) Edelstein,M-Tears,C NAmerica-ch5 corr8690 1986]
11...b5± 12.Bc2 exd4N
[12...Na5 13.b3 c5 14.Bg5 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nc6 16.d5 Nb4 17.Bb1 a5 18.Bd2 Qd8 19.a3 Na6 20.b4 axb4 21.axb4 Nc7 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.Bd3 Qa3 24.Qb1 Na8 25.Re2 Nb6 26.Be3 Qa6 27.Ra2 ½-½ (39) Mozny,M-1...d5 without ...e6 Swedish tele-game 1959 Na4 28.h3 Rc8 29.Ne2 Ne8 30.Nd2 Bf6 31.Qa1 Qb7 32.Nb1 Bd8 33.Nbc3 Nxc3 34.Nxc3 Bb6 35.Bxb6 Qxb6 36.Ra8 Rxa8 37.Qxa8 Qd4 38.Bxb5 Qxc3 39.Bxd7 Qc1+ ½-½ Ivkov,B-Lengyel,L (ol) 10/306 Siegen 1970]
13.cxd4 White has an edge. **13...Bg4 14.Be3 Nd7** 0.87/23
[14...Nb4± 0.32/21]
15.Rc1 0.39/25
[Better is 15.Qd2!± 0.87/23]
15...Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nb4 0.88/19
[16...Qf6± 0.45/23]



17.Bb1!± And now a3! would win.
17...c5 18.f4 Rad8 19.Qf3 a5 1.27/17
[19...Bxd4? 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.a3+-]
[19...cxd4± 0.69/19 20.Bd2 a5]
20.a3 0.89/20
[⌓20.dxc5 1.27/17 Nxc5 21.Qe2 *(21.e5? Ncd3∓)*]
20...Na6 21.Rcd1 0.55/21
[White should try 21.Ne2± 1.01/19]
21...cxd4± 22.Bxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Nac5 24.Red1 Nf6 25.b4 0.43/23
[25.f5± 0.79/16]
25...axb4 26.Rxb4 Rb8 27.Qe2 0.00/21
[27.Kg2± 0.55/17]
27...Ne6 0.40/19
[27...Rb6= 0.00/21 deserves consideration.]
28.e5 -0.02/20
[28.Qd2± 0.40/19]
28...dxe5= 29.fxe5 Nd7 30.f4 Rfd8 31.f5 Nef8 0.47/20
[31...Nxe5?! 32.fxe6 Rxd1+ 33.Qxd1±]
[31...Ng5= 0.07/20 is superior. 32.e6 *(32.Rxb5? Rxb5 33.Qxb5 Nxe5-+)* 32...Qc5+ 33.Kg2 Nf6]

32.Re1!±
[32.Rxb5 Rxb5 *(32...Qxa3 33.e6=)* 33.Qxb5 Rb8-+ *(33...Nxe5 34.Rxd8 Qxd8 35.Qxe5∓; 33...Qxa3 34.e6=)*]
32...Re8 33.e6 Deflection **33...fxe6 34.fxg6**
[34.fxe6 feels hotter. Qc5+ 35.Kf1 Nxe6 36.Ba2]
34...hxg6



35.h4 -0.21/17 White has more active pieces.
[White should play 35.Kh1!± 0.73/20]
35...Nf6 The position is equal. **36.h5 Qc5+ 37.Kh2 Qg5**
[37...Nxh5 simplifies 38.Nxh5 Qxh5+ 39.Qxh5 gxh5 40.Bd3 Kf7]
38.Rg1 Red8 39.Nf1 Prevents Rd2.
39...Qxh5+
[39...Qc5 is more complex. 40.Bxg6 Rd5 41.Rf4 Rg5]
40.Qxh5 Nxh5 41.Bxg6 Nxg6 42.Rxg6+ Kf7 43.Rg5 Rh8 44.Rbxb5 Nf4+ 45.Kg3 Threatens to win with Rxb8. **45...Nd5 46.Rxb8 Rxb8=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **47.Nd2 Rc8 48.a4 Rc3+ 49.Kf2 Rc2 50.Ke1 Rc1+ 51.Kf2 Ra1 52.Rg4 Ra2 53.Ke1 Kf6 54.Rc4 Kf5 55.Ne4 Nb6 56.Ng3+ Ke5 57.Rc5+ Nd5 58.Rc4 Ra3 59.Ne2 Ne3 60.Rc3 Ra1+ 61.Kd2 Nf1+ 62.Kd3 Rxa4 63.Rc5+ Kd6 64.Nc3 Ra3 65.Kd4** Nb5+ would now be deadly. **65...Ra1**
[65...Rxc3 66.Rxc3 e5+ 67.Ke4+-]
66.Ne4+ Kd7 67.Rh5 Re1 ...Rxe4+! is the strong threat. **68.Rh7+ Kc6 69.Re7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

E29
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■ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.18)
[Kitty Kat]

E29: Nimzo-Indian: Sämisch: 5...0-0 6 e3 c5 7 Bd3 Nc6
Buenas a todos! Estoy de vuelta por aquí, en este caso os traigo el GCT Superbet de Rumanía. Un torneo clásico a 9 rondas con un ritmo de juego de 120 minutos con 30 segundos de incremento,con unos invitados de lujo y una bolsa de premios de $350,000. (Introducir tabla con jugadores) La parte clásica del torneo estuvo dominada en casi todo momento por Fabi aunque los perseguidores estaban muy cerca, un tropiezo en la última ronda hizo que el torneo sedecidiese de la manera más emocionante posible ya que 4 jugadores (Caruana, Firouzja, Pragghandha y Gukesh) acabaron empatando en 1ª posición lo cual forzó un Tie-Break impresionante. Este Tiebreak consto de 3 partidas donde todos se enfrentaban entre si,Fabi logró imponerse en todas para renovar su título y convertirse en el ganador del

GCT Superbet Romania por 2º año consecutivo asegurandose un premio de $68,750 ---------- LECCION ESTRATÉGICA DE FABIANO CARUANA Ndr: Esta partida sirve de magnífico ejemplo para ilustrar la fuerza de la pareja de alfiles, que aborda en este número el artículo de Diego Adla. ----------

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Rb1 d6 9.Ne2 b6

[9...e5 10.0-0 Re8 11.f3 b6 12.e4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Bg5 Re5 16.Bh4 Qe7 17.Be2 Ra5 18.Rb3 Ba6 19.Qxd4 Qe5 20.Rd1 Qxd4+ 21.Rxd4 Ne8 22.Be1 Rc5 23.Bb4 Rc6 24.f4 1-0 (37) Caruana,F (2805)-Deac,B (2680) Grand Chess Tour: Superbet Romania Ches 2024 (4)]

10.e4 The position is equal. **10...Ba6N**

[10...Ne8 11.0-0 Ba6 12.f4 f5 13.Ng3 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf6 15.Ng5 Qd7 16.d5 exd5 17.cxd5 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Ne7 19.c4 Qf5 20.Qxf5 Nxf5 21.Ne6 Rf7 22.a4 Re8 23.Rb3 Nd7 24.g4 Nd4 25.Re3 ½-½ (49) Grischuk,A (2736)-Karjakin,S (2750) 19th Moscow Stars Prelim 2023 (5.2)]

11.0-0 e5 0.58/19

[11...h6= 0.10/20]

12.d5± Na5 1.07/20

[12...Ne7!± 0.57/19]

13.f4 0.24/21

[13.Ng3± 1.07/20]

13...exf4!=

[Reject 13...Nxc4?! 14.Qa4 Nxa3 15.Qxa6 Nxb1 16.Bxb1±]

14.Bxf4 Strongly threatening Bg5.

14...Nh5 0.62/21

[Black should try 14...Ng4!= 0.07/23]

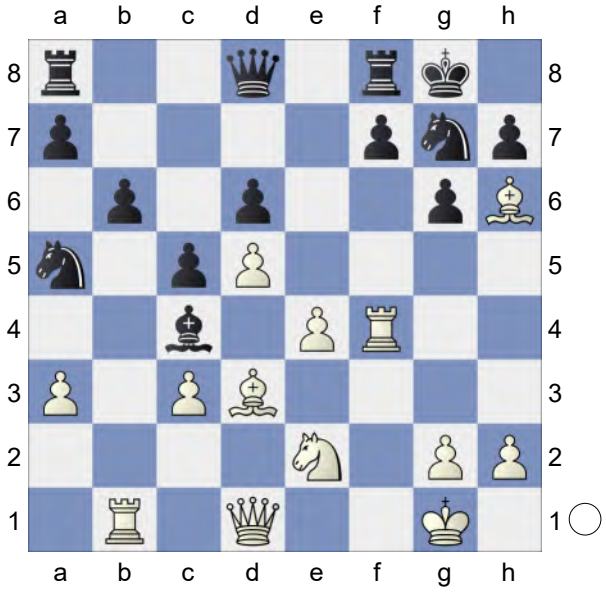
15.Bc1± g4 is the strong threat. **15...g6!**

16.Bh6 Ng7 1.11/20

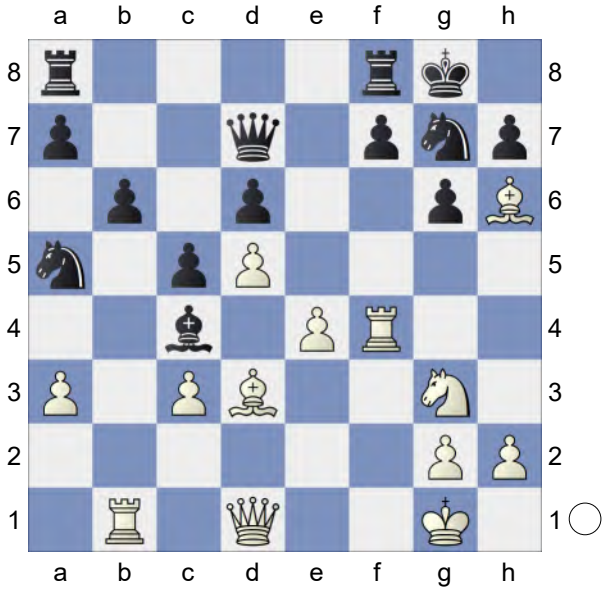
[16...Qh4± 0.69/20]

17.Rf4 White is much more active.

17...Bxc4



18.Ng3! Against Nh5 **18...Qd7**



19.Bg5 0.58/17

[19.h4!± 1.38/19]

19...f6! 20.Rxf6 0.25/20

[20.Bxf6± 0.61/21 Rf7 21.e5 dxe5 22.Rxc4 Nxc4 *(22...Rxf6 23.Re4±)* 23.Bxg7 Nxa3 24.Bh6 *(24.Bxe5?*

is the wrong capture. *Nxb1 25.Qxb1 Qxd5-+)*]

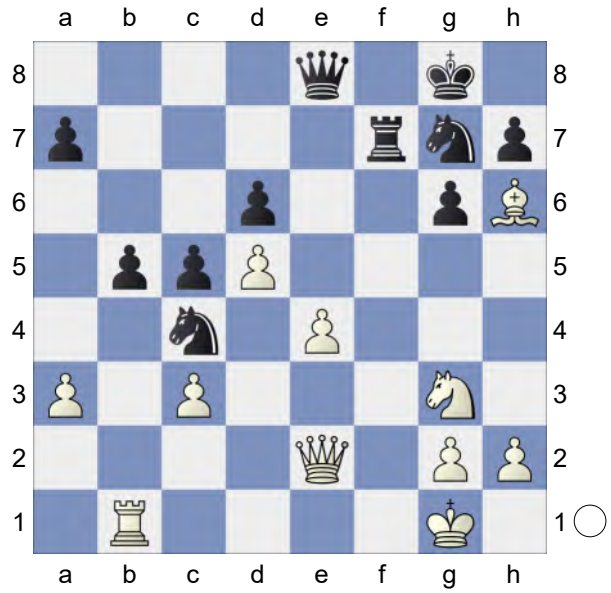
20...Rxf6= 21.Bxf6 Rf8 22.Bg5 Qe8 23.Bh6 Rf7 24.Qe2 b5 0.82/23

[24...Bxd3± 0.33/25 was preferrable. 25.Qxd3 Qe7]

25.Bxc4 0.45/17

[25.h3± 0.82/23]

25...Nxc4±



26.a4 a6

[26...Qe5 27.Qd1]

27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra1 0.08/23

[28.h3± 0.46/21]

28...Qd8 29.Ra6 White wants to play e5! **29...Qh4?** 4.16/18

[29...Rf8= 0.03/23 and Black is okay.]

30.Ra8++- White is winning. **30...Rf8 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Qf2+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.41

1-0

A07

□ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid 2466**

■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son 2646**

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[Kitty Kat]

D73: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 5 Nf3

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 c5

[4...e5 5.d3 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 7.Nc3 c6 8.Bd2 h6 9.b4 Be6 10.Re1 Nd7 11.a4 Rc8 12.a5 a6 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Rb1 Rfd8 15.Qc1 Kh7 16.c4 dxc4 17.dxc4 Ng8 18.c5 Ngf6 19.Bc3 ½-½ (56) Petrenko,N (2530)-3.e5 ♗f5 4. ♘e2 e6_35829 (2570) Moscow 1943]

5.d4N

[5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.a3 0-0 8.Rb1 d4 *(8...a5 9.a4 b6 10.Nb5 Bb7 11.c3 Na7 12.Na3 Re8 13.Re1 Rc8 14.Qc2 Ba6 15.Bf1 e5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Nd2 Qd6 19.e4 Rcd8 20.Rbd1 h5 21.Qb3 Bb7 22.Bg2 Re6 23.h4* ½-½ (42) Jayasundara,P (2267)-Endress (2242) Magyarorszag 152/106 2022 (6) *)* 9.Na4 Qd6 10.c4 dxc3 11.bxc3 e5 12.Be3 b6 13.Nxe5 Qxe5 14.Bxc6 Bh3 15.Bf4 Qe6 16.Bxa8 Bxf1 17.Qxf1 Rxa8 18.c4 Re8 19.Nc3 Nh5 20.Bd2 Bxc3 Chess Informant Eco-N, N Chess Informant ECO A4 2000]

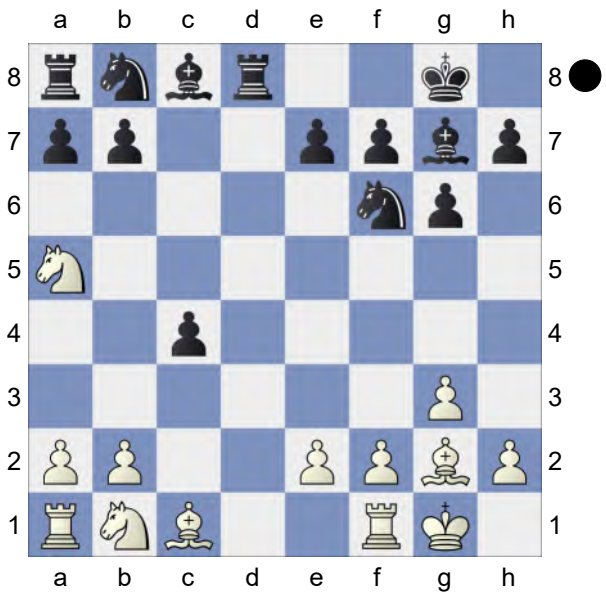
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.c4 0-0 8.Nb3 -0.78/20

[8.cxd5= 0.22/21 Nxd5 9.Nc3]

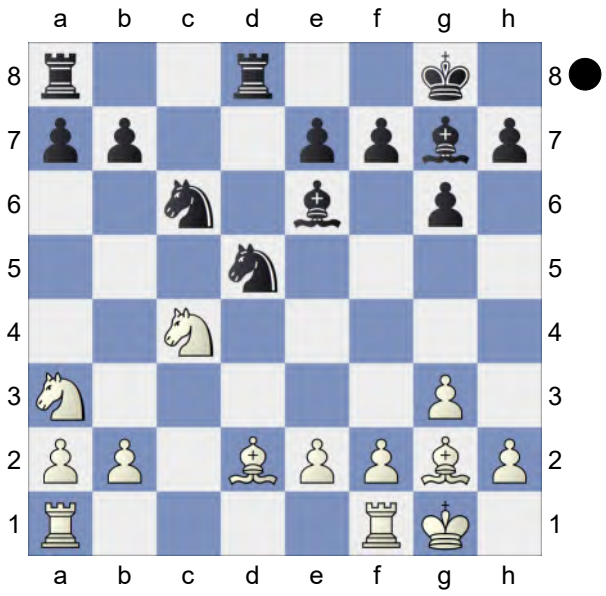
8...dxc4∓ 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Na5

(Diagram)

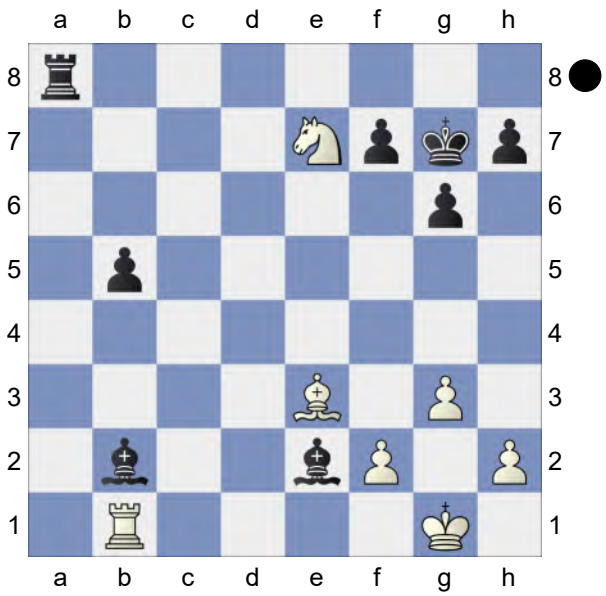
Nd5! Black is better. **11.Nxc4** Black must now prevent Rd1. **11...Nc6**



12.Nba3 Be6 13.Bd2? -2.85/17
[13.Rd1∓ -1.32/19]



13...Nb6!-+ 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Rad1 Bxb2
[Don't do 15...Bxa2 16.Bc1∓]
16.Nc2 Bxa2
[16...Rxa2 17.Bxc6 bxc6 18.Nb4=]
17.Be3 b5 18.Bxc6 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 bxc6 20.Nb4 Bc4 21.Nxc6 Bxe2 This pair of bishops is nice. **22.Nxe7+ Kg7 23.Rb1**
(Diagram)



Bf3! 24.Kf1
[24.Nc8 Be4]
24...Bc3 Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.02 (flawless)
0-1

E91
□ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
■ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.20)
[Kitty Kat]

E94: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0: Various Black 7th moves
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 0-0 5.e4 d6N
[5...c6 6.Bd3 d5 7.e5 Ne8 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.h3 Nc6 10.0-0 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Be3 Nh5 13.Rc1 Kh8 14.Re1 5) King's Indian Defence-King's Indian Defence: 4...O-Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
6.Be2 Na6 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3 c6 9.Qc2
[9.dxe5 dxe5 10.c5 *(10.Nxe5 Nxe4*

11.Nxe4 Bxe5=) 10...Nc7± *(10...Ng4 11.Bg5±)*]

9...Qe8 10.Rad1 Ng4 11.Bg5 f6 1.07/20

[11...exd4!± 0.66/19 deserves consideration. 12.Nxd4 f5]

12.Bh4 Nc7 1.87/19

[12...Kh8± 0.81/20]

13.h3+- Nh6 14.dxe5? 0.08/19

[White should try 14.c5± 1.59/18]

14...dxe5= 15.c5 Ne6 16.b4 Kh8 17.Rfe1 f5 18.exf5 Nxf5 19.Bg3 Nxg3 20.fxg3 a5 21.a3 0.00/19

[21.Ne4± 0.57/21]

21...axb4 22.axb4 Nc7 1.17/20

[22...Nd4= 0.00/19 23.Nxd4 exd4]

23.Ne4± Be6 24.Nd6 0.79/18

A dynamic duo of knights.

[⌓24.Bc4 1.17/19]

24...Qe7 25.Bc4

[25.Nxb7 Nd5 26.Nd6 Ne3∓ *(26...Nxb4 27.Qc3±)*]

[25.Bd3 is interesting. Ra2 26.Qb1 e4 27.Bxe4 Qf6 28.b5]

25...Nd5 1.54/21

[25...Bxh3± 0.61/20 26.Nxb7 *(26.gxh3 Rxf3 27.Rf1 Rxg3+ 28.Kh2 Qh4=)* 26...Ra3]

26.Nxe5 Qg5? 3.54/21

[26...Bxe5± 1.31/19 27.Rxe5 Qf6]

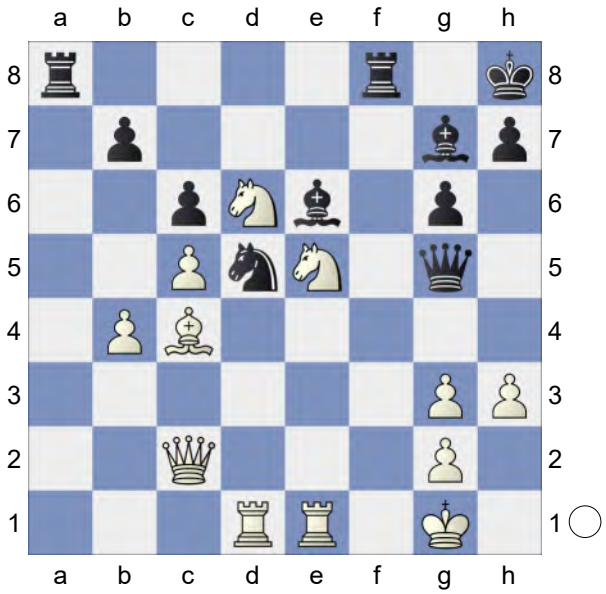
(Diagram)

27.Nxg6+! Discovered Attack **27...hxg6 28.Rxe6 Ne3 29.Qd2**

[29.Qxg6? Qxg6 30.Rxg6 Nxd1-+]

[29.Rxg6 Qh5 30.Qe4 Qxd1+ *(30...Nxd1? 31.Nf7+ Rxf7 32.Bxf7+-)* 31.Kh2 Nf1+ 32.Bxf1 Rxf1 *(32...Qxf1 33.Rg5=)* 33.Qh4+ Kg8 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7=]

29...Ra3 30.Re8? 0.64/21



[30.Nxb7 Qxg3 31.Rxe3 Rxe3-+]

[30.Re1!+- 3.47/21 Bc3 31.Qd3 *(31.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 32.R1xe3 Bd4±* Pin *)* 31...Bxe1 *(31...Qxg3? 32.R6xe3 Qf4 33.Rf1+-)* 32.Qxa3 Bxg3 33.Qb2+ *(33.Rxe3 Bf2+ 34.Kh1 Qxe3∓; 33.Qxe3 Qxe3+* Remove Defender *34.Rxe3 Bf2+ 35.Kf1 Bxe3+ 36.Ke2 Bg1=)* 33...Kh7 34.Ne4]

30...Qxg3± 31.Rxf8+ Bxf8 32.Rb1 0.00/25

[32.Ne4!± 0.56/23 Nxc4 33.Qd4+ Qe5 34.Qxc4]

32...Bg7 33.Qf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kxf2 Bd4⇄ Black is not holding back **35.Ke2 Nxg2 36.Rb3 Ra2+ 37.Kd3 Bg1** 1.18/21

[Better is 37...Bg7± 0.34/20]

38.Nxb7 Rf2? 2.42/20

[38...Ra7± 0.86/19 was worth a try.]

39.Na5+- Rf3+ 3.42/21

[⌓39...Rf6 2.29/19 40.Kc3 Ne3]

40.Ke4 Rf4+ 41.Ke5 Bh2 42.Ke6 Rd4 43.Rb2

[43.Nxc6 Rxc4 44.Rb2 Nf4+ 45.Kf7 Bg3=]

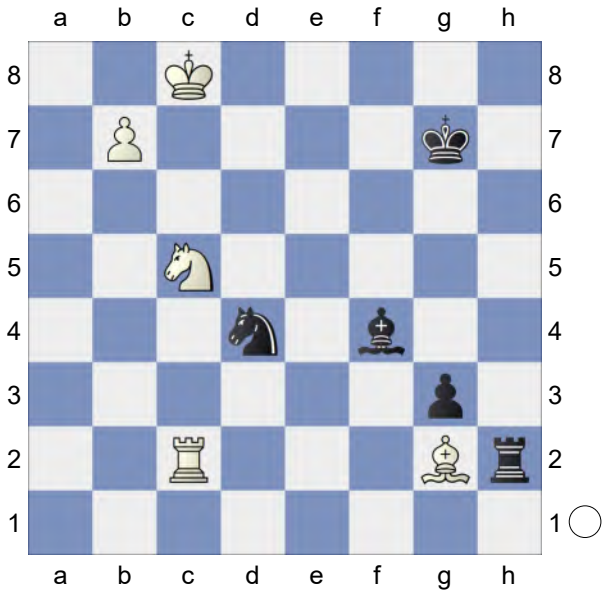
43...Nf4+ 44.Ke5 Bg1 45.Rc2

[45.Nxc6 Rxc4 46.Kd6 Rc1∓

(46...Nxh3 47.Rg2=)]
45...Nxh3 46.Nxc6 Rh4 47.Bf1 Nf2 48.Rc4 Ng4+ 49.Ke6 g5 50.Rc1 Rh6+ 51.Kd7 Nf6+ 52.Kc8
[52.Kc7 g4 53.Bg2 Rh7+ 54.Kb6 Bf2]
52...Be3 53.Rc2
[53.Re1 Nd5+-]
53...g4 54.Ne5 Rh5? 4.02/19
[54...Rh1 1.90/16 was necessary.]
55.Nd7 Nd5 56.b5 g3 57.b6? 0.00/20
[57.Kb7+- 4.06/18]
57...Bxc5!= Remove Defender, Deflection **58.b7 Bd6 59.Bg2** Black must now prevent Nf8! **59...Rh2 60.Rd2 Ne7+ 61.Kd8 Nc6+ 62.Kc8 Bf4 63.Rc2**
[63.b8B Nxb8 *(63...Bxd2 64.Bxc6 Be1 65.Nb6=; 63...Ne7+ 64.Kd8∓)* 64.Re2 Kg7∓]
63...Kg7 64.Nc5
[64.b8B Rh8+ 65.Kb7 Nxb8∓]
[64.Rxc6!? Rh8+□ 65.Nf8=]
64...Nd4? 3.55/22
[64...Kf6= 0.00/25 and Black stays safe. 65.b8N Ne7+ *(65...Nxb8 66.Re2=; 65...Bxb8 66.Nd7+ Kf7 67.Rxc6=)* 66.Kb7 Nf5]

(Diagram)

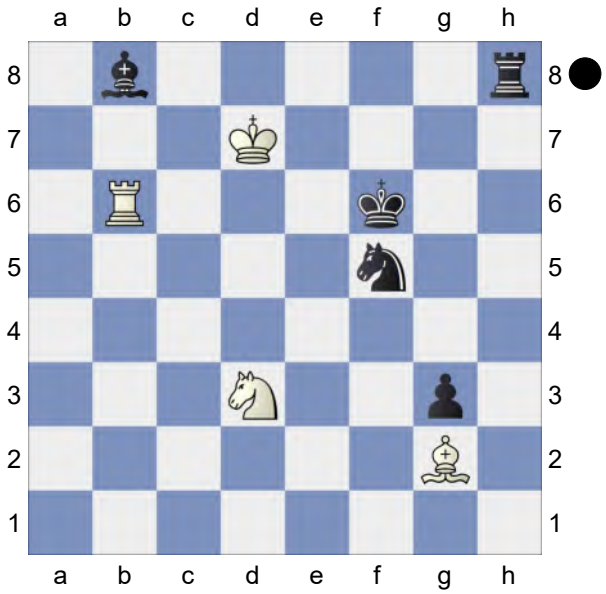
Prevents Ne6+ **65.Rb2?** 0.00/25
[65.b8B Bxb8 *(65...Nxc2 66.Ne6+ Kg8 67.Nxf4∓)* 66.Rd2 Be5∓]
[65.Rc4!+- 3.55/22 Bd6 66.Rxd4 *(66.b8B Bxb8 67.Kxb8 Rxg2=)* 66...Rh8+ 67.Kd7 Bxc5 68.Rg4+ Kf6 69.Rh4 Promotion *(69.Rxg3 Ba7±)*]
65...Kf6 66.Nd3
[66.b8B Rh8+ 67.Kd7 Bxb8∓ *(67...Rxb8 68.Rxb8 Bxb8 69.Ne4+ Kg6 70.Kc8=)*]

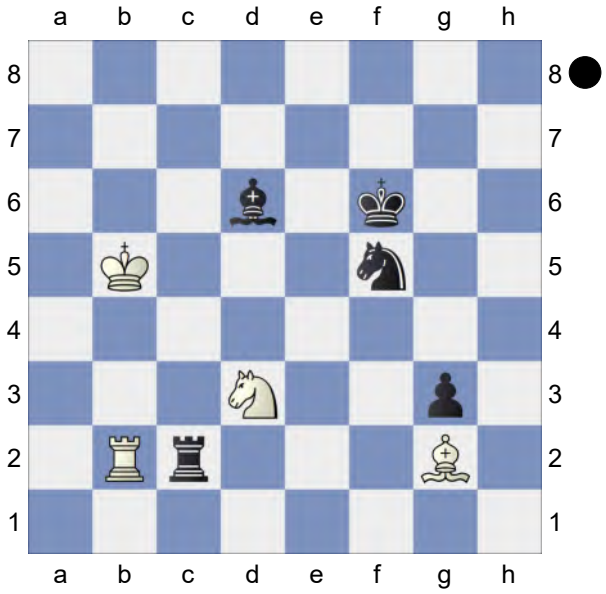


66...Rh8+ 67.Kd7 Rh7+ 68.Kc8 Bd6 69.b8Q -0.46/19
[69.b8B Rh8+ 70.Kb7 Rxb8+ 71.Ka6 Re8∓]
[69.Rb6= -0.04/20 Ke7 70.b8Q *(70.b8R Rh8+ 71.Kb7 Rxb8+ 72.Ka6 Rd8∓)* 70...Rh8+ 71.Kb7 Rxb8+ 72.Ka6]
69...Rh8+∓ Deflection
[69...Bxb8 70.Kxb8 Rg7 71.Ra2=]
70.Kd7 Bxb8
[Don't play 70...Rxb8 71.Ra2= *(71.Rxb8 Bxb8 72.Nc5 Be5∓)*]
71.Rb6+ Kg5 -0.23/18
[71...Kf5∓ -0.61/21 feels stronger.]
72.Rb4 Nf5 73.Rb5 Rh7+ 74.Kc8 -0.67/19
[74.Ke6= -0.30/21]
74...Rh8+ 75.Kd7 Kf6 And now ...Rh7+ would win. **76.Rb6+**

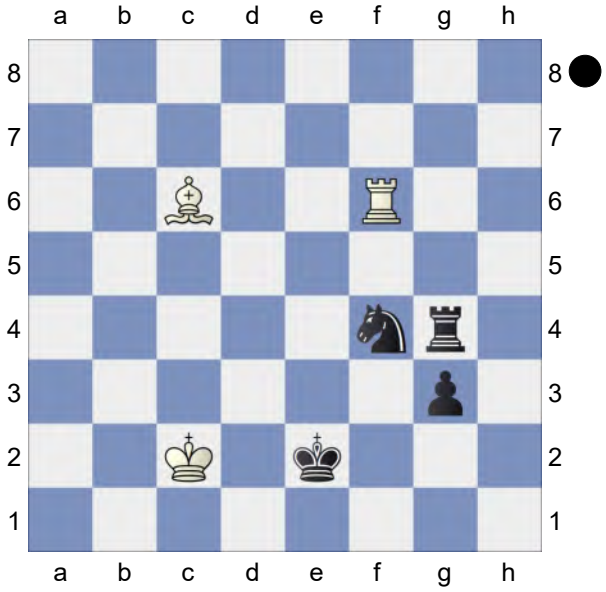
(Diagram)

Bd6! 77.Be4
[77.Rb1 Rh2]
77...Rh7+ 78.Kc6 Rh4 79.Bg2 Rd4 80.Rb3! Rc4+ 81.Kb5 Rc2 82.Rb2
(Diagram)





Nd4+ -0.50/20
[82...Rc3!∓ -0.94/23 83.Nb4 Kg5]
83.Kb6 Rc3 Black is much more active.
84.Nb4 Threatens to win with Nd5+.
84...Bc5+ 85.Kb7 Bxb4 86.Rxb4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **86...Ke5 87.Kb6 Rc2 88.Bb7 Rf2 89.Kc5 Rf7 90.Ba8 Rf4** ...Ne6+ would now be deadly.
91.Rb2 Rf8 92.Bb7 Dodges Rc8+
92...Rb8 93.Rb1 Ne6+ 94.Kc4 Nf4 95.Re1+ Kf5 96.Bc6 Rc8 97.Kb5 Rc7 98.Ba8 Rc3 99.Re8 Ne6 100.Rg8 Ng5 101.Kb4 Rc7 102.Re8 Kf4 103.Kb3 Rc1 104.Kb2 Rc5 105.Bg2 Rc7 106.Ba8 Kg4 107.Rg8 Rc5 108.Bg2 Kf4 109.Re8 Rc4 110.Rf8+ Ke3 111.Rf5 Rg4 112.Kc2 Ne6 Strongly threatening ...Nd4+. **113.Rf3+ Ke2** Hoping for ...Nd4+. **114.Rf6 Nf4 115.Bc6**



Rg5! 116.Bh1 Rh5 117.Bc6? -6.10/23
[117.Be4∓ -0.44/18]
117...Nd5 Black is clearly winning.
118.Bb5+ Ke3 119.Re6+ Kf2 120.Re2+ Kf3 Both players deserved the win here.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.35
0-1

B10
□ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
■ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2578**
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[Kitty Kat]

B11: Caro-Kann: Two Knights Variation
1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Na6 6.Nxf6+ gxf6 7.d4
[7.d3 Qd5 8.c4 Qd6 9.Be3 Bg7

10.Rd1 0-0 11.g3 Bg4 12.Bg2 f5 13.d4 Qb4+ 14.Rd2 Rad8 15.0-0 Rd7 16.h3 Bh5 17.g4 fxg4 18.Ne5 gxh3 19.Qxh5 hxg2 20.Kxg2 Rd6 21.Rh1 h6 1-0 (26) Colas Longares,R (2592)-7. ♘c3 0-0 8. ♗e3 b6 60877 (2682) 144/95 Skopje 2019]

[7.c3 Qd5 8.h3 Bf5 9.d4 e6 10.a4 0-0-0 11.Qc4 Nc7 12.a5 Bd6 13.Bd2 Rhg8 14.Qxd5 Nxd5 15.0-0-0 Nf4 16.Ne1 Be4 17.f3 Bg6 18.Rg1 c5 19.g3 Bf5 20.Be3 Nxh3 21.Bxh3 Bxh3 1-0 (52) Coll Sola,J (2667)-Bernasek,J (2371) 17/311 Wijk aan Zee 1974 (5.5)]

7...h5 8.c3N White has an edge.

[8.g3 h4 9.Nxh4 Qxd4 10.Bg2 Bg4 11.Nf3 Qd7 1) 5...Na6!? Or How To Make T-Two Knights 5... Na6!? - 6. N]

[8.Be3 h4 9.h3 Nb4 10.a3 Nd5 11.Bd2 Qd6 12.c4 Nf4 1) 5...Na6!? Or How To Make T-Two Knights 5... Na6!? - 6. N]

8...h4 9.Qe4 Qd5 10.Qxd5 cxd5 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Bf4 e6 14.0-0 h3 15.g3! b5 16.a3 Nb8 17.b4 With the idea a4. **17...Bd6 18.Bxd6 Kxd6 19.a4 Rc8 20.Rfc1**

[20.axb5 Rxc3 21.Ne1 Rc4∓]

20...bxa4 21.Rxa4 Nd7 22.Kf1 Rc7 23.Ng1 Rac8 24.Nxh3 0.12/23

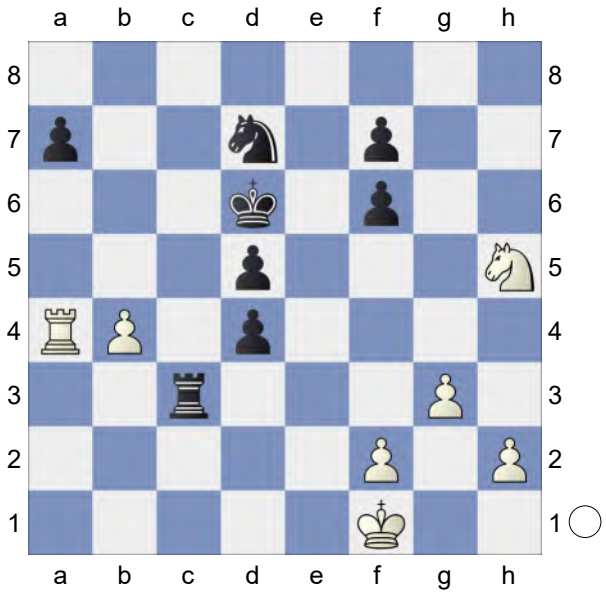
[24.Ra3± 0.57/24]

24...Rxc3= 25.Rxc3 Rxc3± Endgame. KRN-KRN **26.Nf4 e5 27.Nh5** -0.81/24

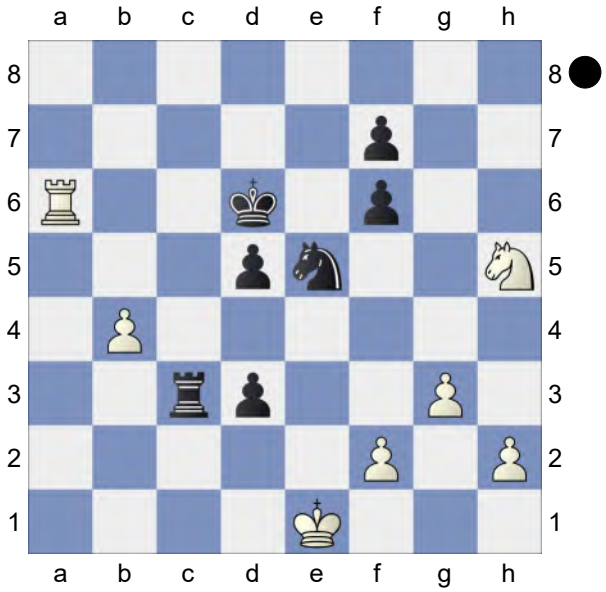
[27.Ne2± 0.32/20 keeps the upper hand. Rd3 28.Ra6+ *(28.Rxa7 exd4 29.Kg2 Rb3=; 28.dxe5+ fxe5 29.Rxa7 f5=)* 28...Nb6 29.dxe5+ *(29.Rxa7 Rd1+ 30.Kg2 exd4∓)* 29...fxe5 30.h4]

27...exd4∓

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...d3. **28.Rxa7 d3** Hoping for ...Rc1+. **29.Ke1 Ne5 30.Ra6+**



Kc7! ...Rc1+ would now be deadly. **31.Nf4?** -3.19/18 This move loses the game for White.

[White has to play 31.Ra1!∓ -0.52/18]

31...Rc1+-+ 32.Kd2 Rc2+ 33.Ke1 -4.71/22

[33.Ke3? d4+ 34.Ke4 d2 *(34...Rxf2 35.Nxd3 Rd2 36.Ra3=)* 35.Rxf6 Nd7 *(35...d1B? 36.Kxe5 Rd2 37.h4+-)* 36.Rxf7 d1Q-+ *(36...d1R?*

37.Rh7-+)]
[⩲33.Kd1 -3.34/22 Nc4 34.Nxd3 *(34.Nxd5+? Kb7-+)* 34...Rd2+ 35.Ke1 Rxd3 36.Rxf6]
33...Nf3+ Black is clearly winning.
34.Kd1 Rxf2
[34...Nxh2 35.Rxf6 *(35.Nxd5+ Kb7=)* 35...Nf1 36.Rxf7+ *(36.Nxd3 Rd2+ 37.Ke1 Rxd3+-)* 36...Kd6 37.Rf6+ *(37.Nxd3 Rd2+ 38.Ke1 Rxd3±)* 37...Kd7 38.Nxd3 Rd2+ 39.Ke1 Rxd3 40.Kxf1=]
35.Kc1 -8.35/20
[35.Nxd5+? loses. Kb7 36.Rb6+ Ka7]
[⩲35.Nxd3 -4.29/18 Rd2+ *(35...Rxh2 36.Kc1±)* 36.Kc1 Rxd3 37.Rxf6 Nxh2 38.Rxf7+ Kc6 39.Rg7]
35...Rf1+ -4.14/5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
[Not 35...Nxh2 36.Nxd3 Rf1+ 37.Kc2=]
[⩲35...d2+ -8.35/20 36.Kc2 Rf1 *(36...Nxh2 37.Nxd5+ Kd7 38.Nxf6+ Ke7 39.Nd5+ Kd7 40.Rf6=)* 37.Nxd5+ Kb7 38.Ra7+ Kxa7]
0-1

B15
□ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
■ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
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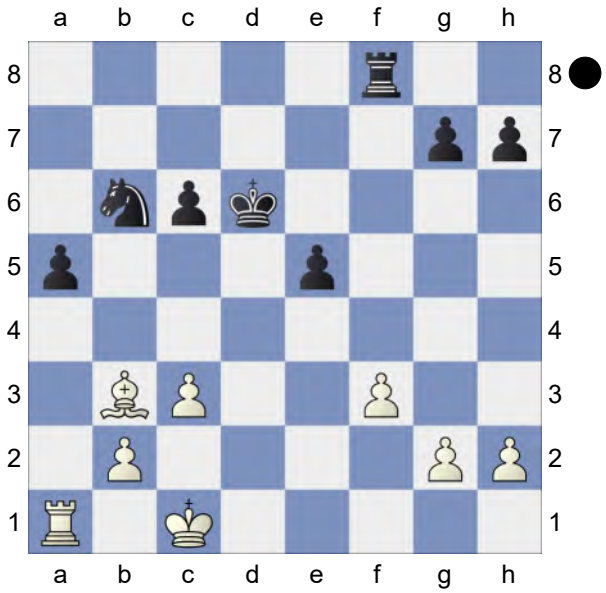
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
This game was played at the penultimate round. My opponent is a young chess player from Croatia. To be honest, since we have 17 years difference I didn't know anything about him and never met him in other tournaments. So it was hard to prepare. We both had +3 at that moment and obviously it was not enough to qualify for the World Cup. That's why once again I need to create chances for a win which is always difficult when you have Black. Diese Partie wurde in der vorletzten Runde gespielt. Mein Gegner ist ein junger Schachspieler aus Kroatien. Um ehrlich zu sein, da wir 17 Jahre Unterschied haben, wusste ich nichts über ihn und habe ihn nie bei anderen Turnieren getroffen. Es war also schwer, sich vorzubereiten. Wir hatten zu dem Zeitpunkt beide 3 und das reichte natürlich nicht, um uns für den World Cup zu qualifizieren. Deshalb muss ich wieder einmal Chancen für einen Sieg schaffen, was immer schwierig ist, wenn man Schwarz hat. **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Qe2+ Qe7 8.Qxe7+ Kxe7 9.Ne2 Bf5**
[9...Be6 10.Bd3 Na6 *(10...b5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nf4 Nb6 13.Re1 Kd7 14.c3 a5 15.Bd2 a4 16.Nh5 Rhg8 17.h3 Nd5 18.Be4 f5 19.Bf3 Nb6 20.Be2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.f4 Be7 23.Ng3 g6 24.Kf2 h5 25.Nf1* 0-1 (53) Karimova,G (2115)-Jovic,S (2069) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (8)*)* 11.a3 Nc7 12.c4 Rhd8 13.Kd2 Kf8 14.Kc2 b5 15.c5 Be7 16.Be3 f5 17.a4 b4 18.b3 a5 19.Rad1 Nd5 20.h4 Ra7 21.Bc4 Rad7 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxe7+ Kxe7 24.Bxd5 0-1 (106) Livaic,L (2563)-Ponomariov,R (2636) EU-ch 22nd Terme Catez 2022 (10)]
10.c3 b5N
[10...Re8 11.Bf4 Bxf4 12.Nxf4 Kf8+

13.Kd2 c5 14.Rhe1 *(14.Nd5 Be6 15.b3 Na6 16.Bxa6 Bxd5 17.Bb5 Red8 18.f3 a6 19.Be2 cxd4 20.cxd4 Bc6 21.Ke3 Re8+ 22.Kf2 Rad8 23.Rhd1 Rd6 24.Rac1 Red8 25.Ke3 Re8+ 26.Kf2 Red8* Classical Mccu Mccutcheon-6.Be3 French Defence 2014 *)* 14...Rd8 15.d5 g5 16.Nh5 Nd7 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Bf1 c4 Chapter-6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Qe2 2018]

11.Bb3 Nd7 12.Bf4 White is slightly better. **12...Be6 13.Bxd6+ Kxd6 14.Nf4 a5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.a4 Nb6 17.Kd2 Rhe8 18.Rhe1 e5 19.dxe5+ Rxe5 20.Rxe5 fxe5=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **21.Bc2 bxa4 22.Bxa4 Nc4+ 23.Kc1 Rf8 24.Bb3 Nb6 25.f3**

[Of course not 25.Rxa5 Rxf2 26.Ra6 Nd5∓]

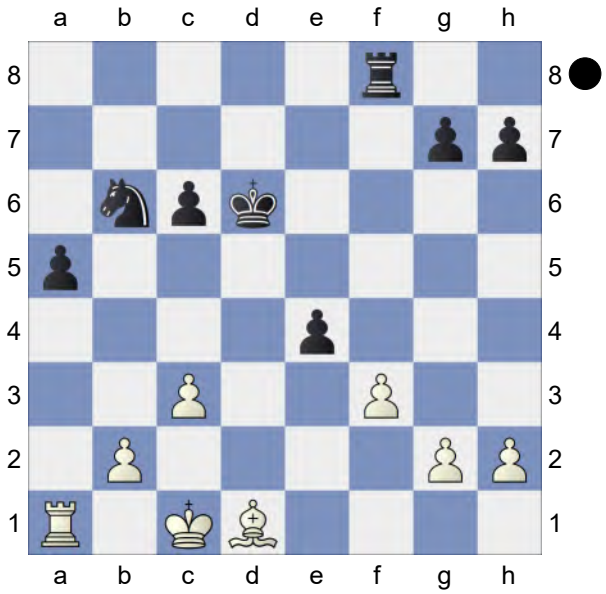


25...e4! 26.Bd1

[26.fxe4 Rf1+ 27.Bd1 Nc4∓]

[26.Rxa5 exf3]

(Diagram)



26...a4! 27.Be2

[27.Bxa4? loses. exf3 28.gxf3 Rxf3-+]

[27.fxe4 Rf1 28.Kd2 Rh1-+]

[27.Kd2 g5]

27...g5 28.Kd2

[28.fxe4? Rf2 29.Kd2 Rxg2-+]

28...exf3 29.gxf3 Rf4 30.Rg1 h6 31.Rg4 Ke5 32.Rxf4 Kxf4 KB-KN **33.Kd3 c5 34.Bd1 Ke5 35.Be2 Kd5 36.Kd2 Ke5 37.Kd3 Kf4 38.Bd1 h5 39.Ke2! h4 40.Bc2 Ke5 41.Kd3 Kf4 42.Ke2 c4 43.Bd1 h3 44.Kf2!** Strongly threatening Be2. **44...Nd7! 45.Bxa4 Ne5 46.Kg1?** -9.55/33

[46.Bd1= 0.00/24]

46...Nxf3+-+ 47.Kh1 Nd2 -6.47/28

[⌓47...g4 -13.02/32 48.Bd7 Ng5]

48.Bd7 g4 Hoping for ...Kg5. **49.Kg1?** -6.47/37 Loses the game.

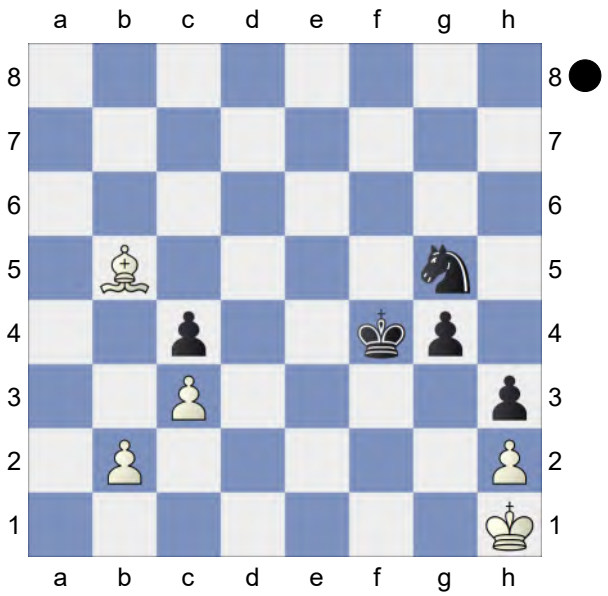
[49.Be6∓ -1.47/31]

49...Nf3+ 50.Kh1 Ng5 51.Bb5

(Diagram)

g3! Black mates. **52.hxg3+ Kxg3 53.Bxc4 h2**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/



Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

D79

□ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**
■ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
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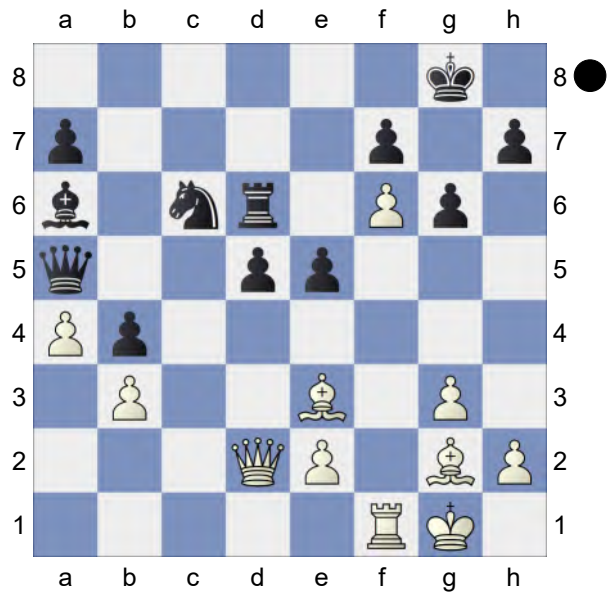
[Kitty Kat]

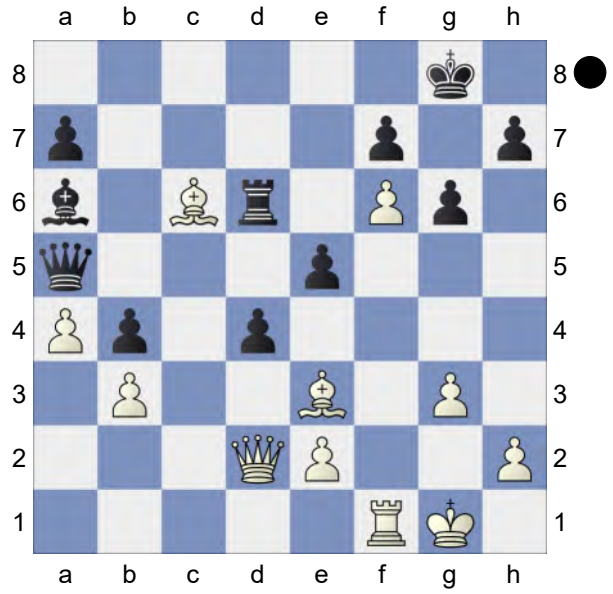
D79: Fianchetto Grünfeld: Symmetrical Variation (6 0-0 c6 7 cxd5 cxd5)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d4 d5
[5...d6 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.e4 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.c3 Qe7 10.b4 a6 11.a4 Rd8 12.Qe2 Be6 13.Ba3 Qd7 14.Nc4 Qd3 15.Qxd3 Rxd3 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Rxc3 18.Rfc1 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Bxe5 20.Rxc3 0-1 (50) Rahtkens,K (2429)-Siemes,R (2605) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (2)]
6.c4N
[6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.c4 e5 10.Nf3 d4 11.e3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e4 14.Bg2 d3 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Rc1 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe4 Bg7 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.Kg2* 1-0 (51) Broomhead (2321)-Russell,J (2342) 50/207 Groningen 1990 (4) *)* 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Rd1 e5 12.Qb2 f6 13.c4 d4 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.a4 Be6 18.Nbd2 Nc6 19.Ne1 Nb4 20.Ra3 Bf5 ½-½ (110) Grinza,A (2180)-Porchel,B (1978) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (2) 21.Nb3 Rac8 22.Rc1 Rf7 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Nd3 Bxd3 25.exd3 b6 26.Rb3 Re8 27.Re1 Rfe7 28.Qd2 f5 29.f3 Qd6 30.Re2 h6 31.Rb1 Qf6 32.Rxb4 axb4 33.Qxb4 Ra7 34.Ra2 Qg5 35.Qb1 Qe7 ½-½ (110) Ghevondyan,A (2180)-Hertlein,I (1978) Ceske Budejovice op 2023 (2)]
6...c6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Ne5 Nfd7 9.f4 e6 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.b3 Ndxe5 12.dxe5 b5 13.Be3 Qa5 White is slightly better.
14.Qd2 Rd8 15.a4 b4 16.Nb5 Ba6 17.Nd6 -1.05/20
[17.Nd4± 0.34/22 stays ahead. Rac8 18.Rfc1]
17...Rxd6!∓ 18.exd6 Bxa1? 1.06/16
[18...Bc3!∓ -0.99/20 and life is bright. 19.Qd1 Rd8]
19.Rxa1± Rd8 20.f5 Rxd6
[20...gxf5 21.Bg5 Rxd6 22.Bf6±]
21.f6 -0.27/21
[21.fxe6?! Rxe6 22.Bxd5 Rxe3 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7∓]
[21.Rc1!± 1.22/20 Black must now prevent Bc5. gxf5 22.Bc5]
21...e5= 22.Rf1 -1.49/18
[22.Rc1= -0.30/20]

(Diagram)



22...d4!∓ And now ...Qb6 would win.
23.Bxc6



aiming for Bxd4! **23...Rxc6** -0.25/17
[23...Qc5!-+ -1.65/24 24.Bb5 dxe3]
24.Bxd4= Qd8 Pin **25.Be3 Rd6**
[25...Qxd2 26.Bxd2 Rc2 *(26...Bxe2 27.Re1±)* 27.Bxb4 Bxe2 28.Re1=]
26.Qxb4 Bxe2
[26...Rxf6 27.Rxf6 *(27.Bxa7 Rxf1+* Remove Defender *28.Kxf1 Qd1+ 29.Qe1 Qxb3∓)* 27...Qxf6 28.Qb8+ *(28.Bxa7 Bxe2 29.Bf2 h5=)* 28...Kg7 29.Bc5±]
27.Re1 Ba6 Threatening ...h5. **28.Bxa7 Rd1**
[28...Qxf6 29.Qb8+ Kg7 30.Bc5+-]
29.Bf2 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1 Qxf6
KQB-KQB **31.Qe4** The position is equal.
31...Qd6 32.b4 Qd1+ 33.Be1 f6 34.b5 Bb7 35.Qxb7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
½-½

		C48
□	**Nandhidhaa,P V**	**2339**
■	**Raja,Rithvik R**	**2521**

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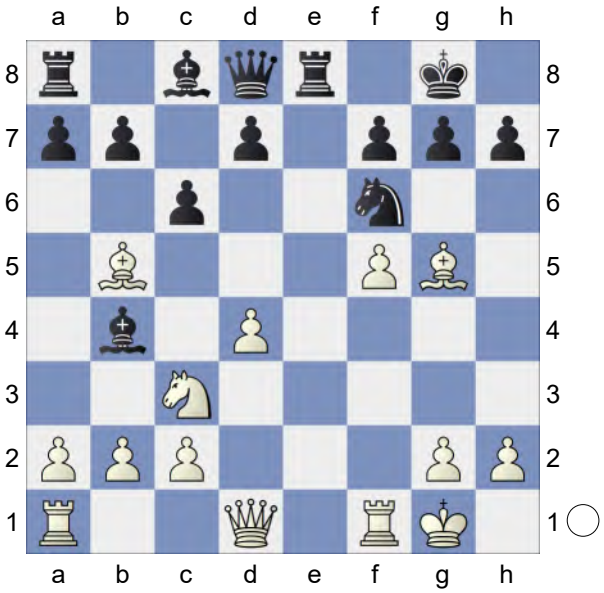
[Kitty Kat]

C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bd6 8.f4
[8.dxe5 simplifies Bxe5 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Nb5]
8...Neg4 9.e5 Bb4 10.f5 And now Be2 would win. **10...Re8! 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Bg5 c6**

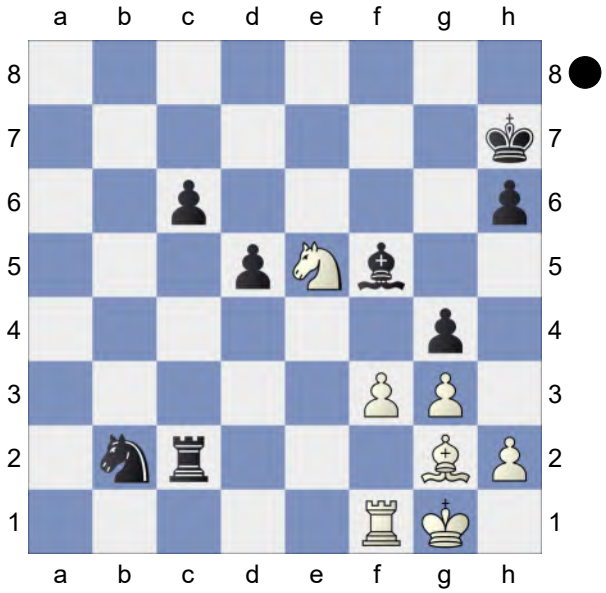


Against Nd5. White must now prevent ... Bxc3! **13.Bd3 d5** Prevents Ne4 **14.Qf3 Bd7N**
[14...h6 15.Bh4 Bf8 16.Rae1 Rxe1 17.Rxe1 Bd7 18.Re3 Bd6 19.Ne2 c5 20.Nf4 cxd4 21.Re2 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Qb6 23.Re7 Bb5 24.Bxf6 Qxf6 25.Rxb7 Bxd3 26.cxd3 Qa6 27.Qc7 Rf8 28.Rb8 Rxb8 29.Qxb8+ 0-1 (71) Nandhidhaa,P (2316)-Berczes,D (2451) Budapest SixDays 09 GM-A 2023 (4) Kh7 30.Qb3 Qa5 31.Kf1 Qd2 32.f6 gxf6 33.h3 Kg7 34.Kg1 h5 35.Qxd5 Qxd3 36.Qxh5 Qe3+ 37.Kh2 d3 38.Qg4+ Qg5 39.Qd1 Qf4+ 40.Kg1 d2 41.a3 a5 42.b4 axb4 43.axb4 Qxb4 44.Kf2 0-1 (71) Grubisic,I (2316)-Games (2451) Birmingham Mercury tourney rd2 1855 (4)]
[14...Qd6 15.Bf4 Qf8 16.g4 Chapter-4...Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nxe5 2017]
15.Rae1 Rxe1 16.Rxe1 Qf8 17.Re2 -0.15/22
[17.Bxf6± 0.31/19 was preferrable. gxf6 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Re3]
17...Bd6 The position is equal. **18.Nd1 Re8 19.Nf2 Rxe2 20.Qxe2 Ne8 21.c3 f6 22.Bc1 Bc7 23.g4 Nd6 24.Bf4 Qd8 25.Nh1 Nf7 26.Bxc7 Qxc7 27.Qe7 Qd6 28.Qxd6 Nxd6 29.Ng3 Kf7 30.Kf2 a5** A rather calm draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

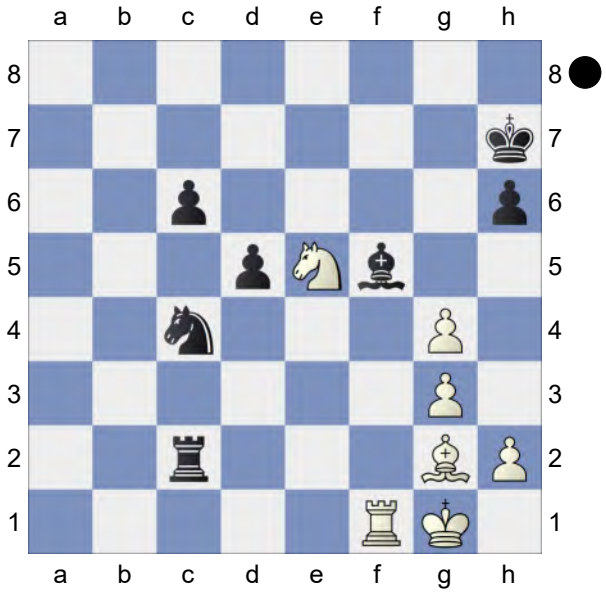
E11
□ **Vantika,Agrawal 2392**
■ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.25)
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d5 7.Qc1N
[7.Qc2 Nc6 *(7...Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Bf4 b6 10.Ne5 Nfd7 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.e4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bb7 14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Bc7 Qd7 16.Bxd5 Qxd5 17.Bxb6 Nd7 18.Nc3 Qb7 19.Bc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Rad1 Rac8 22.Qe2* ½-½ (51) Guo,Q (1412)-Krasteva,B (2223) WchT (Women) Pool-B rapid 2023 (3.2)*)* 8.0-0 Re8 9.Rd1 Bf8 10.a3 Bd7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nc3 Be6 15.Rac1 Red8 16.Na4 Bf5 17.Qd2 Be4 18.Ne1 Rd7 19.Bh3 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Ng2 Re8 (24) Bogo Indian-6. ♗g2 d5 Survey 2010 22.Nc5 Bxc5 23.Rxc5 Re4 24.e3 Chicago-Lima,F 6: World Championship Match 1985]
[7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 c6 9.c5 Bxd2 10.Nbxd2 b6 11.e4 bxc5 12.dxc5 Ba6 13.Rfe1 Qb8 14.Rac1 Rc8 15.Bh3 Nf8 16.b3 Qc7 17.a3 Rd8 18.e5 N6d7 19.Nd4 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Qxe5 21.Nxc6 Qc7 1-0 (54) Evdokimov,A (2531)-Petrosian,T (2592) Moscow Aeroflot op-A 2007 (2)]
7...Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Qc2 White has an edge. **9...Nbd7 10.Bf4 a4 11.a3 h6 12.Rd1 Ne4 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 Nb6 15.c5 Nc4 16.b3 axb3 17.Qxb3 g5 18.Bc1 Bf6** 0.30/21
[⌓18...e5 -0.23/22]
19.e4 Bg7 20.Qc2 b6 21.cxb6 Qxb6

22.e5 -0.75/19
[22.Rb1= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. Qc7 23.a4]
22...g4 -0.17/21
[22...c5∓ -0.75/19 23.h4 gxh4 24.dxc5 Qxc5 25.Nxh4 Bd7 *(25...Bxe5 26.Bxh6 Bxa1 27.Qe2=)*]
23.Ne1 Ba6! 24.Qc3 -1.08/22
[24.a4∓ -0.37/21]
24...f6 -0.11/19 Black is more active.
[24...c5∓ -1.08/22 And now ...cxd4 would win. 25.dxc5 Qxc5 *(25...Bxe5? 26.Qxe5 Nxe5 27.cxb6+-)*]
25.exf6= Rxf6 26.Bf4 Rf7 27.Qc2 Bxd4 28.Qg6+ Bg7 29.Rab1 Qa7 Dancing on a razor blade. **30.Qxe6 Qd7 31.Qg6**
[31.Qxd7 simplifies Rxd7 32.Nd3 Nxa3 33.Rbc1]
31...Rf6
[31...Nxa3 looks sharper. 32.Be4 Nxb1 33.Bxb1 Rf6]
32.Qh5 Rd8 0.73/22
[32...Nxa3= 0.00/23 33.Rb6 Re6]
33.Nd3± Black must now prevent Nc5.
33...Bc8! 34.a4 0.06/21
[34.Nb4± 0.58/22]
34...Qf5⇄ Black is not holding back
35.Qxf5 Bxf5 36.Rb7 Re6 37.Nc5 Ree8 38.Rc7 Rc8? 1.90/21
[38...Nb2= 0.04/24 and Black stays safe. 39.Rc1 Bf8]
39.Rxc8? -0.27/21
[39.Rxc6!+- 1.90/21 Rxc6 40.Bxd5+ *(40.Rxd5? Re1+ 41.Bf1 Rb6-+)* 40...Kh7 41.Bxc6]
39...Rxc8 40.Re1 Ra8 41.Be3? -2.45/19
[White should try 41.h3!∓ -0.49/22]
41...Ra5!-+ 42.Rc1 Bb2 43.Rf1 Kh7 44.Nb3 Rxa4 45.Bd4 Bc2 46.Bxb2 Nxb2
[Resist 46...Bxb3 47.Bc1∓]
47.Nc5 Rc4 48.Nd7 Bf5 49.Ne5 Rc2 50.f3



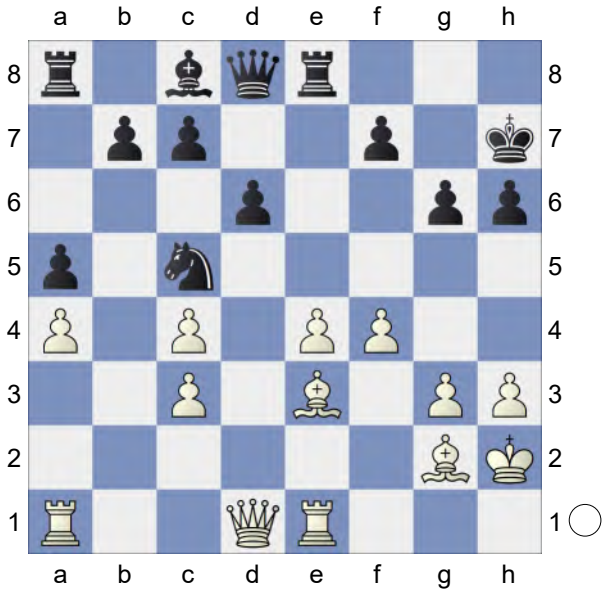
Nc4 -0.82/18
[50...Nd3!-+ -1.70/19 has better winning chances. 51.fxg4 Rxg2+ Remove Defender *(51...Nxe5? 52.gxf5 Kg7 53.Rd1∓)* 52.Kxg2 Be4+ 53.Nf3 Ne5]
51.fxg4? -5.18/21
[51.Nxc4∓ -0.82/18 Rxc4 52.fxg4 Bxg4 53.h3]



51...Rxg2+! Remove Defender. Black is clearly winning.
[51...Nxe5 52.gxf5 Kg7 53.f6+ Kf7 54.h3∓]
52.Kxg2∓ Endgame. KRN-KBN
52...Be4+
[52...Nxe5? perishes. 53.Rxf5 *(53.gxf5 Kg7+-)* 53...Nxg4 54.Kf3 Nxh2+ 55.Kf4+-]
53.Kf2 Nxe5 54.h3 c5 55.Ke3 Bg6 56.Ra1 d4+ 57.Kf4 Nd3+ 58.Kf3 c4 aiming for ...c3. **59.Ra7+ Kg8 60.g5 hxg5** Threatens to win with ...c3. **61.Kg4 Ne5+ 62.Kxg5 d3** ...d2 would now be deadly. **63.Kf6 d2 64.Ra8+ Kh7 65.Rd8 Bd3 66.Kxe5 d1Q**
[Weaker is 66...d1B 67.Kf6=]
67.Rd7+ Kh6 Hoping for ...Qe1+. **68.Rd6+ Kh5 69.Rd4 Qe2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.21 (precise)
0-1

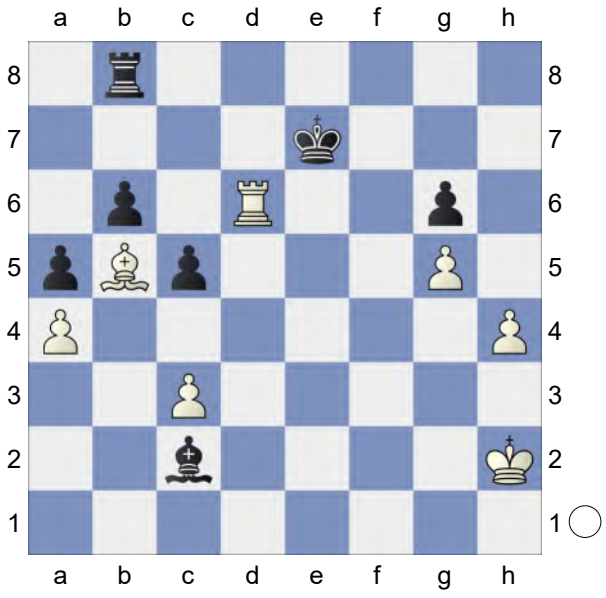
E68
□ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
■ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.26)
[Kitty Kat]

E68: King's Indian: Fianchetto: 6...Nbd7 7 0-0 e5 8 e4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5 10.h3 Re8 11.Re1 h6 12.Nb3 Ne6 13.Kh2N
[13.f4 a5 14.a4 Nd7 15.Be3 Ndc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.e5 Ra6 18.Qxd8 Rxd8 19.Rad1 Re8 20.Nd5 c6 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.exf6 Kf8 23.g4 Nd4 24.f5 g5 25.Bxd4 cxd4 26.c5 Rd8 27.Bf1 Ra8 1-0 (45) Bok,B (2620)-Tabatabaei,M (2707) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Apr Early blitz 2024 (8)]
13...a5 14.a4! Nd7 White is slightly better. **15.Be3 Kh7 16.f4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Nec5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5**

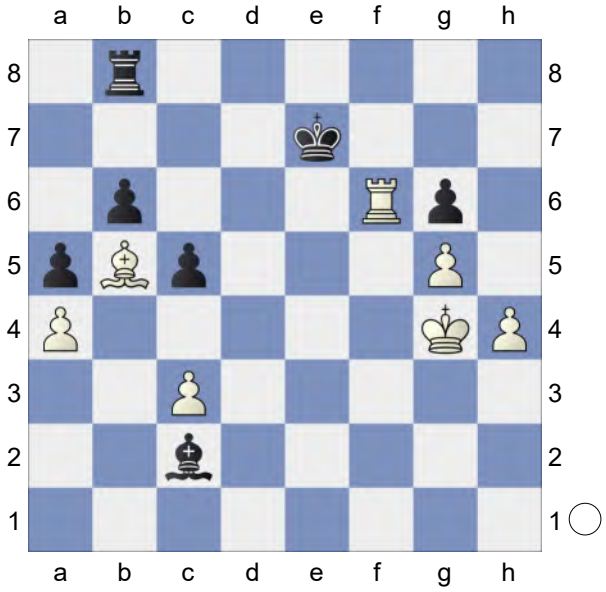


19.e5! Be6 20.Qe2 Rb8 1.04/22
[20...Qe7!± 0.48/22]
21.Bxc5 0.58/18
[21.g4!± 1.04/22]
21...dxc5± 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.g4 Qh4 0.83/22
[23...Red8± 0.45/21 deserves consideration.]
24.Be4 0.09/25
[24.Bd5± 0.83/22]
24...f5 25.exf6 Qxf6 26.Qf2
[26.Kg3 seems wilder. Bf7 27.Qf3 Rbd8 28.Bd5]
26...Kh8 27.Qg3 Re7 1.44/21
[27...Bxc4= 0.00/22 remains equal. 28.g5 hxg5]
28.g5± hxg5 29.fxg5 Qg7 2.09/24
[29...Qf7± 1.28/22 might work better.]
30.Bg2 0.86/23
[30.Bxb7!+- 2.09/24 Bg2 would now be deadly. Kg8 *(30...Rxb7 31.Qh4+ Qh7 32.Rxe6+-)* 31.Rb1]

30...Bg8 31.Qh4+ Bh7 1.48/22
[⌓31...Qh7 0.89/22 32.Qf2 Rxe1 33.Rxe1 Qg7 34.Qxc5 *(34.Qh4+ Bh7+-)* 34...Rf8]
32.Qf2 0.96/25 White is much more active.
[⌓32.Rb1 1.48/22]
32...b6 1.36/22
[Black should try 32...Bg8 0.96/25]
33.h4 -0.01/28
[33.Qg3± 1.36/22]
33...Bg8= 34.Rxe7 Qxe7 35.Re1↑ White is pushing. **35...Qd6+ 36.Qg3** Black must now prevent Qxd6. **36...Bxc4 37.Qxd6 cxd6** Endgame. KRB-KRB
38.Re7 Kg8 39.Rd7 Bb3? 1.62/26
[39...d5= 0.03/30]
40.Bc6? 0.07/26
[Only move: 40.Rxd6+- 1.62/26 Kg7 41.Be4]
40...Kf8? 1.98/23
[40...d5= 0.07/26]
41.Rxd6+- Bc2 42.Bb5 1.27/26 Dodges c4
[42.Rd2+- 1.68/22 Bb3 43.Kg3]
42...Ke7±



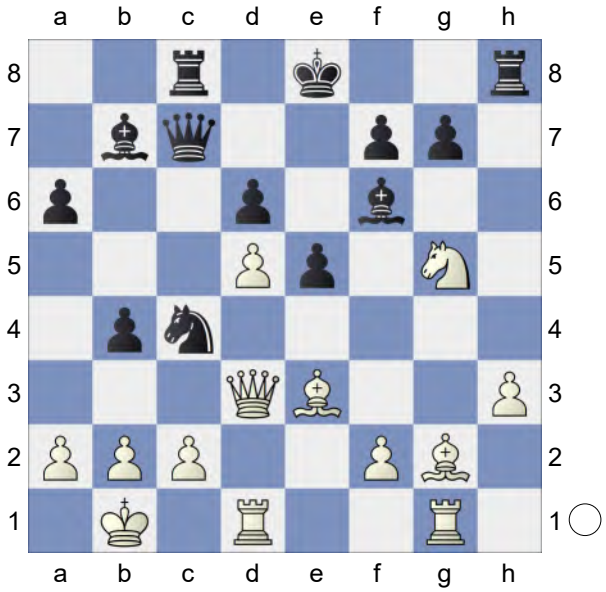
43.Rf6 0.06/24
[43.Rd2!± 1.20/25 Bf5 44.Kg3]
43...Bb1 2.00/21
[43...Rf8!= 0.06/24 and Black has nothing to worry.]
44.Kg3+- Bc2 45.Kf3 Rh8 46.Kg4
[Worse is 46.Rxb6 Rxh4 47.c4 Bd3=]
46...Rb8



47.Kg3! Bb1? 2.97/23
[47...Rd8± 1.18/19]
48.Kf4 Rh8 49.Ke5 1.17/23
[49.Rxb6 Rxh4+ 50.Ke5 Rg4±]
[49.Kg3+- 2.56/22 and White stays clearly on top.]
49...Rxh4± 50.Re6+ Kf7 51.Rxb6 Bc2? 2.88/24
[51...Rg4± 1.19/20]
52.Rb7+ 1.53/22
[52.Ra6+- 2.88/24]
52...Kf8 53.c4 Rg4 54.Ra7 Bd3? 4.60/21
[54...Rxg5+ 1.93/20 55.Kd6 Be4]
55.Rxa5+- Rxg5+ 56.Kd6 Rf5 57.Ra8+ White is clearly winning.
57...Kf7 58.a5 Be4 59.Ra7+ Kg8 60.a6 Rf8 61.Re7 Ba8 62.Re8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.52
1-0

B90
□ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**
■ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.27)
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
Smirin,Ilia: 'Smirin,I: 'Inf 78/245'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5N**
[6...e6 7.g4 Nfd7 *(7...d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 b4 14.Be1 Ra7 15.c3 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.f5 Bd6 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qd3 Rh6 21.Rd1 Rah7 22.Nf3* 1-0 (31) Smirin,I (2630)-Mista,A (2537) EU-ch 9th Plovdiv 2008 (7)*; 7...Nc6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qd2 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Kb1 b4 13.Nce2 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qd3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.f3 Be7 18.h4 h6 19.gxh6 Rxh6 20.Ng3 g6 21.h5 0-0-0 22.Qc4* ½-½ (57) Donrault,P (2209)-Genzling,A (2033) FRA-chT2b 0304 2003 (11)*; 7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.a3 h6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.g5 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.g6 Ndf6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rb1 Qc8 17.Ba3 Be7 18.Qd3 Bd5 19.Rfe1 Bc4 20.Qe3 d5 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Rb8* 1-0 (28) Smirin,I (2666)-Murey,J (2487) ISR-chT Ramat Aviv 2000 (7) *)* 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nce2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7 13.f4 b5 14.g5 Bb7 15.Qg4 Rfe8 16.Rf2 Bf8 17.Raf1 e5 18.Nf5 Re6 19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Qg3 Rae8 21.h4 1-0 (33) Federzoni,E (2144)-Nunes,A (1817) Caioba op 7th 2023 (3)]
7.Nf3 Be7 8.g4 h6 9.Rg1 b5 10.g5 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Bb7 12.Be3 Qc7
[12...Nbd7!?]
13.Qd2 Nbd7 14.0-0-0 Rc8 15.Kb1 b4 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 Nb6 18.Qd3 Bf6
[18...Nxd5 19.Nxf7 Rf8 *(19...Nxe3 20.fxe3 0-0 21.Nh6+ Kh8 22.Qg6±)* 20.Ng5 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Bxg5 22.Rxg5+-]
19.Bg2 Nc4 0.99/20
[19...Bxg5!± 0.62/20 is superior. 20.Bxg5 Qc4]



20.Ne4 -0.28/18
[20.Bc1!± 0.99/20]
20...Nxe3!= 21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.fxe3
[22.Qxe3? Qxc2+ 23.Ka1 Qc5-+]
22...Ke7 23.Bf3 Qc4 24.Bg4 Rc5 25.Qf5 Bc8 Inhibits Qd7+.
[25...Rxd5 26.Qd7+ Kf8 27.Qd8+ *(27.Qxb7 Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1 b3+-)* 27...Kg7 28.Bf5+]
26.Qf2 Rxd5? 1.53/23
[26...Qe4∓ -0.64/23]
27.Rxd5± Qxd5 28.Rf1 f5 29.Bxf5 Be6 30.b3 Rh6 2.20/24
[30...e4 1.76/20 was worth a try. 31.Bxe6 Qxe6]
31.Qg1 Bxf5 32.Qg5+ Ke8

[32...Rf6? 33.Rxf5 Qe6 34.e4+-]

33.Qg8+? 0.01/22

[Stronger than 33.Qxh6 Bxc2+ 34.Ka1 Bg6 35.Qh8+ Kd7=]

[33.Rxf5 Rg6 34.Qh4 Qh1+ 35.Kb2 Qb7=]

[Only move: 33.Qxf5+- 1.99/30 Threatens to win with Qc8+. Kf8 34.h4]

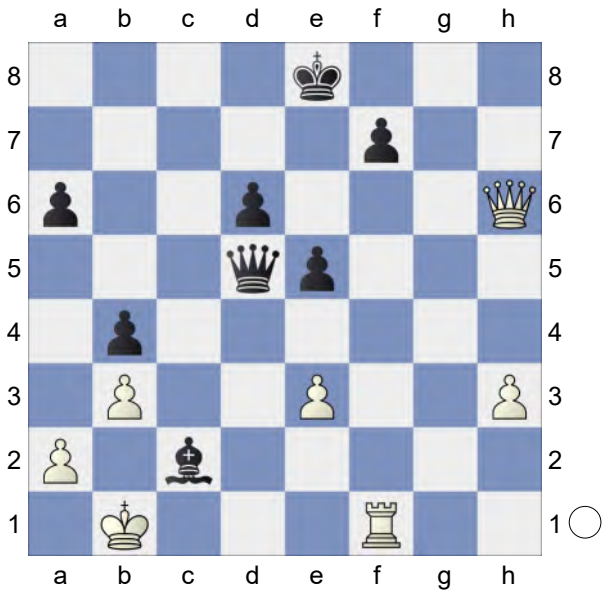
33...Ke7!= 34.Qg5+ Ke8

[Don't go for 34...Rf6? 35.Rxf5 Qe6 36.e4+-]

35.Qxh6? 0.00/42

[White must play 35.Qxf5+- 1.67/25 aiming for Qc8+. Kf8 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.Rg1+ *(37.Qxa6 Rf6±)* 37...Rg6 38.Rxg6+ fxg6 39.Qxa6]

35...Bxc2+!+-



Endgame. Decoy. KQR-KQB. The position is equal. **36.Ka1!** Hoping for Qh8+. **36...Qd2!↑** Black has the initiative. **37.Qh8+** Deflection **37...Kd7! 38.Rxf7+ Ke6! 39.Rf6+ Kd7 40.Rf7+ Ke6! 41.Rf6+** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

½-½

B90

□ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**

■ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.28)

[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5

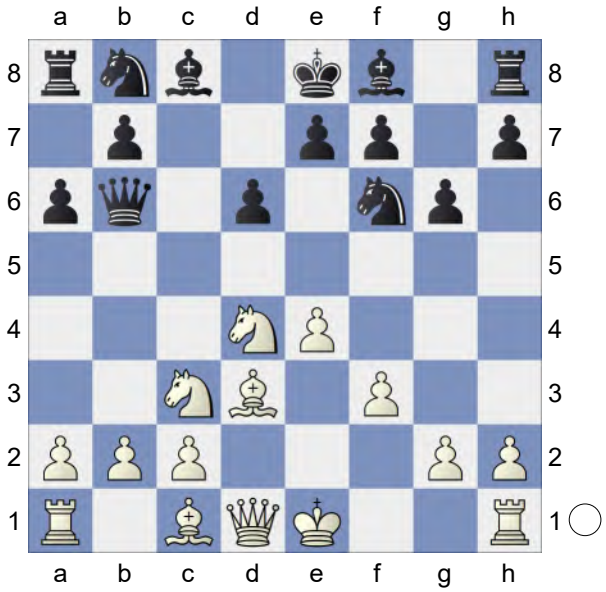
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 g6 7.f3 Qb6N

[7...Bg7 8.Be3

A) 8...Nc6 9.Qd2 Nxd4 *(9...h5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rad1 Bd7 12.h3 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Qf2 Nd7 15.Ne2 e5 16.Be3 b5 17.g4 hxg4 18.hxg4 Bf6 19.Kg2 Bg5 20.Rh1 Kg7 21.c3 Qe7 22.Bc2 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Rh8 24.Qd2* 0-1 (41) Huston,G (2341)-Naroditsky,D (2619) Charlotte Super op 2023 (2) *)* 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4 b5 12.h4 Qa5 13.a3 h6 14.0-0-0 Rb8 15.g5 Nh5 16.Bxg7 Nxg7 17.gxh6 Nh5 18.Qg5 f6 19.Qxg6+ Bf7 20.Qg1 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Kd2 Nf4 23.Qe3 1-0 (45) Anand,V (2781)-Morozevich,A (2758) (ol) 92/138 Calvia 2004;

B) 8...0-0 9.Qd2 *(9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nd5 e5 11.Nb3 Nxd5 12.exd5 b5 13.a4 b4 14.a5 Nf6 15.Qd2 Nxd5 16.Bg5 Nf6 17.Qxb4 Qc7 18.Rfd1 Rb8 19.Qh4 Nh5 20.Qc4 Qa7+ 21.Kh1 Nf4 22.Bf1 d5 23.Qc6 Ne6* 0-1 (69) Senf,H (1972)-Schwellnus,G (2061) corr 14898 freechess.de 2016*)* 9...Nc6 10.0-0-0 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.h4 Rc8 13.Kb1 b5 14.h5 b4 15.Ne2 Qa5 16.b3 Rc5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.g4 Rfc8 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Qh2 Bb5 21.Rd2 Bxd3 22.Nxd3 R5c6 23.Bb2 1-0 (77) Moussard,J (2600)-

Korobov,A (2650) Julius Baer GenCup D3 W rapid 2024 (4.2);
C) 8...e5 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Qd2 d5 11.Bc5 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Nc6 14.Bxc6+ bxc6 15.Bd6 Nd5 16.Nd1 0-0-0 17.Nc4 Nf4 18.Bxe5 Bxc4 19.Bxf4 Bd4 20.Be3 Rhe8 0-1 8.♗c4 0-0 9.0-0 ♘c6-Posizione 47/385 Moscow 1989]



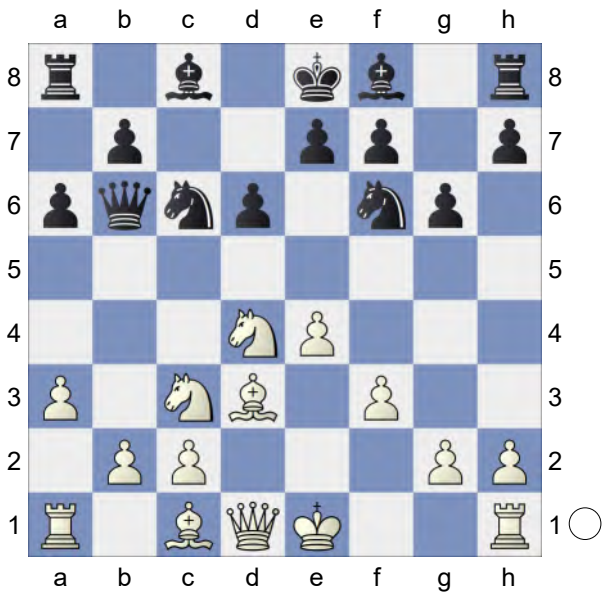
8.a3! Nc6
[8...Qxd4? 9.Bb5+ axb5 10.Qxd4+-]
[8...Nbd7 9.Be2]

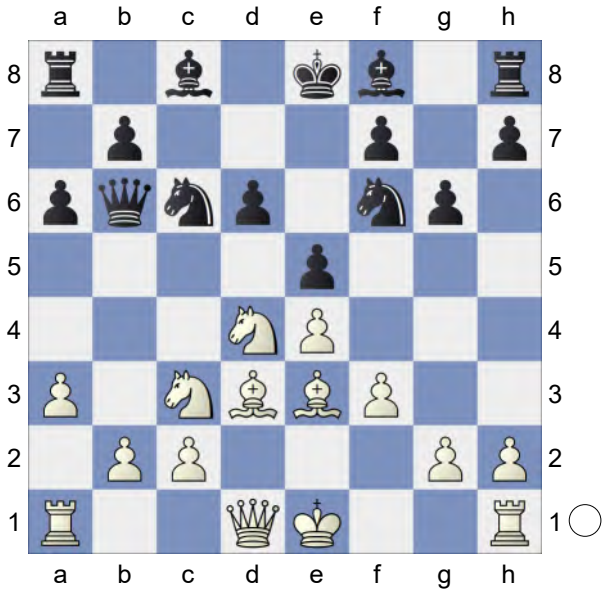
(Diagram)

9.Be3 White is slightly better. **9...e5**

(Diagram)

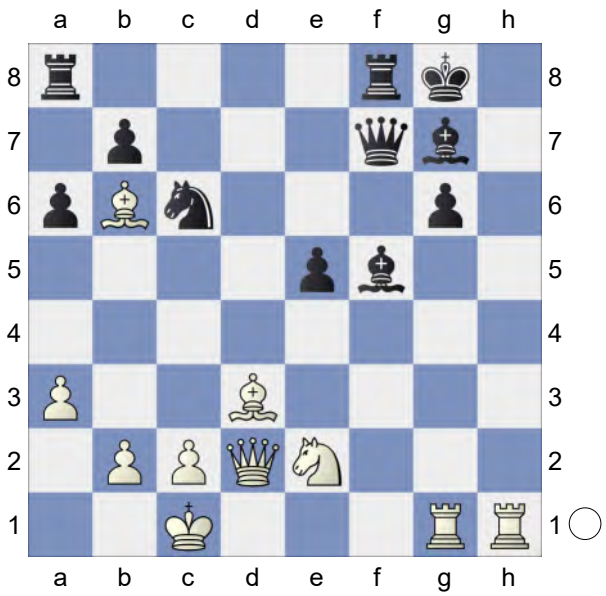
10.Nf5 Discovered Attack **10...Qd8 11.Ng3 Bg7 12.h4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.h5 f5** Wards off Ne4 **16.Qd2! Be6 17.Ne2 Qd7** 0.75/20
[17...0-0-0= 0.15/20 keeps the balance. 18.Nc3 Qa5]





18.0-0-0 Qf7 19.Bb6 0-0 1.42/20
[⌓19...gxh5 0.97/23 20.Qg5 Bf6 21.Qxh5 Qxh5 22.Rxh5 Ne7]
20.hxg6± hxg6 21.g4 White is more active. **21...fxg4** 2.32/18
[21...e4± 1.04/17 is a better defense. 22.fxe4 *(22.gxf5 Qf6±)* 22...fxg4]
22.fxg4+- Bxg4 23.Rdg1 Bf5 3.31/19
[23...e4± 1.56/19 24.Bxe4 Ne5]

(Diagram)



This move loses the game for Black. **24.Bxf5! Qxf5 25.Ng3 Qe6 26.Qh2** Threatens to win with Qh7+. **26...Rf7** 5.00/21

[⌓26...Rf4 3.15/19 27.Nh5 Discovered Attack Qf5 *(27...gxh5? perishes. 28.Qxh5 Kf8 29.Bc5+ Ne7 30.Rxg7+-)*]

27.Ne4 Ne7 28.Bc5 Strongly threatening Qh7+. **28...Qc4 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qxg6** Threatening mate with Rh8+! **30...Qxc5 31.Qxf7+**

[31.Nxc5 Nxg6 32.Rxg6 Re8=]

31...Kxf7 32.Nxc5 b6 5.64/19

[32...Nd5 3.81/17 might work better. 33.Rh7 *(33.Nxb7 Bf8+-)* 33...Rg8 34.Nxb7 Kf8]

33.Rf1+ Kg6 34.Rhg1+ Kh6 35.Ne6 Rg8 36.Rg2 White mates. **36...Kh7 37.Ng5+ Kg6 38.Nf7+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.59

1-0

E71

□ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**

■ **Goutham Krishna H** **2466**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.29)

[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 c6 7.Nf3 Na6 8.Nd2

[8.Bd3 e5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.c5 dxc5 11.dxe5 Nd7 12.Bxa6 bxa6 13.Na4 Re8 14.Re1 c4 15.Bg5 Qb4 16.Bd2 Qb5 17.Qc2 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bc3 Be6 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Nc3 Rad8 22.Re3 Rd4 0-1 (32) Zakhartsov,V (2526)-Guseinov,G (2636) AI Cup Play In Match rapid 2023 (1.2)]

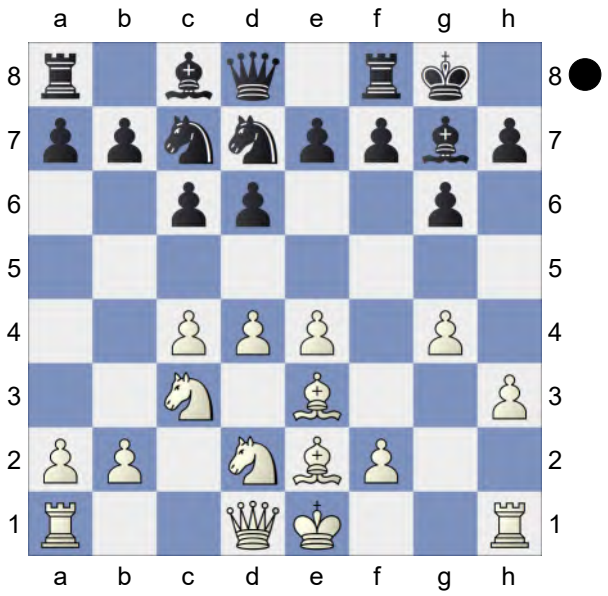
8...Nc7N

[8...e5 9.d5 Nh5 10.g3 Bd7 11.Be2 Nf6 12.g4 cxd5 13.cxd5 Qc7 14.a3 Rfc8 15.g5 Ne8 16.h4 Bf8 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.h5 Ng7 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Rc1 Rxc1 21.Qxc1 Be7 22.Rg1 Bd8 23.Qc4 0-1 (43) Jones,G (2657)-Kozul,Z (2591) 17th ch-EUR Indiv 2016 (9.25)]

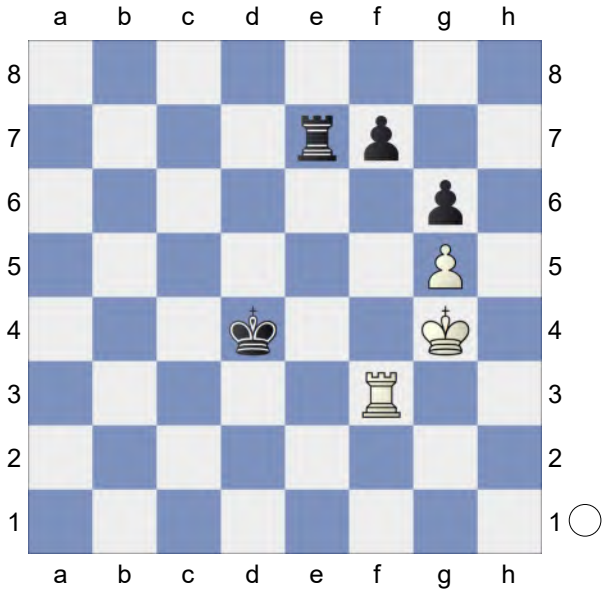
[8...Nd7 9.g4 c5 10.d5 e6 11.Be2 Re8 12.Nb5 exd5 13.cxd5 Nf6 14.Nc3 Rb8 15.h4 b5 16.g5 Nh5 17.Nxb5 Qd7 18.a4 Bxb2 19.Rb1 Bg7 20.Na3 Nb4 21.Bb5 Rxb5 22.axb5 f5 23.gxf6 0-1 (33) Gukesh, D (2520)-Saric,I (2667) Douglas 142/194 2019 Nxf6 24.Nc2 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Rxe4 26.Nxb4 cxb4 27.Qe2 Qf5 28.Rd1 b3 29.Rd3 b2 30.Kd2 Rb4 31.Rb1 Bd7 32.Qd1 Bxb5 33.Ra3 Rxh4 Chapter E75-Games Chapter E75 Game 1]

9.Be2 Nd7 White is slightly better. **10.g4** -0.36/20

[10.0-0± 0.61/21]



10...d5!∓ 11.cxd5
[11.exd5 cxd5]
11...cxd5 12.exd5 -0.95/21
[12.a4∓ -0.40/21]
12...Nf6 13.d6 Qxd6 14.Nde4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Qb6 -0.34/20
[15...Qd7∓ -0.84/21 16.Qd2 Rd8]
16.Qd2 -1.20/19
[16.0-0!∓ -0.34/20]
16...Nd5∓ 17.Nc3 -1.92/20
[17.Bg5∓ -1.14/21 was called for.]
17...Rd8 -0.47/19
[Better is 17...Nxe3-+ -1.92/20 18.fxe3 Be6]
18.Nxd5∓ Rxd5 19.Rd1 Qf6 20.0-0 h5 21.f3 -0.75/18
[21.Bc4= -0.09/18 keeps the balance. Rd8 22.Bg5]
21...b5 0.35/23
[Black should try 21...Be6∓ -0.75/18]
22.f4 -0.02/22
[22.Bd3!± 0.35/23]
22...hxg4= The position is equal.
23.hxg4 Rb8 24.Bf3 Rd8 25.d5 Bb7 26.Bxa7 Ra8 27.Bd4 Qxd4+
[27...Qh4 is interesting. 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.Qc3+ Kg8]
28.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Rxd4 Rxa2 30.Rb4 Ra4 31.Rxa4
[31.Rxb5 Ba6 32.Rb3 Bxf1 *(32...Rxf4 33.Rc1∓)* 33.Kxf1 Rxf4-+]
31...bxa4 32.Ra1 Bxd5 33.Bxd5 Rxd5 34.Rxa4 Endgame. KR-KR **34...Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Kf3 Rxb2 37.Ra7 Rb3+ 38.Ke4 e6 39.g5 Kg7 40.Rc7 Rb1 41.Ra7 Re1+ 42.Kf3 e5 43.fxe5 Rxe5 44.Kf4 Rd5 45.Rb7 Rd4+ 46.Kf3 Kf8 47.Rc7 Ke8 48.Ra7 Rd7 49.Ra6 Ke7 50.Ke4 Rb7 51.Ra4 Rc7 52.Rb4 Ra7 53.Kf4 Ra5 54.Rb7+ Ke6 55.Rb6+ Kd5 56.Rf6 Ra7 57.Kg4 Ke5 58.Kh4 Re7 59.Kg4 Ke4 60.Rf4+ Ke3 61.Rf3+ Kd4**

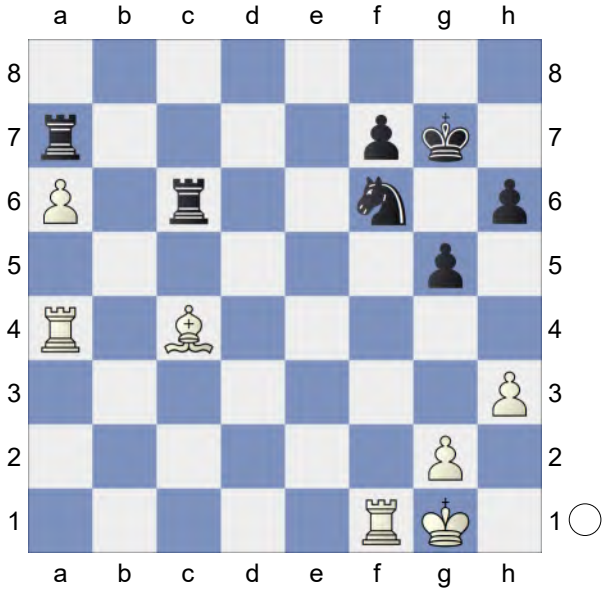


aiming for ...Re4+. **62.Rf6 Kd5 63.Kh4 Re4+ 64.Kg3 Re5 65.Kg4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

D40
□ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** 2524
■ **Zhu,Hengyi** 2361
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.30) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

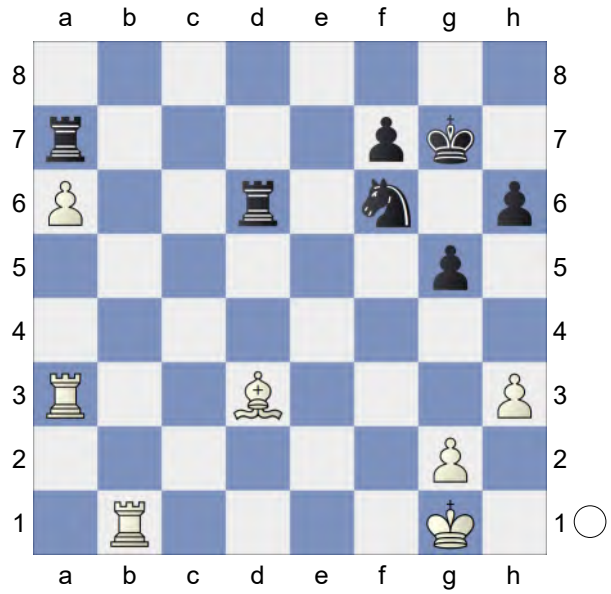
D32: Tarrasch Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c5 5.e3 a6
[5...Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bb5 cxd4 8.exd4 Bd6 *(8...Be7 9.Ne5 Bd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Bg5 Be8 13.Rc1 Ne4 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Bd3 Qb4 17.Nxd5* 1-0 Ftacnik,L (2451)-Fernandez Garcia,J (2379) Wch Seniors 65 31st 2023 (9) *)* 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Bg4 11.Be2 Re8 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bg3 Bxg3 16.fxg3 Qd6 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.Qf2 Re7 19.Rad1 Rd8 20.a3 ½-½ (59) 16. Qd2 Re8 17.Kh1 (2675)-Uzhva,A (2677) FRA-ch 54th Courchevel 1979 (5)]
6.cxd5N
[6.a3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Ba2 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Rd1 *(11.e4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 0-0 13.Kh1 Rc8 14.f4 Rxc3 15.bxc3 Nxe4* 6) 4.Nf3: 5th Move Alternativ-4.Nf3: 5. e3 a6 6.a3 #2/3*)* 11...Qb8 *(11...Qc7 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Ncd7 14.Bb2 Rc8 15.Rac1 Qb8* 6) 4.Nf3: 5th Move Alternativ-4.Nf3: 5.e3 a6 6.a3 #3/3*)* 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.b4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxh2+ 15.Kh1 Be5 16.Bb2 Ncd7 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Rac1 Rc8 19.Bb1 Qb7 20.f4 Bc7 0-1 (65) Pixton,A (2449)-Serper,G (2556) USA-ch Seattle 2003 (7)]
6...exd5 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0! Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Threatens to win with dxc5. **10...cxd4** White is slightly better.
11.exd4 Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Rc8 15.Rc1 g5 16.Bg3 Bd6! 17.Be5
[17.Nxd5? perishes. Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Bxg3 19.Bxf7+ *(19.Bxc6? Bf4-+)* 19...Kxf7-+ *(19...Rxf7? 20.fxg3 Qd5 21.Rc5-+)*]
17...Re8 18.Bxd5 Nxe5 19.dxe5
[19.Bxb7 looks sharper. Ned7 20.Bxc8 Qxc8 21.Rxe8+ Qxe8 22.Rc2]
19...Bxe5 20.Bxb7 Qxd1! 21.Rexd1 Rb8 22.Bxa6 Rxb2 23.a4 0.16/22
[23.Bc4!± 0.67/22]
23...Bxc3 1.32/24
[23...Kg7= 0.16/22]
24.Rxc3± Strongly threatening Rc7.
24...Rxf2 2.44/24 **25.Ra3**
[Inferior is 25.Kxf2 Ne4+ 26.Kf3 Nxc3±]
[Don't play 25.Bb5?! Rb8]
25...Rb2 26.a5 Ra8 27.Bc4 Ra7 28.a6 Kg7 29.Rda1 Rb4 30.Ra4 Rb6 31.Rf1 Rc6



32.Rfa1 0.58/23
[32.Bb5!± 1.07/26 Rb6 33.Rf5]
32...Rb6 1.28/23

[32...Nd7!± 0.58/23]
33.Ra5 0.63/24
[White should play 33.Re1± 1.28/23]
33...Rc6 1.33/25
[33...Nd7!± 0.63/24]
34.Bd3 Rd6 35.R5a3 0.36/26
[Better is 35.Rd1± 1.11/24]
35...Rb6 1.43/19
[35...Ne8± 0.36/26]
36.Rb1 Rd6 2.32/19
[36...Rc6± 1.41/18 37.Rb4 Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Rcc7]

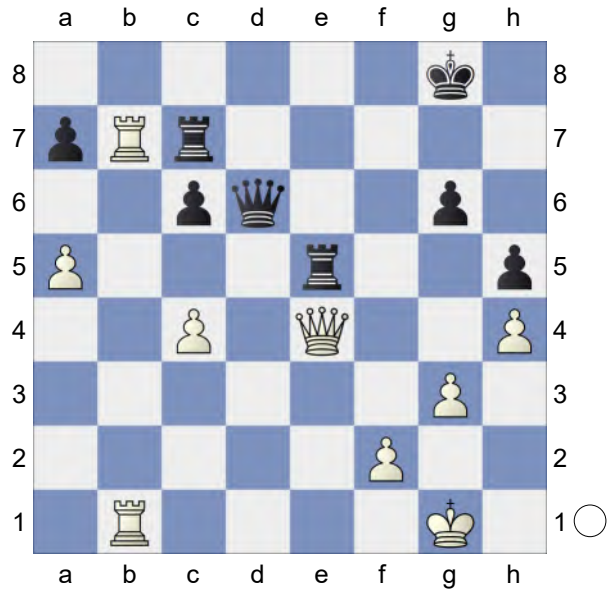


37.Bc4!+- Ne4? 4.33/20
[37...Nd7 2.22/21 might work better. 38.Rb7 Rxb7 39.axb7 Rb6]
38.Rb7 Rd1+ 39.Kh2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

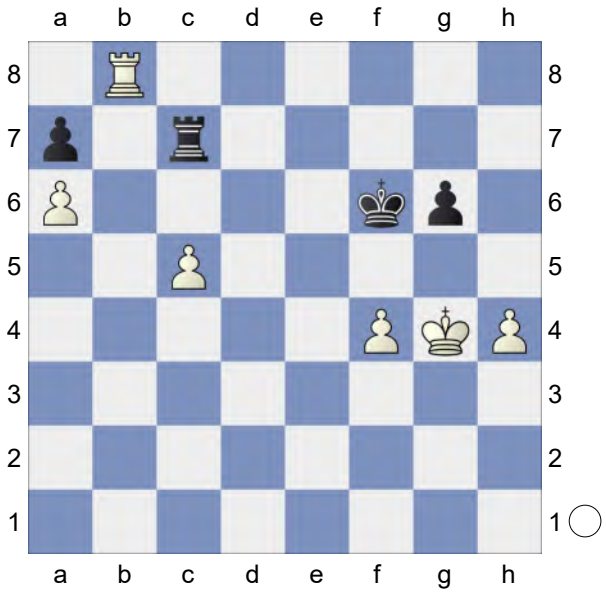
B12
□ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
■ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen** **2384**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.31)
[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4
[1.f4]
1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Ne7 7.Nge2 dxc4 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.Bxc4 White is slightly better.
9...Nd7 10.Be3 0.28/20 White is more active.
[10.Bg5± 0.69/19 was preferrable. Qb6 *(10...b5 11.Bb3 Qb6 12.Nge4 Nd5 13.0-0 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Ng3 Be7 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.f4 Rhd8 19.f5 exf5 20.Nxf5+ Kf8 21.Bxd5 Rab8 22.Kh1 Re8 23.Bxf7 Bxf7 24.Nd6 Kg8 25.Rxf7* 1-0 (46) Nagare,K (2352)-Valle Luis,L (2266) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (6) *)* 11.Rc1]
10...Nf5= 11.Nxf5 Bxf5 12.g3N
[12.Be2 Bg6 13.Qb3 Qb6 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.0-0 b5 16.f3 Be7 17.g3 Nb6 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Bd2 Ra4 20.Bc3 Nxc3 21.bxc3 Kd7 22.Bd1 Ra3 23.Bb3 Kc7 24.Rae1 b6 25.Rf2 Rd8 26.Ng5 c5 0-1 (41) Baum,J (2436)-Gumularz,S (2587) Warsaw Szansa blitz op 2023 (9) 27.Bc2 Bxg5 28.Bxg6 fxg6 29.hxg5 Rxc3 30.dxc5 bxc5 31.Kg2 Kc6 32.Rb1 b4 33.Re1 Rd4 34.Ree2 Kd5 35.Re1 Rcd3 36.Ree2 c4 37.Rb2 c3 38.Rb3 Kc4 39.Rb1 Rd2 40.Kf1 c2 41.Rc1 Rd1+ 0-1 Peynichon,J (2436)-Jones,K (2587) London Classic KO 5th rapid 2013 (9)]
12...Nb6 13.Bd3 Bxd3 14.Qxd3 Nd5 15.0-0 Nxc3 1.03/24 White now steadily

converts the win.
[15...Be7± 0.47/22]
16.bxc3± Be7 17.c4 Qd7 18.a4 g6 1.38/23
[⌓18...0-0 1.02/18]
19.Rfd1 0-0 20.Qe4 Rad8 21.Rd3 f5 2.33/20
[21...b6± 1.38/18 was worth a try. 22.Bh6 Rfe8]
22.exf6+- Rxf6 23.a5 Hoping for Rb3.
23...Rf5? 3.89/21
[23...e5 2.02/19 24.Rb1 *(24.Qxe5 Re6=)* 24...Qf5 25.Qxf5 Rxf5]
24.Rb3 Rc8 4.11/19
[24...e5 2.90/22 keeps fighting. 25.dxe5 Discovered Attack Qe6]
25.Rab1 Rc7 26.Bf4 Bd6 27.Bxd6 Qxd6 28.Rxb7 e5 7.18/18
[⌓28...Rxb7 4.12/18 29.Rxb7 e5 30.dxe5 *(30.Rxa7 Qxd4 31.Qxd4 exd4+-)* 30...Qc5]
29.dxe5 White is clearly winning.
29...Rxe5



30.Rxc7! Rb8+ would kill now. **30...Rxe4 31.Rb8+**
[31.Rxa7? t o o g r e e d y . Re8 *(31...Rxc4? 32.Rb2-+)* 32.Rf1 Qd4-+]
31...Qf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Rxc6 Endgame. KR-KR **33...Kf7 34.a6 Re7 35.Kg2 Kg7 36.Kf3 Kf7 37.Kf4 Kg7 38.f3 Kh6 39.g4 hxg4 40.Kxg4 Kg7 41.f4 Rf7 42.Rc8 Kf6 43.Rc5 Kg7 44.Rc6 Kh7 45.Rc8 Kg7 46.Rb8** Threatens to win with Rb7. **46...Kf6 47.c5 Rc7**



48.Rb6+!! Skewer **48...axb6 49.cxb6 Rc1 50.a7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

A20
□ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
■ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.32)
[Kitty Kat]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6
1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 -0.11/17
[7.Qc2± 0.55/21]
[7.e4 Be6 8.d3 h6 9.h3 Nbd7 10.Be3 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.d4 Nxe4 13.dxe5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qc7

15.Bd4 Rac8 16.Qe2 Qc4 17.Qe3 Bc5 18.Rfb1 b6 19.Rb3 Qa4 20.Bf1 a6 21.g4 f5 ½-½ (40) Dumpor,A (2238)-Salkic,M (2085) BIH-chT 29th 2022 (7.3)]

7...e4= 8.Nd2 -0.43/21

[8.Ne1!= 0.00/22 might be stronger.]

8...d5∓ 9.e3N

[9.f3 exf3 10.Bxf3 Bh3 11.Re1 Na6 12.e4 Nc7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.e5 Nd7 15.Nf1 Nb6 16.Ne3 Kh8 17.Ng2 f6 18.Nf4 Bc8 19.Bg2 fxe5 20.Rxe5 Bd6 21.Re1 Bf5 22.a4 a5 23.Nd3 Qf6 0-1 (33) Chapter 13 - 4.cxd5 Nxd5 (2335)-Various Black Th Moves (2290) (m/10) 29/464 1980 (14) 24.Ne5 Nc4 25.Nxc4 dxc4 26.Bxb7 Rab8 27.Be4 Bg4 28.Qc2 Ne6 29.Nb5 Rxb5 30.axb5 Nxd4 31.Qg2 Bf3 32.Qh3 Bxe4 33.Rxe4 Qf3 1-0 Bernard,C-Massot,J FRA-ch 52th Le Touquet 1977 (4)]

9...Be6 Black is slightly better. **10.f3 exf3**

[10...dxc4 11.fxe4 b5 12.a4±]

11.Bxf3 -0.97/22

[11.Nxf3∓ -0.40/21 dxc4 12.Qe2]

11...Nbd7 12.b3 -1.40/20

[12.cxd5∓ -0.70/18 cxd5 *(12...Nxd5 13.Re1=)* 13.Kh1]

12...Nb6 -0.87/19

[⌓12...Bb4 -1.40/20 13.Bb2 Bh3]

13.c5∓ Nbd7 14.b4 a6 15.a4 h6 16.Bb2 Nh7 17.b5 f5 -0.37/19

[Better is 17...axb5∓ -1.00/21 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Bh3]

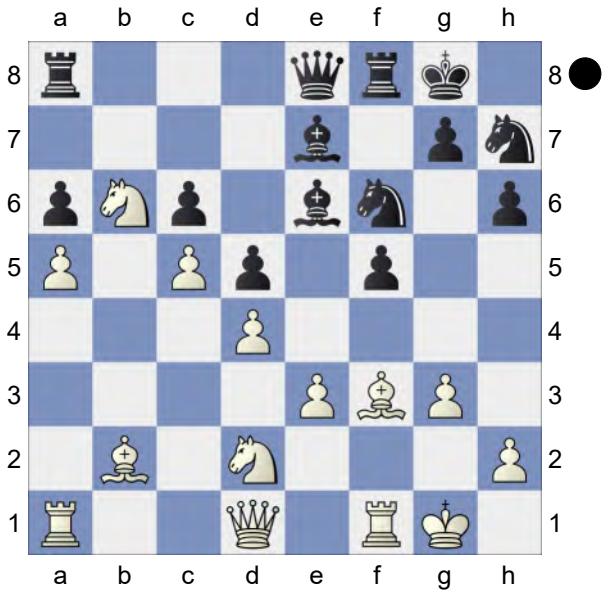
18.bxc6 bxc6 19.a5 Ndf6 20.Na4 -1.37/18

[20.Bg2∓ -0.67/21]

20...Qe8

[20...Qxa5 21.Nb6 Qb5 22.Nxa8 Qxb2 23.Nc7± *(23.Rxa6 Ng5+-)*]

21.Nb6



Ra7 22.Bg2 Ng5 23.Nf3 Ng4 24.Qe2 -2.37/21

[24.Bc1∓ -1.22/19]

24...Ne4 25.Bc1 Bd8 26.Bd2 Qh5 Hoping for ...Nxh2! **27.Qd3** -2.76/18

[⌓27.Bh1 -1.94/17]

27...Bc7-+ 28.Be1 Ng5 29.Ra2 Bb8 30.Rb2 Re7 31.Re2 -3.42/21

[⌓31.Qxa6 -2.25/19 Nxe3 32.Nxg5 hxg5 33.Qe2 Qxe2 34.Rxe2]

31...Bf7 White must now prevent ...Rfe8.

32.Bd2 -3.18/19

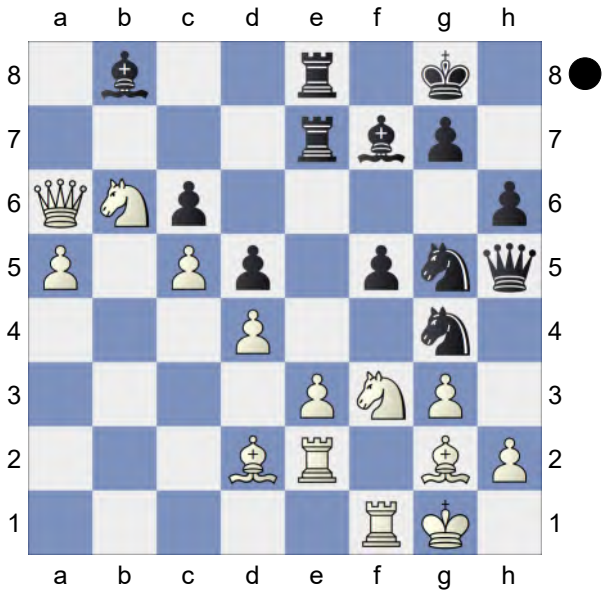
[⌓32.Qxa6 -2.06/16 Rfe8 *(32...Rxe3 33.Rxe3 Nxe3 34.Nxg5=; 32...Nxe3 33.Nxg5 hxg5 34.Rxe3=)* 33.h4]

32...Rfe8 33.Qxa6

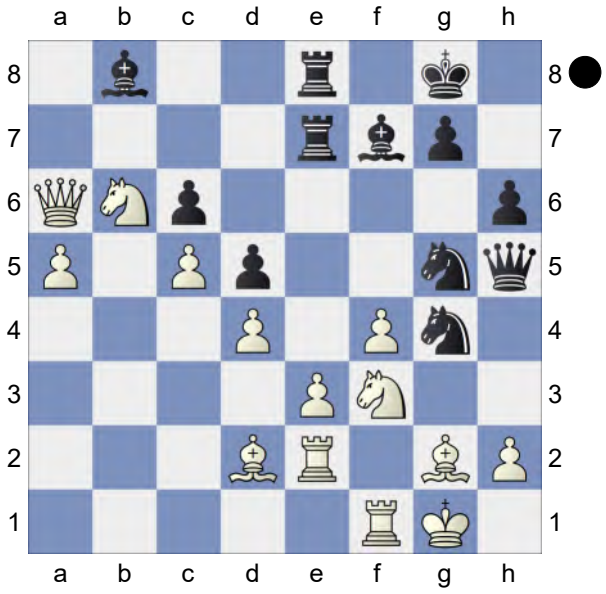
(Diagram)

f4 -1.45/19 **34.gxf4?** -3.23/19

[34.Nc8∓ -1.45/19 was the only defense. Re6 35.Nd6 Nxh2 *(35...Bxd6 36.cxd6 Nxh2 37.Nxg5±)* 36.Nxg5 *(36.Nxh2? fxg3 37.Nf3 Bxd6-+)* 36...hxg5 37.g4 *(37.Nxe8 Rxe8 38.Bb4 f3-+)* 37...Nxg4 *(37...Qxg4 38.Kxh2 fxe3 39.Be1=)* 38.Bf3 fxe3 *(38...Bxd6 39.cxd6*



Rxd6 40.exf4=) 39.Nxe8 Rxe8 40.Bxe3]



This costs White the game. **34...Bxf4!** Pin, Double Attack **35.h4 Nxf3+**

[35...Bxe3+ 36.Bxe3 Nxf3+ *(36...Rxe3 37.Rxe3 Nxe3 38.hxg5=; 36...Nxe3 37.hxg5 Qg4 38.Ref2±)* 37.Bxf3=]

36.Rxf3? -4.86/17

[36.Bxf3 -2.11/19 Qxh4 *(36...Bxe3+ 37.Bxe3* Pin *Qxh4 38.Bf4±)* 37.Bxg4 Bxe3+ *(37...Qxg4+ 38.Rg2∓)* 38.Bxe3 Rxe3 39.Rg2]

36...Bxe3+

[36...Bh2+? 37.Kh1∓]

37.Bxe3 Nxe3 38.Ref2? -7.62/19

[38.Nc8 -3.94/17 Re6 39.Nd6 Nxg2 40.Rxe6 Bxe6 *(40...Qxf3? 41.Rxe8+ Bxe8 42.Qf1-+)* 41.Rg3]

38...Nxg2 Black is clearly winning.

39.Kxg2 Qg4+ 40.Rg3 Qe4+ 41.Kg1 Qxh4 42.Qd3 Re1+ 43.Rf1 R8e2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.24 (precise)

0-1

D91

□ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**

■ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**

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[Kitty Kat]

D80: Grünfeld: Unusual White 4th moves and 4 Bg5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.Bf4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.e3 0-0 9.cxd5 Qxd5 10.Be2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Nc6 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.0-0 Be6 15.Rfc1 Rac8N

[15...Rfc8 16.Nd2 Rxc1+ *(16...Bd5 17.a4 e6 18.Bf3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bf8 20.Rab1 Ba3 21.Rd1 b6 22.Ne4 Nc4 23.h4 Kg7 24.Rb3 Be7 25.Rc3 a6 26.h5 b5 27.h6+ Kf8 28.axb5 axb5 29.Rb3 b4 30.Nc5 Nb6 31.e4* ½-½ (47) Gukesh,D (2725)-Rapport,R (2740) 155/161 Wijk aan Zee 2023 *)* 17.Rxc1 Bxa2 18.Bf3 Nc6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Ra1 Bd5 21.Ra6 Kf8 22.f3 Ke8 23.Bc7 Kd7 24.Bb6 e5 25.Rxa7+ Rxa7 26.Bxa7 exd4 27.Bxd4 Bf8 28.Bc3 c5 29.Kf2 Kc6 30.Ke2 0-1 (63) Medina Garcia,A

(2483)-Joseph,F (2488) corr AJEC/TA018 2013 (5) Kb5 31.Kd3 Bd6 32.g3 Be6 33.Bf6 h5 34.Kc3 Bc7 35.Kd3 Bb6 36.Bc3 c4+ 37.Ke2 Ka4 38.e4 Bg1 39.Kf1 Bc5 40.Ke2 Bb4 41.Nb1 Bd6 42.Nd2 Bc5 43.Ke1 Bb4 44.Nb1 Bd6 45.Nd2 0-1 (63) Wirig,A (2483)-Wagner,D (2488) Vandoeuvre op 11th 2014 (5)]

16.Nd2 Nc6 17.a3 Against Nb4 **17...Bd5 18.Rab1**

[18.Bf3!? Rfd8 19.Bg3=]

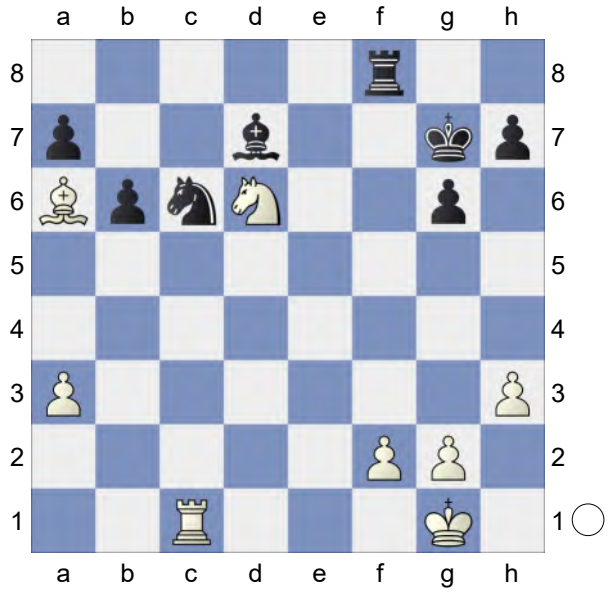
18...e5 19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.h3 b6 21.Ba6 Rcd8 22.Rc2 Be6 23.e4 f5 24.Rc7 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Bxd7 26.Nc4 Nc6 27.Nd6 Bc4+ is the strong threat. **27...Bd4** 1.47/22

[27...fxe4= 0.13/20 keeps the balance. 28.Bc4+ Kh8]

28.Bh6 0.39/20

[28.Rd1!± 1.47/22 aiming for Bc4+. Be6 *(28...fxe4? 29.Bh6+-)* 29.exf5]

28...Bg7!± 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.exf5 Bxf5 31.Rc1 Bd7



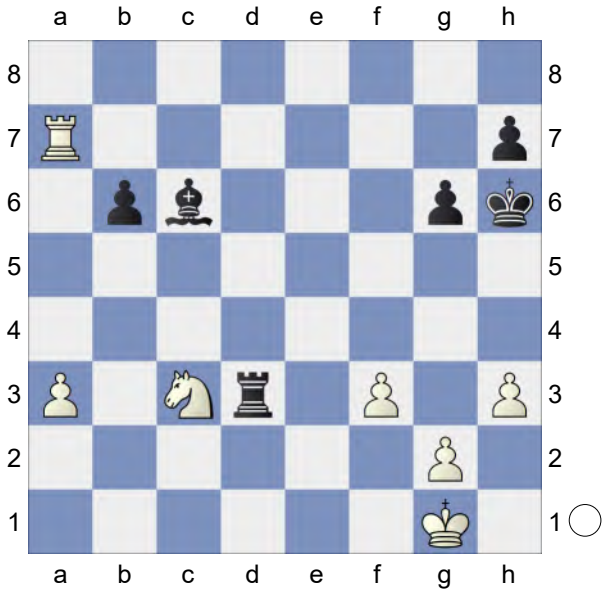
32.Bc8! Deflection **32...Bxc8 33.Rxc6=** Endgame. KRB-KRN **33...Be6**

[Don't blunder 33...Bd7? 34.Rc7 Kf6 35.Rxd7+-]

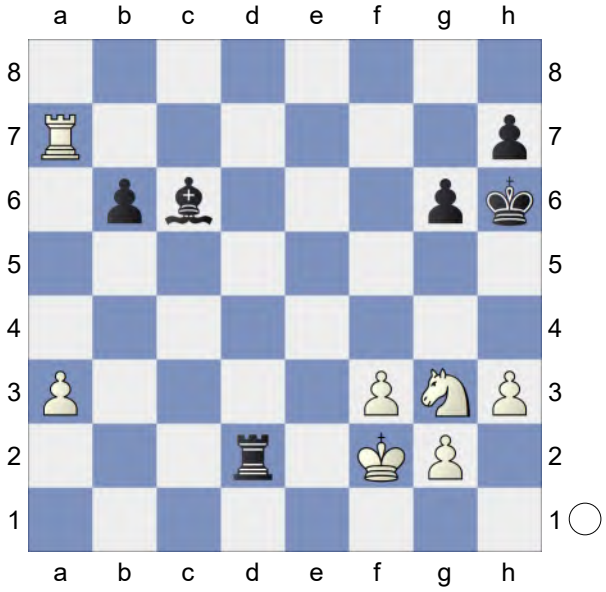
34.Rc7+ Kh6 1.09/26

[34...Kf6= 0.24/21]

35.Rxa7± White is more active. **35...Bd5 36.f3 Rd8 37.Nb5 Bc6 38.Nc3 Rd3**



39.Ne2 Rd2 40.Ng3 Rd1+ 41.Kf2 Rd2+



42.Kf1 0.22/25

[42.Kg1!± 1.02/25]

42...Ra2 43.h4 b5 1.26/23

[43...Bd5± 0.33/22]

44.Ra6 0.22/22

[44.Kg1± 1.26/23]

44...Bd7 45.Rd6 Bc8 The position is

equal. **46.Rc6 Bd7 47.Rd6 Bc8 48.Rc6 Bd7 49.Rc7 Bf5 50.Rc3 Rb2 51.Ne2 Be6 52.Nd4 Bc4+ 53.Kg1 Ra2 54.Nc2 Kg7 55.Ne3 Kf6 56.f4 h5 57.Kh2 Be6 58.Kg3 Rd2 59.Kf3 Bd5+ 60.Nxd5+ Rxd5=** KR-KR **61.Ke4 Rd2 62.g3 Rb2** Inhibits Rb3. **63.Rc6+ Kg7 64.Rc7+ Kf6 65.Rc6+ Kg7 66.f5 gxf5+ 67.Kf4 b4 68.a4 Ra2 69.Rc7+ Kf6 70.Rc6+ Kg7 71.Ra6 b3 72.Ra7+ Kf6 73.Ra6+ Kg7 74.Kxf5 b2 75.Ra7+ Kh6 76.Ra6+ Kg7 77.Rg6+ Kh7 78.Rb6** Black must now prevent Kg5. **78...Rxa4 79.Rxb2 Rg4 80.Rb3 Kg7 81.Ra3 Kf7 82.Ra7+ Kg8 83.Ra3 Kf7 84.Rf3 Kg7 85.Ke5 Kg6 86.Ra3 Kg7 87.Ke6 Re4+ 88.Kd6 Rg4 89.Ke5 Kg6 90.Rc3 Kg7 91.Ke6 Re4+ 92.Kf5 Rg4 93.Rc7+ Kh6 94.Rc8 Rxg3 95.Rh8+ Kg7 96.Rxh5 Rg1 97.Rg5+ Rxg5+ 98.hxg5** KP-K **98...Kf7 99.g6+ Kg7 100.Kg5 Kg8 101.Kg4 Kg7 102.Kf5**

[102.Kg5!?]

102...Kg8 103.Kf6 White wants to mate with g7.

[103.Ke6!?]

103...Kf8 104.g7+ Kg8 105.Kg6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

A07

□ **Zou,Chen** **2449**

■ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.34)

[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.c4 e6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.d4 Bd6 7.Qb3 Rb8 0.73/19

[7...Qb6!= 0.27/19]

8.Nc3 Ngf6 9.h3 White is slightly better.

[9.Re1 0-0 10.e4 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.exd5 exd4 13.Ne2 Re8 14.Bf4 Bxf4 15.Nxf4 Ne5 16.Bg2 Qd6 17.c5 Qxc5 18.Rxe5 Rxe5 19.dxc6 Qa5 20.cxb7 Re1+ 21.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 22.Bf1 Qe4 23.Bg2 Qb1+ ^ -^ (25) 9. ♗f3 ♕c7 10. ♗e3_70261 (2665)-Hantel,T (2740) 51/175 Reggio Emilia 1991 (2)]

9...Bh5 10.cxd5N

[10.Nd2 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ndxe4 Bc7 13.Be3 Bb6 14.Rfe1 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf6 16.Nc5 Qe7 17.Qc3 Rfd8 18.b4 Bc7 19.a4 a6 20.Rab1 Bd6 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Bg6 23.Rb3 Rbc8 24.bxc6 bxc6 1-0 (66) Warlick,J (2655)-Puccini,J (2554) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (6) 25.Nb7 Rd7 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.Qb4 Qxb4 28.Rxb4 Be4 29.f3 Bg6 30.Ra1 Kf8 31.Kf2 Ke8 32.Ra5 Bd3 33.g4 h6 34.Ra3 Bg6 35.Bf1 Ng8 36.Be2 Ne7 37.Ra5 Rdd8 38.h4 f6 39.h5 Bh7 1-0 (66) Ponomariov,R (2655)-Parligras,M (2554) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (6)]

10...exd5 11.Nh4 -0.07/19

[11.Nd2± 0.38/20 deserves consideration.]

11...0-0= 12.Qc2 Re8 13.a3 Bg6 0.10/22

[13...Nf8∓ -0.52/24]

14.Nxg6 hxg6 15.Rd1 Nb6 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.b3 -0.25/24

[⌓17.h4 0.16/19]

17...Nh7 18.Bd2 Nf6 19.e3 Qf5 0.13/21

[19...Re7∓ -0.35/21]

20.Qxf5 gxf5 21.Ne2 -0.21/18

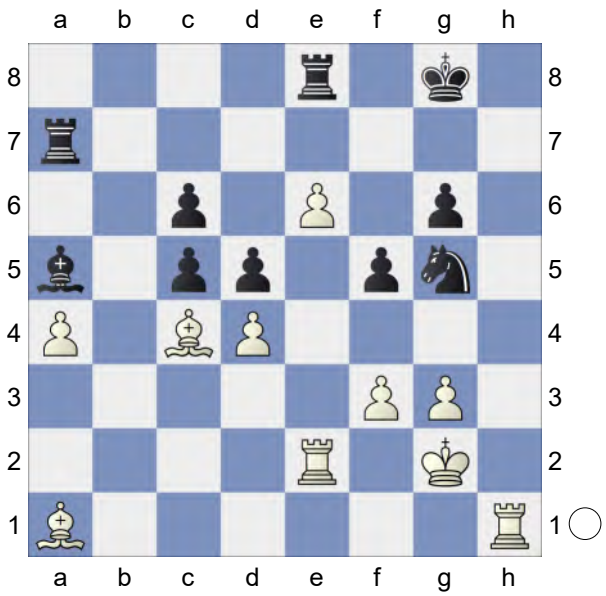
[⌓21.h4 0.18/20]
21...Ra8 0.19/22
[⌓21...g5 -0.21/18]
22.Nc1 -0.19/25
[⌓22.a4 0.19/22]
22...a5 23.a4 Ne4 24.Be1 g6 25.Nd3 Kg7 26.Bf1 Nd7 27.Kg2 Rh8 28.Rdc1 Ng5 29.h4 Ne4 30.Rab1 Ra7 31.Rc2 Re8 32.Rcb2 Ba3 33.Ra2 Bd6 34.Be2 Rea8 35.Bd1 Re8 36.Bc2 Rea8 37.Rba1 Bc7 38.Rb1 Bd6 39.Raa1 Bc7 40.Bd1 Bd6 41.Be2 Bc7 42.Rc1 Bd6 43.Rab1 Re8 44.Bd1 Ba3 45.Rc2 Bd6 46.Re2 Bc7 47.Reb2 Bd6 48.b4 axb4 49.Nxb4 Bc7 50.Nd3 Rb8 51.Bb4 Bd6 52.Be1 Bc7 53.h5
[53.g4 with more complications. fxg4 54.Bxg4 Ndf6 55.Bd1]
53...Nd6 54.hxg6 fxg6 55.Bb4 Nc4 56.Re2 Bd6 57.Bc3 Nf6 58.Ne5 Ne4 59.Ba1 Ned2 A dynamic duo of knights.
60.Rc1 Ba3 61.Rc2
[61.Nxc4 simplifies Nxc4 62.Rb1 Bd6 63.Bc3]
61...Bb4↑ Black has some pressure.
62.Rc1 Rba8 63.Bc2 Ra6 64.Nd3 Ba5 65.Rh1 Rh8 66.Rc1 -0.45/18
[66.Rxh8= 0.04/21 was preferrable. Kxh8 67.Re1]
66...Raa8∓ 67.Nc5 -0.81/24
[67.Ne5= -0.27/21]
67...Nd6 -0.22/20 Black is more active.
[67...Rh7∓ -0.81/24 ...Rah8 is the strong threat. 68.Ree1 *(68.Nxb7 Rah8 69.g4 Rh2+ 70.Kg1 Rh1+ 71.Kg2 R8h2+ 72.Kg3 Rh3+ 73.Kg2 R1h2+ 74.Kg1 Nf3+ 75.Kf1 Rh1+* Skewer *76.Kg2 Nh4#)* 68...Rh2+ Decoy 69.Kxh2 Nf3+ 70.Kg2 Nxe1+ 71.Kf1 b6 72.Rxe1 Bxe1 *(72...bxc5 73.dxc5+ Kf7 74.Rc1±)* 73.Kxe1 bxc5 74.dxc5+ Kf8]
68.Rd1= N2c4 69.Bd3 Ra7 70.Rb1 Nd2
[70...b6 simplifies 71.Bxc4 Nxc4 72.Nd3 Rh6]
71.Rd1 N2c4 72.f3 -0.73/23
[72.e4= 0.00/19 keeps the balance. fxe4 73.Nxe4]
72...Re8
[72...b6!? 73.e4 Kg8 *(73...bxc5? 74.dxc5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 75.cxd6+-)* 74.Bxc4 Nxc4∓]
73.e4 b6 74.Rh1 Kg8 -0.11/20
[74...bxc5? 75.dxc5+ Ne5 76.cxd6 fxe4 77.Bxe4 *(77.fxe4 d4±)* 77...dxe4 78.Rxe4+- *(78.f4 Kf6+-)*]
[Better is 74...fxe4!∓ -0.71/20 75.fxe4 Bd2]
75.e5 Nf7 76.Bxc4 bxc5
[76...dxc4!? 77.e6 Nd8= *(77...bxc5? 78.exf7+* Discovered Attack *Kxf7 79.Rxe8+-* Remove Defender *)*]
77.e6!
[77.Ba2 c4 78.Bb1 Ng5∓]
77...Ng5 1.11/27
[77...dxc4? loses. 78.exf7+ Kxf7 79.Rxe8 Kxe8 80.Rh8+ *(80.dxc5 Rd7∓)* 80...Ke7 81.Rh7+ *(81.dxc5 Ke6∓)* 81...Kd6 82.Rxa7+-]
[77...Nd8!= 0.16/29 remains equal. 78.dxc5 Rh7 79.Rxh7 Kxh7]

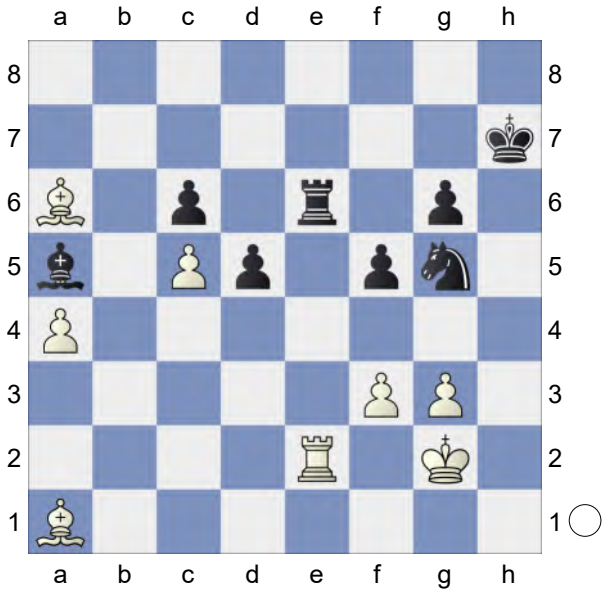
(Diagram)

78.dxc5!± Rh7 79.Rxh7 Kxh7 80.Ba6! Rxe6

(Diagram)

81.Rb2 0.24/19
[White should try 81.Kf1!± 1.03/23]
81...Re1= 82.Rb7+ Kg8! 83.Bf6 Ne6 84.Bf1 Nxc5 85.Rg7+ Kf8 86.Ra7

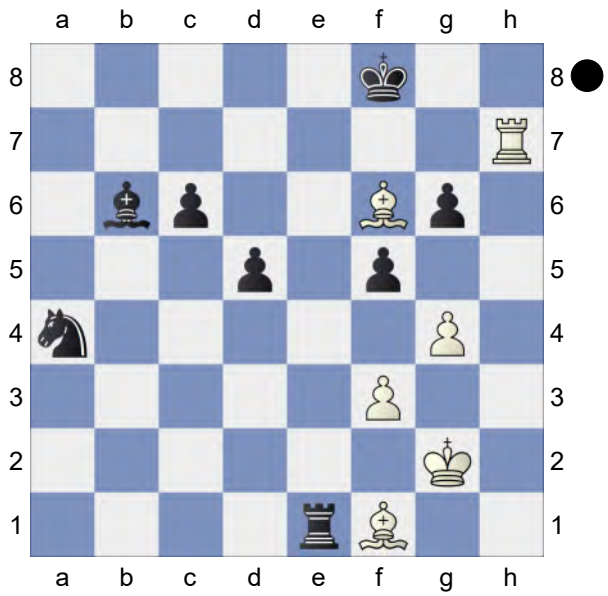




-1.68/22 This costs White the game.
[86.Rxg6= -0.23/18 and White has nothing to worry. Kf7 *(86...Nxa4 87.Bg5±)* 87.Rh6]
86...Bb6-+ 87.Rh7 Nxa4 88.g4 -2.87/20
[⌓88.Bh4 -1.77/19]

(Diagram)

88...fxg4! 89.fxg4 Nc5 Prevents Bd3.
90.g5 Ne4 91.Rg7? -3.89/20



[91.Rb7 -2.11/19 Be3 92.Bg7+ Kg8 93.Bb2]
91...Re3 Strongly threatening ...Rg3+.
92.Ba6 Rg3+ 93.Kf1 Nxf6
[Less strong is 93...Nxg5 94.Rxg6 Kf7 95.Rxg5 Rf3+ 96.Ke1 Rxf6 *(96...Kxf6? 97.Rh5∓)* 97.Kd1∓]
94.Rxg6? -5.70/20
[94.gxf6 -3.23/19 Rf3+ 95.Ke2 Rxf6 *(95...Rf2+? 96.Kd1-+)* 96.Rh7]
94...Bd4 95.Bb7 c5 96.Ke2 Kf7 97.Rxf6+ Bxf6 98.Bxd5+ Kg7 99.gxf6+ Kxf6 Endgame. KR-KB
100.Kd2 Ke5 101.Bb7 Kd4 (-> ...c4) **102.Ke2 Kc3 103.Kf2 Rd3 104.Ke2 c4 105.Bc6 Rd6 106.Ba4 Kb2** Black mates. **107.Ke3 c3 108.Ke2 c2 109.Bxc2 Kxc2** KR-K **110.Ke3 Kc3 111.Kf2 Rd3 112.Kg2 Kd4 113.Kh1 Rd2 114.Kg1 Ke3 115.Kh1 Kf3 116.Kg1 Ra2 117.Kh1 Kg3 118.Kg1 Ra1#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

B67

□ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
■ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2447**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.35) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7
Colin Crouch: 'We now look thro'Marovic, Drazen: 'Colin Crouch: 'We now look through a game from Zagreb. It is another quick storming win by Stein, and one is duly impressed. But look carefully, and we can see that Stein made a big oversight. His opponent missed it, no doubt thinking he was going to resign anyway. --- It is possible that health issues were starting to become a concern for Stein. He was dead only a year later, as a result of a heart attack. From my own perspective, I know that high blood pressure can make you become dizzy and lose concentration during the later parts of the game. Stein was playing creatively until his death, and was selected for the USSR team in the European Championships. Nevertheless, there are some slight hints in retrospect of an increasing number of errors. --- But try to enjoy Stein's creative play, and remember that he achieved a winning position against a grandmaster in twenty moves. Again, how did he do it? Stein was not an ultra-theoretical player, although he clearly knew his openings. What seems particularly important was that his brain was working well at the beginning of the game. He was thinking from move one, while his opponents sometimes took a while to get warmed up. Sometimes he won games frighteningly quickly.'" ugh a game from Zagreb. It is another quick storming win by Stein, and one is duly impressed. But look carefully, and we can see that Stein made a big oversight. His opponent missed it, no doubt thinking he was going to resign anyway. --- It is possible that health issues were starting to become a concern for Stein. He was dead only a year later, as a result of a heart attack. From my own perspective, I know that high blood pressure can make you become dizzy and lose concentration during the later parts of the game. Stein was playing creatively until his death, and was selected for the USSR team in the European Championships. Nevertheless, there are some slight hints in retrospect of an increasing number of errors. --- But try to enjoy Stein's creative play, and remember that he achieved a winning position against a grandmaster in twenty moves. Again, how did he do it? Stein was not an ultra-theoretical player, although he clearly knew his openings. What seems particularly important was that his brain was working well at the beginning of the game. He was thinking from move one, while his opponents sometimes took a while to get warmed up. Sometimes he won games frighteningly quickly.' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Bd7 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 e6 9.f3 Be7**

[9...Qa5 10.Be3 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Rc8 12.Kb1 Be7 13.g4 0-0 14.Qd2 Rc6 15.g5 Nh5 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Qb4 f6 19.Qxb7 Rfc8 20.Bxa6 fxg5 21.Bxg5 Qf7 22.Rhf1 h6 23.Be3 Nf6 24.Qa7 1-0 (38) Shchebeniuk,M (2625)-Kurenny (2570) 5. Ukrainian Championship 1959]

[9...h6 10.Be3 b5 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Kb1 d5 13.e5 Nd7 14.f4 Nb6 15.Qf2 Nc4 16.Bc5 Bxc5 17.Qxc5 Rc8 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Ne4 Qe7 20.Nd6+ Kd7 21.Qa3 Rb8 22.Nxc4 Qxa3 23.Nxa3 Kc7 24.c3 1-0 (57) Da Silva Borges,R (2198)-Lobato,L (1800) Porto Alegre Trois Cup 2022 (4)]

10.h4N

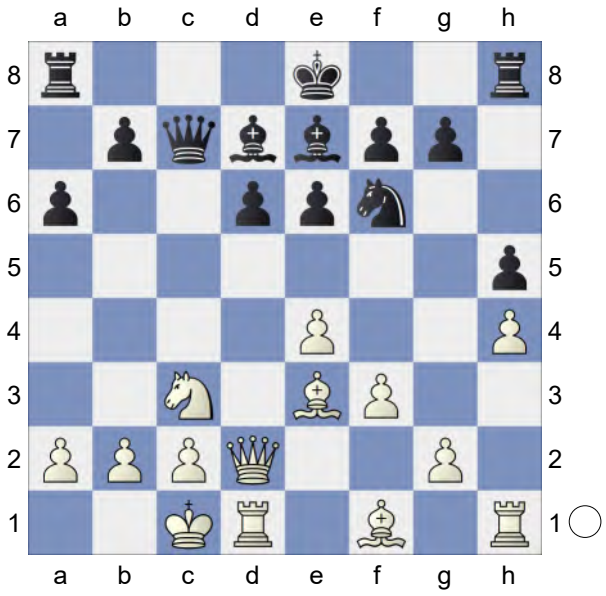
[10.g4 Qc7 11.Be3 h6 12.h4 Ne5 13.Rg1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.g5 Nh5 16.gxh6 g6 17.Bg5 Bf8 18.Kb1 b5 19.Rde1 Bc8 20.Nd5 exd5 21.exd5+ Kd7 22.Nc6 Bb7 23.Rg4 Qc5 24.Be3 Bxh6 1-0 (28) Stein,L-Bertok,M 14/422 Zagreb 1972 25.Bxh6 Bxc6 26.dxc6+ Kxc6 27.Re7 Rxh6 28.b4 1-0 Vismara,D-B3 13.Nc5 115/161 Montreal 2012]

10...Nxd4 11.Qxd4 h6 12.Be3 h5 13.Qd2 0.33/20

[13.Be2± 0.75/19]

13...Qc7 0.99/23

[Black should play 13...b5± 0.33/20]



14.Kb1 0.39/18

[14.Bf4!± 0.99/23]

14...b5± 15.Ne2 a5 16.Nd4 -0.15/22

[Better is 16.Bf4± 0.46/18]

16...Rb8 17.Bd3 b4 18.Bg5 -0.27/19

[18.c4 0.18/19 should be considered.]

18...a4= 19.Rhe1 a3 20.b3 e5 21.Ne2 Be6 22.Rc1 0-0 23.c4 Qd8 0.64/21

[Black should try 23...bxc3!= -0.10/10 24.Nxc3 Qb6]

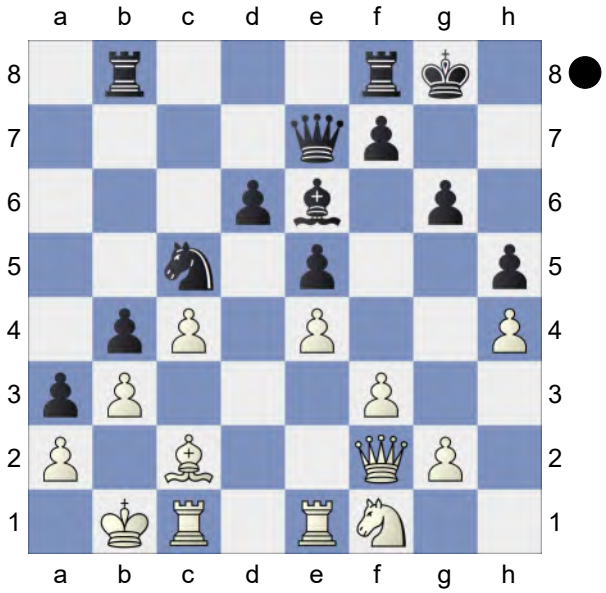
24.Ng3 g6 25.Nf1 0.03/21

[25.Be3± 0.55/18]

25...Nd7 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.Qf2 -0.93/20

[27.g4= -0.18/13]

27...Nc5∓ 28.Bc2



f5 -0.36/19

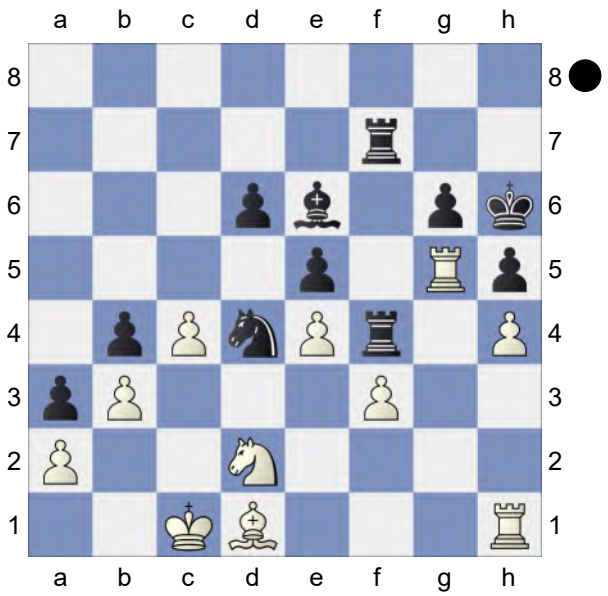
[28...Bxc4!∓ -1.34/22 Threatens to win with ...Nd3. 29.bxc4 b3 30.Bxb3 *(30.axb3? a2+ 31.Ka1 Qa7-+)* 30...Nxb3 31.axb3 Rxb3+ 32.Ka1 Rb2]

29.Nd2 -1.67/20

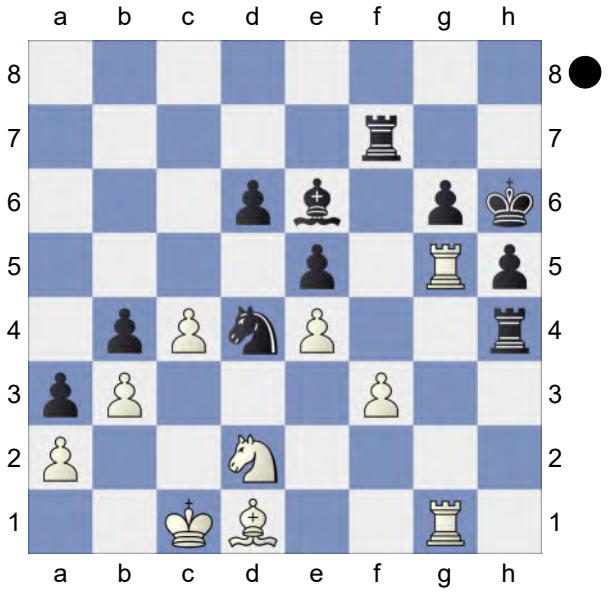
[29.exf5∓ -0.36/19 Bxf5 30.Ne3]

29...f4-+ 30.Rh1 White is weak on the dark squares **30...Kh7 31.Rcg1 Rf7 32.g4 fxg3 33.Rxg3 Rf4 34.Rg2 Rbf8 35.Qg3 R8f6** Active counter play! **36.Qe1 Bf7 37.Qe3 Qc7 38.Bd1 Ne6**

39.Rg3 Nd4 ...d5! would now be deadly. **40.Qd3 Be6 41.Rh2 Qe7** White must now prevent ...Rf8. **42.Rg1 Rf7 43.Rgh1 Bd7 44.Qe3 Bc6 45.Rh3 Qa7 46.Qg1 Qc5 47.Rg3 R7f6 48.Rh2 Be8 49.Rg5 Kg7 50.Qf2** -3.53/24
[⌓50.Rg3 -2.19/26]
50...Kf8 51.Qg1 Ke7 52.Rg3 Kd8 53.Rg5 Kc7 54.Qe3 Kb7 55.Qg1 Rf8 56.Rg3 Bf7 57.Nf1? -3.66/23
[57.Kc1 -1.84/24]
57...Rc8 -2.07/20
[⌓57...Bxc4 -3.66/23 (-> ...Bd3+) 58.bxc4 Qxc4]
58.Qe3 Rf8 59.Qd3 Be8 60.Rh1 Bc6 And now ...Nxf3! would win. **61.Nd2 R8f6 62.Rh2 Ne6 63.Be2?** -3.55/23
[63.Kc1 -1.86/20 keeps fighting.]
63...Kc7 64.Bd1 Kd7 65.Rgg2 Ke7 66.Rh1? -5.48/24
[66.Kc1 -2.07/21]
66...Kf7? -1.96/22
[66...Rxf3 -5.48/24 67.Bxf3 *(67.Nxf3?* perishes. *Nf4-+)* 67...Nf4]
67.Rhh2 Qd4→ Black wants a kill.
68.Qxd4 Nxd4 69.Rg1? -3.70/26 Now White is beyond hope.
[69.Kc1∓ -1.40/30]
69...Kg7? -1.40/23
[69...Rxf3-+ -3.70/26 and Black stays clearly on top. 70.Bxf3 Nxf3 Remove Defender 71.Nxf3 Bxe4+ *(71...Rxf3? 72.Re1-+)* 72.Kc1 Rxf3 *(72...Bxf3 73.Rf2∓)*]
70.Kc1∓ Kh6 71.Rgh1 -1.92/28
[71.Rgg2∓ -1.40/27]
71...Rf7-+ 72.Rh3 -1.79/21
[72.Rg2∓ -1.40/24 is a better defense.]
72...Bd7 73.Rg3 Be6 74.Rg5? -5.76/27
[74.Rh2 -2.56/22]



74...Rxh4!! Remove Defender **75.Rhg1**
[75.Rxg6+ Kxg6]



75...Bg4! 76.fxg4 Kxg5 77.gxh5+ Kh6 78.Rxg6+ Kh7 79.Rxd6 Rh2 80.c5 Rff2 81.Rd7+ Kh6 82.Rd6+ Kg7 83.h6+ Kh7 84.Bg4 Rh1+ 85.Bd1 Rg2 Strongly threatening ...Rgg1! **86.Nc4 Rc2+** Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1

A45

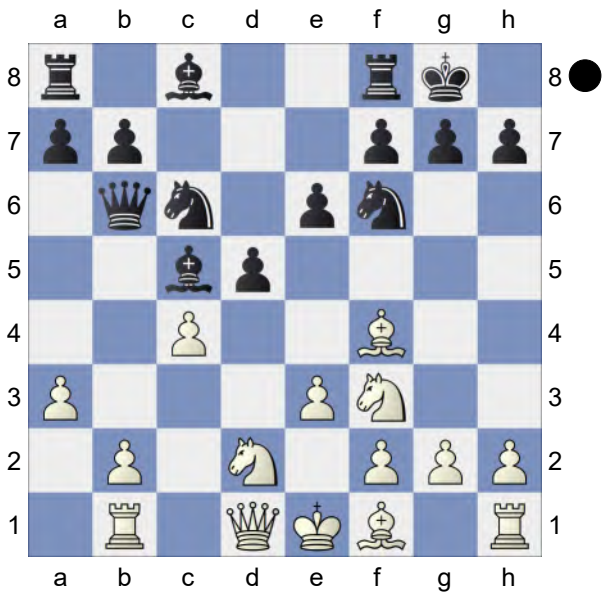
□ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** 2445
■ **Tyurin,Artem** 2356
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.36)
[Kitty Kat]

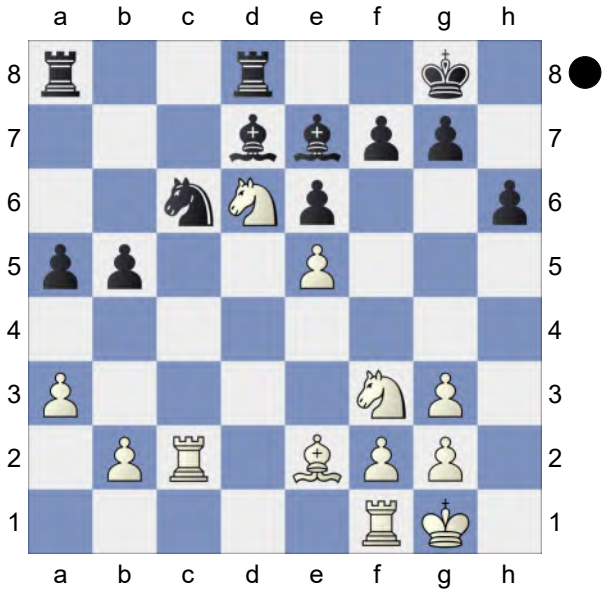
D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ (44) Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim rapid 2020 (2.1)]
2...e6N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation 3]
3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 c5 5.Nbd2 Qb6 6.c4 -0.11/18
[⩲6.Rb1 0.29/19]
6...Nc6= 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.a3 -0.91/21
[White should play 9.Bg3∓ -0.38/20]

(Diagram)

9...a5 0.09/19
[9...e5!∓ -0.91/21 10.Bg5 d4]
10.cxd5 -0.31/21
[10.Bd3= 0.09/19]
10...Nxd5 0.14/19
[10...exd5∓ -0.31/21 11.Qc2 Bg4]
11.Bg3! Rd8 12.Qc2 h6 13.Rc1 Be7 14.e4 aiming for Nc4! **14...Nf6 15.Nc4 Qc5 16.Be2 Nh5 17.0-0 Nxg3 18.hxg3 Bd7 19.e5 b5 20.Nd6** Discovered Attack **20...Qxc2 21.Rxc2**

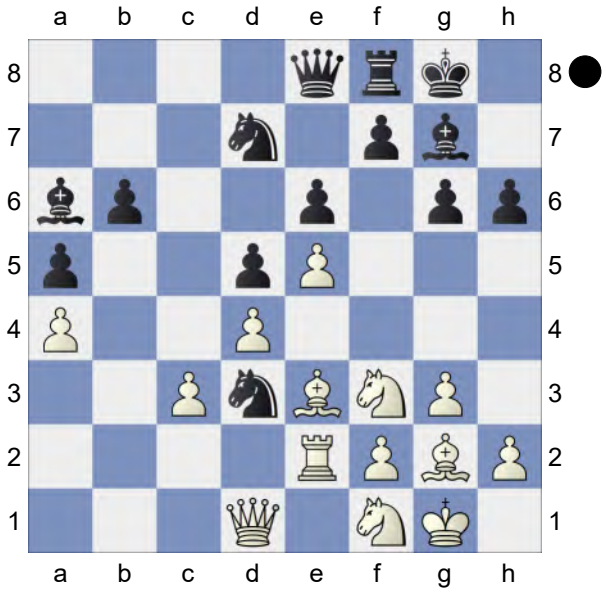




The position is equal. **21...Nxe5!** Remove Defender **22.Nxe5 Bxd6 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Bxb5 Rc7 25.Rd2 Be5 26.Re2 Bd6 27.Rd2 Be5 28.Re2 Bd6 29.Rd2 Be5 30.Re2 Bd6 31.Rd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

A05
□ **Tahbaz,Arash** **2432**
■ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.37) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

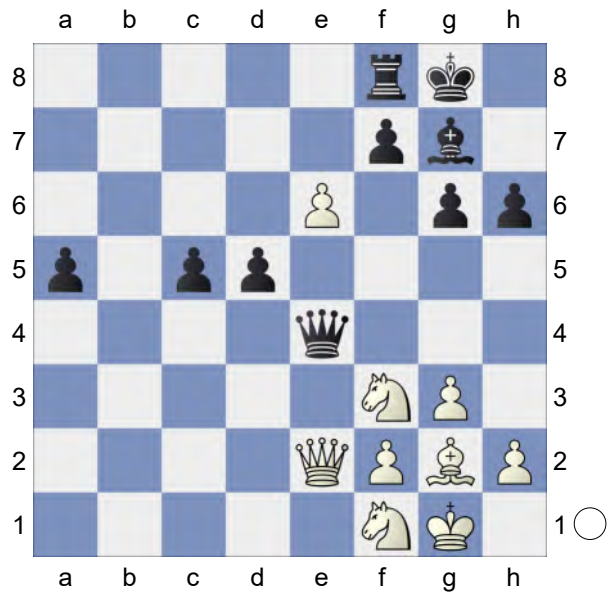
A08: King's Indian Attack
A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5**
[3...c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 *(5.h3 Bh5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Bg6 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.b3 a5 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rc4 Rab8* 1-0 (50) Hidalgo,J (2532)-7.♕d6 ♕f6 8. ♕f6 ♘f6 (2374) Hiroshima Chushikoku-ch 2023 (7)*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nfxe4 17.dxe4 Ne6 18.Qg3 ½-½ (33) Akopian,V (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2711) World Team Championship, Ningbo 2011 (3)]
4.0-0 e6 5.d3 Nc6N
[5...Be7 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.e4 Nbd7 8.e5 Ng4 9.Qe2 Qc7 10.Re1 b5 11.Nf1 Bb7 12.h3 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.N1h2 Kh8 15.Qd2 h5 16.Qh6 h4 17.Nxh4 Nxe5 18.N4f3 Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 d4 20.Ne5 1-0 (42) Ravisekhar,R (2325)-Miheso,C Thessaloniki ol (Men) 1988 (2) Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd8 22.Re4 Qe8 23.Rae1 f6 24.Rh4 Rf7 25.Nxf7+ Qxf7 26.Rxe6 Rg8 27.Qxh7+ Qxh7 28.Rxh7+ Kxh7 29.Rxe7+ Kg6 30.Rxa7 Re8 31.Rc7 Re5 32.a3 Kf5 33.Rc6 Kg6 34.h4 Kf5 35.Kf3 1-0 (42) Kurpjuhn,W (2325)-Solak,D Virovitica 24/655 1977 (2)]
6.Nbd2 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.c3 a5 10.a4 b6 11.e5 Nd7 12.d4 White is slightly better. **12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Ba6 14.Nf1 Nb4 15.Ra3 Rc8 16.Bg5 Qe8 17.Rc3** -0.49/24 Against Nc2
[17.Ne3!= 0.07/25]
17...Rxc3∓ 18.bxc3 Nd3 19.Re2 h6
[19...N3xe5 with more complications. 20.Rxe5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Qc6]
20.Be3



N3xe5 0.23/24 **21.dxe5= Bxe2 22.Qxe2 Nc5 23.Bxc5 bxc5 24.c4! Qxa4 25.cxd5 exd5 26.e6** Hoping for exf7+. **26...Qe4** 0.81/19
[26...Qc4= 0.29/23 keeps the balance. 27.exf7+ Rxf7 *(27...Kxf7? 28.Ne5+ Bxe5 29.Qxe5+-)* 28.Qe8+ Rf8 29.Qxg6 Qe4]

(Diagram)

27.exf7+!± Rxf7 28.Qd1 0.01/24
[28.Ne3± 0.68/25 d4 29.Qc4]
28...Qe6!= 29.Qa4 Qe2↑ Black fights for an advantage. **30.Qxa5** Strongly



threatening Qd8+. **30...Bd4 31.Nxd4! Qxf2+ 32.Kh1 Qxd4 33.h4 Kg7** ...c4 would now be deadly. **34.Nd2 Qd3 35.Kh2 c4 36.Qa1+** -1.15/27

[36.h5= -0.10/23 remains equal.]

36...Kh7 -0.06/23

[36...c3∓ -1.15/27 37.Nb3 Qc4]

37.Qe1 c3 38.Nb3 c2 39.Qe6 Qf5

[39...Qxb3 40.Qxf7+ Kh8 41.Qf6+ *(41.Qxg6 c1Q=; 41.Bxd5 Qxd5 42.Qxd5 c1Q=)* 41...Kh7 42.h5+-]

40.Qc6 Qd3 41.Qe6 Dancing on a razor blade. **41...Rg7**

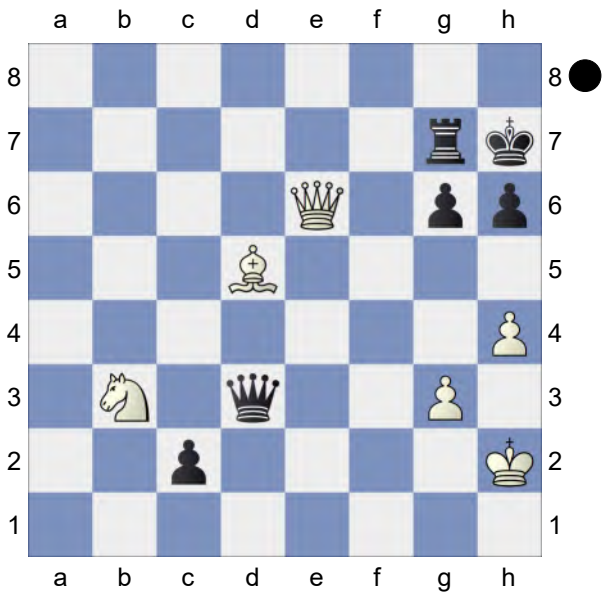
[41...Qxb3? 42.Qxf7+ Kh8 43.Qf6+ *(43.Qxg6 c1Q=; 43.Bxd5 Qxd5 44.Qxd5 c1Q=)* 43...Kh7 44.h5+-]

42.Bxd5

(Diagram)

Qxb3! Remove Defender **43.Bxb3 c1Q** Endgame. KQR-KQB

[Weaker is 43...c1B 44.h5 Bd2 45.hxg6+ Rxg6 46.Bc2 Kg7 47.Qe7+ *(47.Qxg6+ Kf8 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Bb3+ Kh7 50.Qf7+ Kh8 51.Qg8#)* 47...Kh8 48.Bxg6 Kg8 49.Qh7+ Kf8 50.Qf7#]



44.h5 Qd2+ 45.Kh3! Black must now prevent hxg6+. **45...Qd3**

[45...gxh5 46.Qf5+ Rg6 47.Bc2+- *(47.Qxh5? too greedy. Qd3-+; 47.Qxh5? Qd3-+)*]

46.Bc4 Qd8 47.Bd5 Qg5

[47...Qd7 simplifies 48.Qxd7 Rxd7 49.Be4 Rd2]

48.hxg6+ Rxg6 49.Qd7+ Rg7 50.Be4+ Kh8 51.Qc8+ Rg8 52.Qc3+ Qg7 53.Qxg7+ Kxg7 KR-KB **54.Bf3 Kf6 55.Kg2 Ke5 56.Kf2 Kd4 57.Bb7 Rb8 58.Bf3 Rb2+ 59.Kg1 Ke3 60.Bc6 Rb6 61.Bd5 Rb5 62.Bc6 Rc5 63.Bb7 Rc1+ 64.Kg2! Rc2+ 65.Kg1 Ra2 66.Bc6 Ra6 67.Bd5 Rd6 68.Bb7 Rg6 69.Kg2! Rg4 70.Bf3 Rg6 71.Bd5 Rf6 72.Bb7 Rf2+ 73.Kg1 Rc2 74.Bd5 Rf2 75.Bc6 h5 76.Bd5 Rf5 77.Bc6 Rc5 78.Bb7?** -6.39/37

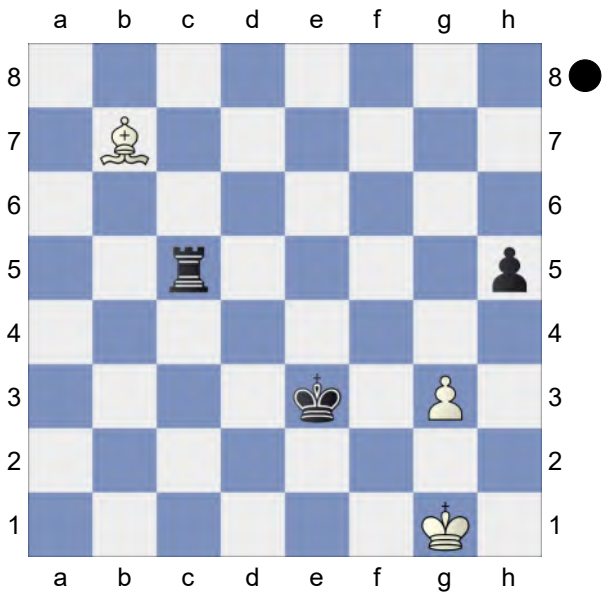
[78.Be8= -0.03/33]

(Diagram)

78...Rc7? -0.03/32

[78...Rg5!-+ -6.39/37 79.Kh2 Kf2]

79.Bd5! The position is equal. **79...Rg7**



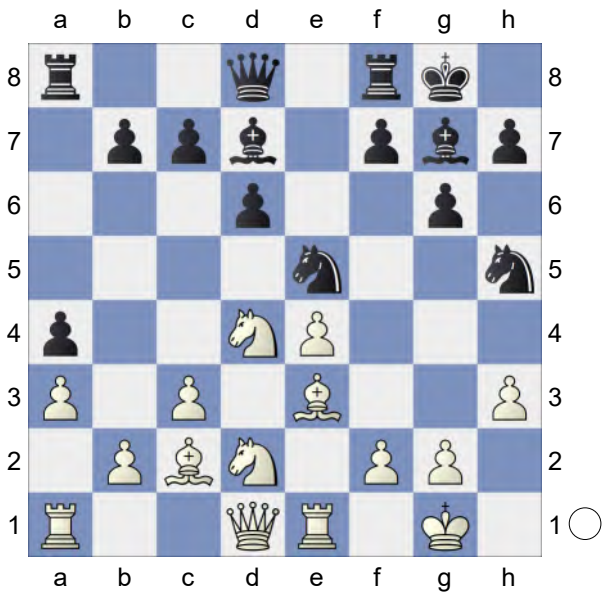
80.Kh2 Kf2 81.Kh3 Rg5 82.Bc6 Rg4 83.Bd5 Rg5 84.Bc6 Rxg3+ 85.Kh4 Rg6
[85...Rc3!? 86.Be8□ Ke3=]
86.Be8 Rg8 87.Bf7 Rg7 88.Be8 Kf3 89.Kxh5 Kf4 90.Kh6 Re7 91.Bg6 Ke5 aiming for ...Kf6. **92.Bc2 Rc7**
[92...Kf6!? 93.Kh5□ Rg7=]
93.Bd3 Kf6 (-> ...Rc3) **94.Kh5 Rc3 95.Bb1 Rg3 96.Bc2 Rg5+ 97.Kh4 Rc5 98.Bd3 Rc3 99.Bb1 Rh3+ 100.Kxh3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

C79
□ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**
■ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.38)
[Kitty Kat]

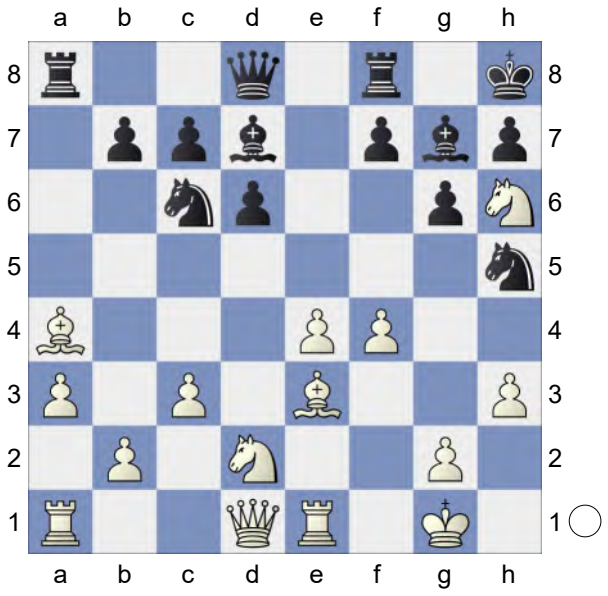
C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Bd7 7.Re1 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Bc2N
[10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Qe7 12.Nbd2 Rae8 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Nf3 Qc6 17.Qc2 Nh5 18.Kh2 g5 19.Bg3 Nxg3 20.Kxg3 f5 21.Kh2 f4 22.Rad1 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rd1 Rxd1 ½-½ (34) Four Knights Variation,K (1751)-Fernandez de La Vara,A (2090) William Nash's tourney 1885 (6)]
[10.Nbd2 Re8 *(10...Qe8 11.Bc2 Nh5 12.Nf1 Qc8 13.Kh2 h6 14.Ne3 Nf4 15.Nd5 g5 16.Bxf4 gxf4 17.Ba4 b5 18.Bc2 Kh8 19.Nh4 exd4 20.Qh5 dxc3 21.bxc3 Qd8 22.Nf3 Ne5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Rad1 Rc8 25.Bb3* ½-½ (83) Novikov,M (2238)-C 10/10 (2246) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (11) *)* 11.d5 Ne7 12.Bc2 Bh6 13.Nf1 Bxc1 14.Qxc1 Kg7 15.Ng3 a5 16.c4 Qb8 17.b3 Qa7 18.Bd3 Qc5 19.a3 c6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Qd2 Be6 22.b4 axb4 23.axb4 Qb6 24.Bf1 Qc7 1-0 (47) Sergeev (2784)-C 10/12 (2716) 6...c5 (Mai&Bangiev) 1994 (1.11)]
[10.d5 Ne7 11.Bxd7 Qxd7 12.c4 Nh5 13.Nc3 h6 14.Be3 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Ne4 Nf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.c5 Rfe8 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Nc3 Qf7 21.Qd2 g5 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Nxe1 b5 0-1 (45) Montell,J (2220)-Mews,B (2394) Postal 1929 (6)]
10...a5 11.a3 White is slightly better.
11...Qe8 12.Be3 a4 13.Nbd2
[13.Bxa4 Rxa4 14.Qxa4 Nxd4∓]
13...Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nd4! Qd8

(Diagram)

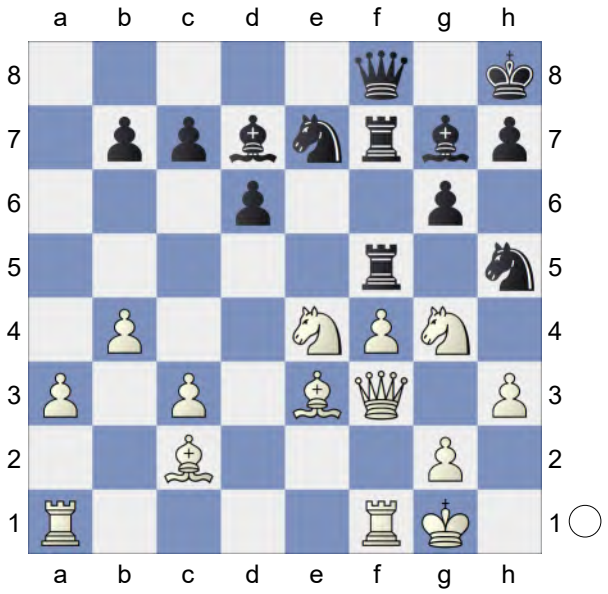
16.Nf5! Bf6
[16...Bb5 17.c4]



17.Nh6+ Kh8 18.f4 Prevents Bg5. **18...Nc6 19.Bxa4** White is more active. **19...Bg7** 1.11/24
[19...Bh4± 0.67/18 deserves consideration. 20.Rf1 Qe7]



20.Ng4 0.41/22
[White should play 20.f5!± 1.11/24]
20...f5± 21.exf5 Rxf5 22.Bc2 Rf7 1.12/20
[22...Rf8± 0.54/24]
23.Qf3 Qf8 24.Ne4 Ra5 White leaves nothing to chance now. **25.Rf1 Ne7** 1.30/19
[⌓25...Bf5 0.76/22]
26.b4±
[26.Ng5? Rxg5 27.fxg5 Rxf3 28.Rxf3 Nf5-+]
26...Raf5



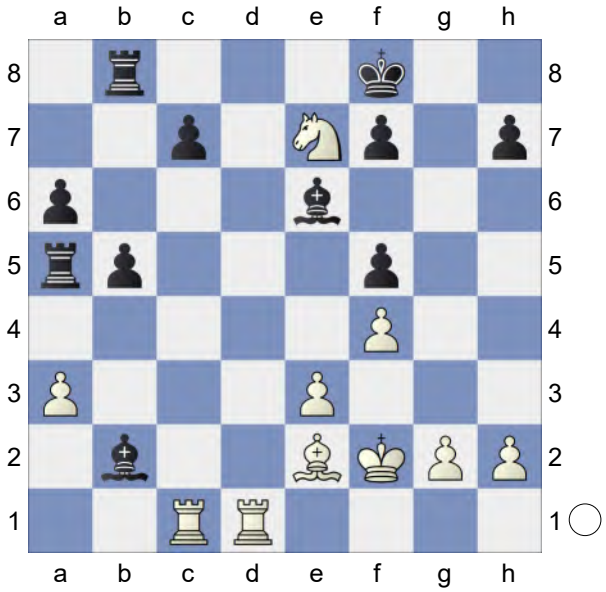
27.Bb3!↑ Keeping Black busy.
[27.Ng5? Rxg5 28.Bd3 Bc6-+ *(28...Bxc3? 29.Rac1-+)*]
27...Nd5 2.10/20
[27...d5± 1.39/19]
28.Ng5+- Rxg5 29.Bxd5 Rxd5 30.Qxd5 Bc6 31.Qd3 Ng3 32.Rfe1 Be4 33.Qd2 h5 34.Bf2 hxg4 35.Bxg3 Bf5 36.hxg4 Bxg4 37.Re3 Bf6 38.Rae1 Bd7 Inhibits Re8. **39.Qd5 Bc6 40.Qc4 d5 41.Qd3 d4 42.Re6** Black must now prevent Bf2. **42...dxc3** 5.24/19
[⌓42...Bd7 3.67/18 43.f5 Discovered Attack Bxe6 44.fxe6 Re7 45.cxd4 Qg7]
43.b5 Rd7 44.Qxg6 Bd4+ 45.Kh1
[45.Bf2 Bxf2+ 46.Kxf2 Rd2+ 47.R6e2 Qxf4+ 48.Kg1 Qd4+ 49.Kf1 Qf4+ 50.Kg1 Qd4+ 51.Kh2 *(51.Kf1 Qf4+ 52.Kg1=)* 51...Qh4+ 52.Kg1 Qd4+=]

45...Rh7+ 46.Bh2 Rxh2+ 10.47/5
[⌓46...Bd7 5.16/17 47.Re8 Bxe8 48.Rxe8 Pin Bc5 49.Rxf8+ Bxf8 50.Qf6+ Kg8 51.Qxc3 Be7]
47.Kxh2 Qxf4+ 48.g3 Re8+ would kill now. **48...Qf2+ 49.Kh3** Intending Re8+! and mate. **49...Qg2+ 50.Kg4** White wants to mate with Re8+! **50...Bd7 51.Qh6+** 4.65/5
[⌓51.Qf5 #7/16 Qh3+ 52.Kxh3 Be3 53.Qf6+ *(53.R1xe3 Kg8 54.Qg5+ Kh7 55.Qe7+ Kh8 56.Qxd7 Kg8 57.Re8#)* 53...Kh7 54.Qf7+ *(54.R1xe3 Bc8* Pin *55.Qf5+ Kh8 56.Re8+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *Kg7 57.R8e7+ Kh8 58.Qxc8#; 54.Qe7+ Kg8 55.Qxd7 Bh6 56.Rxh6 Kf8 57.Rh8#)* 54...Kh8 55.Qxd7 Bc5 56.Re8+ Bf8 57.Rxf8#]
51...Kg8 52.Qg5+ Kh7 53.Qe7+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

D38

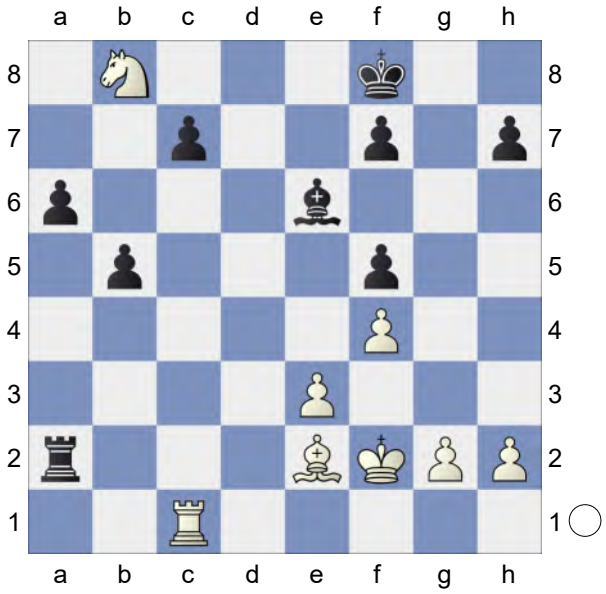
□ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
■ **Harsh,Suresh** **2420**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.39)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
A convincing win by Mamedyarov with the Black pieces. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 a6 9.0-0 Bd6** White is slightly better. **10.Rad1 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5**
[12.Be2 Qe7 13.Ng5 Bf5 14.e4 Bd7 15.Qc2 h6 16.Nf3 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Rad8 18.g3 Neg4 19.h3 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Bxh3 21.Kg1 Bxg3 22.Bf1 Bxe1 23.Rxe1 Bg4 24.Bg2 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 Qd6 26.Re2 Qg3+ 0-1 (35) Nakamura,H (2784)-Mamedyarov,S (2753) 118/134 Moscow 2013]
12...Bxe5 13.Be2N
[13.f4 Bd6 14.h3 b5 15.Bxb5 Bxh3 16.Bc6 Bg4 17.Bxa8 Bxd1 18.Nxd1 Qxa8 5) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3-7.Bd2 with 9.O-O #5]
[13.Qc2 b5 14.f4 Bd6 15.Be2 Bb7 16.Bf3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qe7 18.e4 Rad8 5) 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3-7.Bd2 with 9.O-O #6]
13...Qe7 14.Qh4 Re8 15.Na4 Bd6
[15...b5 looks sharper. 16.Bb4 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Ng4+]
16.Bf3 Rb8 17.Bc3 Bf5 18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Rc1 Re5 21.Rfd1 Ra5 22.Nc3 Be5 23.a3 Be6 24.Be2 f5 25.f4 Bf6 26.Kf2 b5 0.66/23
[26...c6= -0.04/23]
27.Nd5!± Bxb2 28.Ne7+! Kf8



29.Nc6! White is more active. **29...Bxc1**
[29...Rxa3 30.Nxb8 Bxc1 31.Rxc1]
30.Rxc1
[30.Nxb8 Bxa3 31.Rd8+ Kg7-+]

30...Rxa3 31.Nxb8 And now Nc6! would win. **31...Ra2**



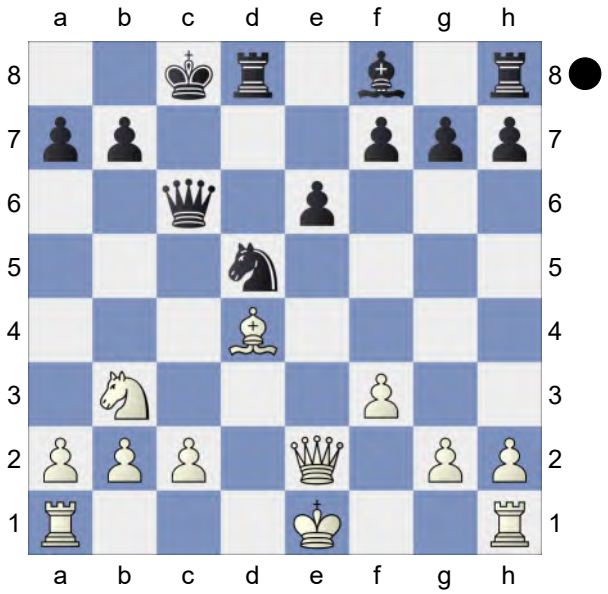
32.Ke1 0.43/20
[32.Rxc7 Bc4 33.Rc8+ Kg7 34.Nxa6 Rxe2+ 35.Kf3 Rb2∓]
[32.Kf3!± 1.06/22]
32...b4? 3.91/19 This costs Black the game.
[32...a5!± 0.43/20]
33.Nxa6+-
[Stronger than 33.Bxa6 b3=]
33...b3 34.Nxc7 Bd7 35.Nd5 Be6 36.Nc3 Rb2 37.Na4 Ra2 38.Nc5 Bd5 39.Rb1 Bxg2 40.Rxb3
[40.Kf2 h6 41.Nxb3 Be4]
40...Bd5 41.Rd3 Bg2 42.Kf2 Bh3 5.76/19
[⌓42...Bc6 3.69/15 43.Nb3 Be4]
43.Kg3 White is clearly winning.
43...Rxe2 44.Kxh3 Endgame. KRN-KR
44...Kg7 45.Nb3 Kg6 46.Nd4 Ra2 47.Rb3 h5 48.Rb5 Ra3 49.Nxf5
[49.Rxf5 Rxe3+ 50.Kg2 Re4 51.Rg5+ Kf6+-]
49...Ra2 50.Nh4+ Kh6 51.Rg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

B57
□ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**
■ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.40)
[Kitty Kat]

B57: Classical Sicilian: Sozin with 6... Qb6
Kramnik,V: 'Inf 67/263' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Bf4 Ne5 9.Be2 Bd7 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Nb5** -0.15/22
[⌓11.Qd4 0.26/22]
11...Bxb5= 12.Bxb5+ Nc6 13.f3N
[13.Qf3 a6 14.Bd3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Be4 Ne5 17.Qe2 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bd6 19.Qc3 *(19.Qe2 0-0 20.g3* B 57/23 2001*)* 19...Qxc3+ 20.bxc3 Rb8 Against The Semi Slav-Podkrajsek,J 6: World Championship Match 1985 21.g3 Ke7 22.f4 Nc4 23.a4 Rhc8 24.Nd4 Bc7 25.Nb3 Bb6 26.Bd3 Nd6 27.Kd2 Rc7 28.a5 Ba7 29.Rhe1 g6 30.Nd4 Rbc8 31.Ne2 Rc5 32.Reb1 Rh5 33.h4 Rcc5 34.Rb4 Rxa5 35.Rab1 Bc5 0-1 (66) Polgar,J (2665)-Kramnik,V (2765) Dortmund SuperGM 24th 1996 (2)]
[13.Nd2 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qf3 Be7 16.Bxc6+ Qxc6 17.c4 Nb4 18.Qxc6+ Nxc6 B 57/23 2001]
13...d5 Black is slightly better. **14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Bd4 0-0-0** And now ...Bb4+ would win. **16.Bxc6 Qxc6 17.Qe2**

(Diagram)

e5! 18.Be3
[18.Qxe5? Re8-+ *(18...Qxc2? 19.Rc1+-; 18...Qxc2? 19.Rc1+-* Pin *)*]
[18.Bxe5? f6 19.Nd4 Qa4-+]

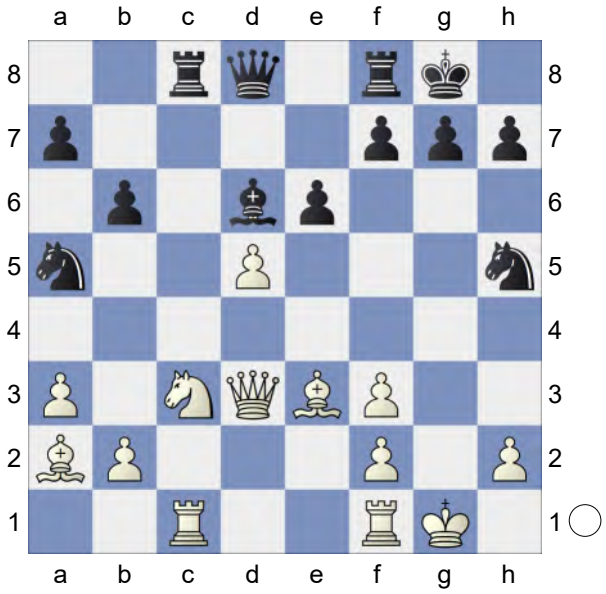


[18.Bxa7 Nf4]
18...Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Kb8 -0.78/18 Black is more active.
[Black should play 19...Qxc2 -1.14/21 Threatens to win with ...Bb4+. 20.0-0 Kb8 *(20...Qxb2? 21.Qxa7 Bd6 22.Rac1+ Kd7 23.Qxb7+ Ke6 24.Rc6+-)*]
20.0-0 -1.35/22
[⌓20.Rd1 -0.78/18 Bd6 21.Rd2]
20...Bd6∓
[20...Qxc2 21.Rfc1 *(21.Qxe5+ Bd6∓)* 21...Qf5 *(21...Qxb2? 22.Rab1-+)* 22.Kh1]
21.Qe4 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 g6 23.Rad1 f5 24.Qh4 Qc7 -1.02/21
[24...a6-+ -1.80/20 25.Qc4 Rc8]
25.Rd2 Be7 26.Rxd8+ Bxd8 27.Qf2 -1.62/22
[27.Qb4∓ -0.93/20]
27...Re8 28.c3 -2.11/21
[28.Re1∓ -1.44/19 was necessary.]
28...Qc4 29.Re1 -2.19/21
[⌓29.Nc5 -1.80/21]
29...Bb6-+ 30.Qe2 Qa4 31.Qc2 e4
[31...Qxa2? 32.Ra1+-]
32.fxe4 fxe4
[32...Qxa2? perishes. 33.Ra1 Rxe4 34.g3+- *(34.Rxa2? Re1#; 34.Rxa2? Re1#)*]
33.c4 e3 34.Qc3 e2→ Hoping for ... Bf2! Black goes for the king.
[Don't do 34...Qxa2 35.c5 Bd8 36.c6∓]
35.Qc2? -7.77/23
[35.c5 -2.25/19 Bc7 36.g3 Qe4+ *(36...Qxa2 37.Rxe2 Rd8 38.c6∓)* 37.Kg1]
35...Qxa2 White is weak on the dark squares. Black is clearly winning. **36.h3** -8.31/22
[⌓36.Qd3 -4.57/22]
36...Bf2 37.Nc1 Qa1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.25 (precise)
0-1

D35
□ **Klukin,Kirill** **2413**
■ **George Samir,David** **2272**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.41)
[Kitty Kat]

B14: Caro-Kann: Panov-Botvinnik Attack with 5...e6 and 5...g6
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.exd4 Nc6 7.Be2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 b6 11.Be3 Bb7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Ba2 Na5N
[13...Rc7 14.Qe2 Rd7 15.Rfd1 Re8 16.b4 Bf8 17.Rc2 Ne7 18.Ne5 Rc7 19.Bg5 Ng6 20.h4 Qc8 21.Rdc1 Ba6 22.Qd1 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Rd8 24.Qe1 h6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.exf6 Bd3 27.Rb2 h5 28.Ne2 ½-½ (55) Chajes,O-Salwe,G Karlsbad IT 2nd 1911 (3)]
14.Qd3 Dodges Nc4 **14...Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nh5** 0.54/22

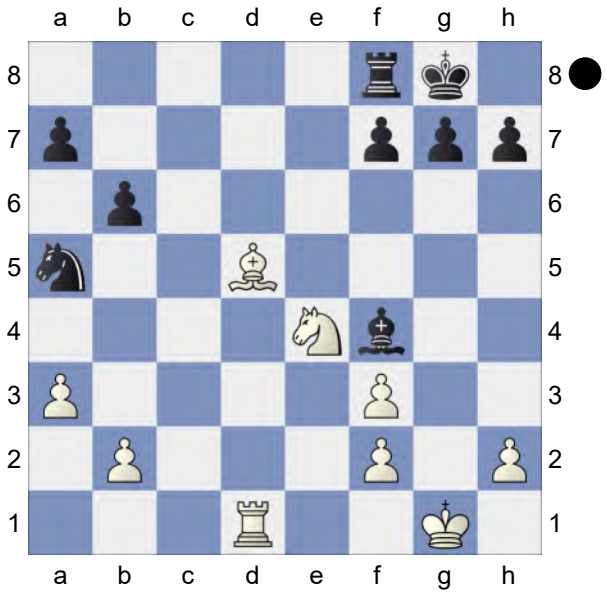
[Black should try 15...Nb7= -0.01/20]
16.d5± White is slightly better. **16...Bd6**



aiming for ...Nf4. **17.Ne4** 0.07/18
[17.dxe6? too greedy. Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Qxd3-+]
[17.Ne2± 0.55/22 is superior. Qh4 18.Ng3]
17...Rxc1= The position is equal.
18.Rxc1 Rc3 is the strong threat.
18...Nf4 19.Bxf4 Bxf4 20.Rd1 exd5 21.Qxd5
[21.Bxd5 keeps more tension. Qc7 22.h4 Nb7 23.Ng5]
21...Qxd5
[21...Nc6!?]
22.Bxd5

(Diagram)

b4 would now be deadly. **22...b5! 23.Nc3 a6 24.b4 Nc4 25.Bxc4 bxc4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **26.Nd5 Be5 27.Rc1 Bb2 28.Rxc4** Strongly threatening Rc6. **28...Bxa3 29.Rc6 Ra8 30.Kf1 f6 31.Rc3 Bb2 32.Rc7 Rb8 33.Ra7 Ba3 34.Rxa6 Bxb4 35.Nxb4 Rxb4** KR-KR **36.Ra7 h5 37.Kg2 Kh7 38.Ra5 Kh6 39.Ra6 Kg5 40.Ra5+ f5**



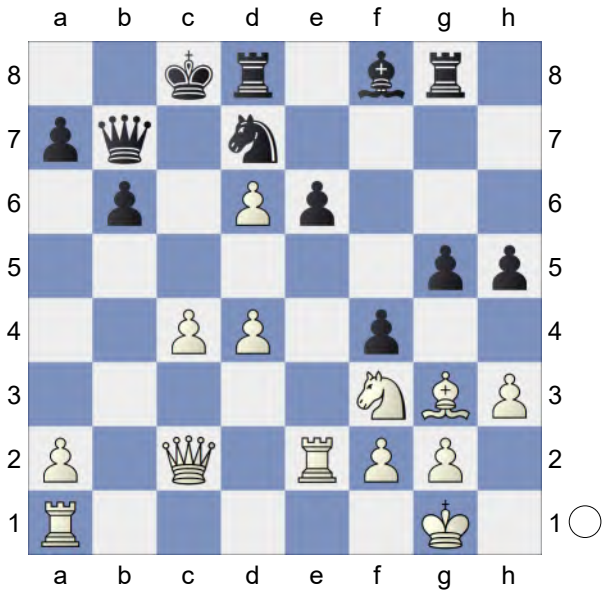
41.Ra6 h4 42.h3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

B22
□ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
■ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.42)
[Kitty Kat]

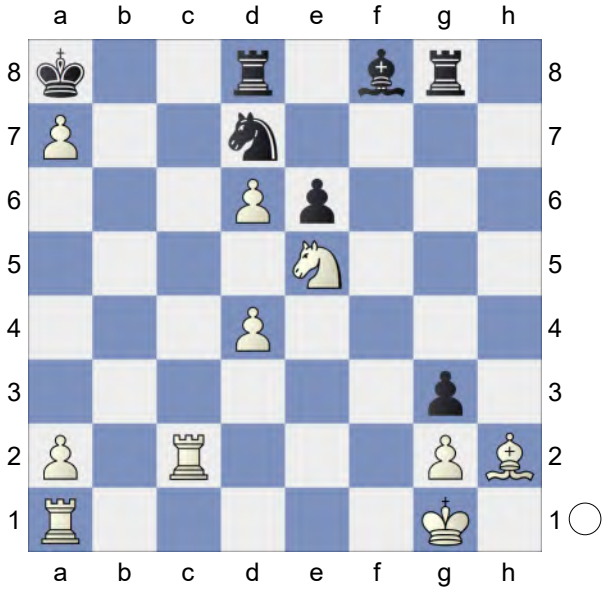
B22: Sicilian: 2 c3
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 b6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bb7 9.Bd3 d6 10.0-0 White is more active. **10...Nd7** 1.21/23
[10...Qc7± 0.53/18]
[10...Be7 11.Bf4 Nc6 12.Qe2 dxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.Rad1 0-0-0 15.h4 Kb8 16.Bg3 Na5 17.Nd4 Qxc3 18.Nb5 Qc6 19.f3 Bc5+ 20.Kh2 Qc8 21.Rc1 Ba6 22.Rfd1 Bxb5 23.Bxb5 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Ba6 1-0 (33) Schreurs,B (2560)-Borisenko (2500) Bromberg vs Posen 1906 (6)]
11.Bf4 0.55/20

[11.Ng5!± 1.21/23]
11...Qc7!± 12.Re1 Threatens to win with Qb3. **12...h6N** 1.47/18
[12...dxe5!± 0.33/19 13.Nxe5 Bd6]
[12...Be7 13.Re3 Rc8 14.Rc1 h6 15.d5 Bxd5 16.exd6 Bxd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Ba6 Rc5 19.c4 Qc7 20.Bb5 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 a6 22.Bxd7+ Qxd7 23.Qxd7+ Kxd7 24.Rxf7+ Kd6 25.Rxg7 Rhc8 26.Rd1+ Kc6 27.Rg6 1-0 (41) Van de Oudeweetering,A (2388)-Blees,A (2392) NED-chT 0001 2000 (9)]
13.c4 0.81/18
[⌓13.Qb3 1.47/18 Strongly threatening exd6. d5 14.h3]
13...0-0-0 1.75/19
[13...dxe5± 0.81/18 14.Nxe5 Bd6]
14.Be4 0.84/20
[14.Bg3+- 1.75/19 has better winning chances.]
14...Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Qb7 2.05/20
[15...dxe5± 0.73/18 was worth a try. 16.Bxe5 *(16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Bd6±)* 16...Nxe5 *(16...Qxc4? 17.Rc1+- Pin)* 17.Rxe5 *(17.Nxe5 Bd6=)* 17...Bc5 *(17...Qxc4? 18.Rc1+-)*]
16.Qc2!+- g5 2.31/19
[⌓16...dxe5 1.70/20 17.Nxe5 *(17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 g5±)* 17...Nxe5]
17.Bg3 Rg8 18.h3 1.71/21
[⌓18.exd6 3.18/19 Bxd6 19.Bxd6]
18...h5? 3.38/21
[18...dxe5 1.71/21 19.c5 *(19.dxe5 Nc5=; 19.Nxe5 f5±)* 19...Qc6]
19.exd6 f5 20.Re2
[Much less strong is 20.Rxe6 f4 21.Bh2 g4+-]
20...f4

(Diagram)



21.c5! Qc6 22.Bh2 g4 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.cxb6 Qxc2 2.82/17
[24...Kb7± 1.57/24 25.Qxc6+ Kxc6]
25.Rxc2+ Kb8 26.bxa7+ Ka8? 4.02/23
[26...Kxa7 1.99/22 was necessary. 27.Ne5 Nxe5]
27.Ne5 g3 28.fxg3 fxg3



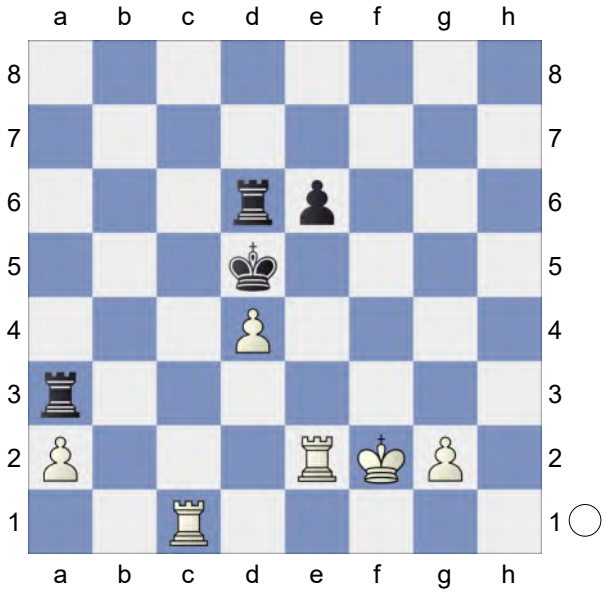
29.Bxg3 Rxg3 30.Nxd7 Rxd7 31.Rc8+ Kxa7 32.Rxf8 Rxd6
Endgame. KRR-KRR **33.Rf4 Ra3 34.Kf2 Ka6** 2.96/21
[⌓34...Kb7 2.05/22 35.g4 Rda6]
35.Re4 Kb5 36.Re2? 0.92/19

[36.Rae1+- 2.64/22]

36...Kc4? 2.74/22

[36...Kc6± 0.92/19]

37.Rc1+ Kd5



38.Rd1? 0.36/24

[Only move: 38.Rce1!+- 2.51/21]

38...Rda6± 39.Rdd2 aiming for Re5+.

39...R6a4? 2.70/21

[39...Kd6= 0.30/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]

40.Re5++- Kd6 41.Rde2 Rxd4 42.Rxe6+ Kd7 43.Re7+ Kd6 44.R7e6+ Kd7 45.R6e3 Ra5 46.Rc2 Rf5+ 47.Ke2 Rg5 48.g3 Ra5 49.a3 Rad5 50.Rcc3 Rd2+ 51.Kf3 Kd6 52.g4 Rd1? 5.10/21

[52...Kd7 3.02/17 53.Re4 Rd1]

53.Rc2 Hoping for Rc8. **53...R5d4** 3.92/22

[⌓53...Rg5 2.65/20 54.Rc4 Rg8]

54.Rg2 Black must now prevent g5. **54...Rf1+ 55.Kg3 Rd5 56.Kh2 Rf6 57.Kh3 Rf8 58.Rgg3 Rh8+ 59.Kg2 Rd2+ 60.Kf3** And now g5 would win. **60...Rf8+ 61.Ke4 Ke6 62.Rgf3 Rc8 63.Kf4+** 1.17/20

[63.Rf5+- 2.89/20 is more deadly.]

63...Kf6± 64.Kg3+ Kg6? 2.45/21

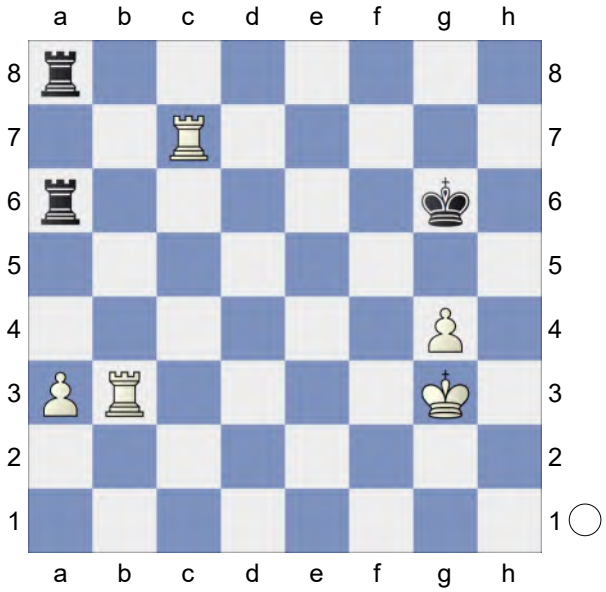
[64...Kg7± 0.78/25]

65.Re6++- Kg7 66.Re7+ Kg6 67.Rfe3 Threatening mate with R3e6+. **67...Rg8 68.R7e6+ Kf7 69.Re7+ Kg6 70.Rb7 Rd6** Prevents Re6+. **71.Reb3?** 0.04/21

[71.a4+- 2.61/22]

71...Ra8= 72.Rc7 Rda6 1.32/21

[72...Rf6= 0.08/21 keeps the balance.]



73.Rcc3 0.01/26

[73.a4!± 1.32/21 a5! would now be deadly. Kf6 74.Rh7 Rxa4 75.Rb6+ Ke5 76.Rhh6]

73...R8a7 The position is equal. **74.Rf3 Ra8 75.Rbd3 R8a7 76.Rfe3 Ra8 77.Rc3 R8a7 78.Kf4 Ra4+ 79.Kf3 Rf7+ 80.Kg3 Rff4 81.Rc6+ Kf7 82.Rc7+ Kf6 83.Rc6+ Kf7 84.Rb3 Rxg4+ 85.Kf2** White wants to mate with Rb7+. **85...Raf4+ 86.Rf3 Rxf3+ 87.Kxf3** KR-KR **87...Ra4 88.Rc3 Ke6 89.Rd3 Ke5 90.Ke3 Re4+ 91.Kf3 Rd4 92.Re3+ Kd5 93.Rc3 Rc4 94.Rb3 Rh4 95.Kg3** Prevents Rh3+ **95...Ra4 96.Rf3 Kc5 97.Kf2 Re4 98.Rb3 Rh4 99.Ke2 Rh2+ 100.Kd3 Rh3+ 101.Kc2 Rxb3 102.Kxb3 Kb5** Black escapes

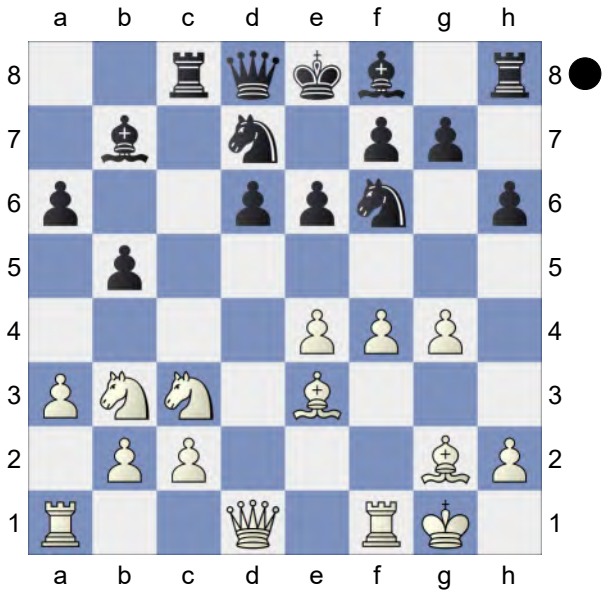
into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.51
½-½

B90

□ **Nazari,Arad** **2401**
■ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy** **2299**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.43)
[Kitty Kat]

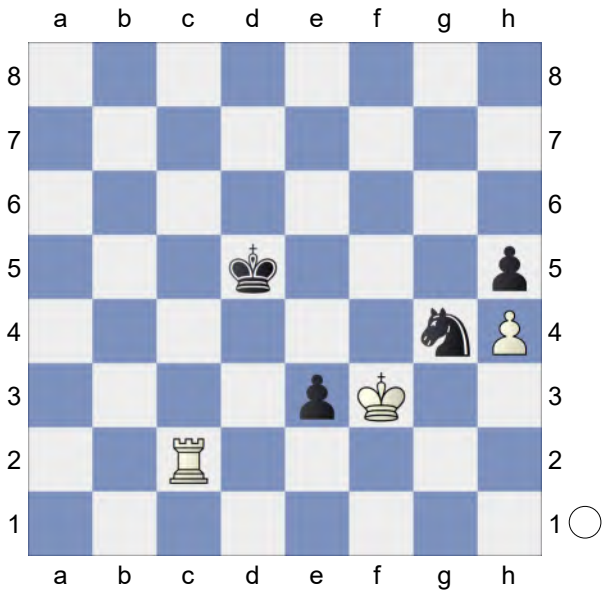
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nb3 e6
[6...Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.g4 h6 9.h4 *(9.Qe2 b5 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.f4 b4 12.Na4 Rb8 13.Bg2 e5* 6.Qf3,6-Rare Lines Full Theory MODERN CHESS 2023 *)* 9...b5 10.Bg2 Ne5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 Nc4 13.Qe2 Nxb2 14.e5 Rb8 15.g6 Nc4 16.gxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ba7 Rb7 18.Bd4 Ndb6 19.0-0 d5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Nxd5 1-0 (39) 5.f3 c6 6. ♕d2 b5 (2724)-C 10/13 (2655) VCC15 VCC 2003 (8.2)]
7.g4N
[7.a4 Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.f4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Nxa5 bxa5 28) 6.h4,6-6.Nb3 e6 7.a4 #2]
7...b5 8.Bg2 -0.16/23
[⌓8.a3 0.21/23]
8...Bb7 The position is equal. **9.a3 h6** 0.30/20
[9...Be7 -0.12/22 is superior.]
10.Be3 -0.08/22
[⌓10.Qe2 0.30/20]
10...Nbd7= 11.f4 Rc8 12.0-0 -0.89/21
[12.Qe2= -0.16/19]

(Diagram)



12...Rxc3 0.51/19 **13.bxc3± Bxe4 14.a4 Bxg2 15.Kxg2 Nd5 16.Qf3 bxa4 17.Rxa4 Qc8** 1.15/22
[17...Be7± 0.67/20]
18.Rfa1± Qxc3 19.Bd2 0.89/21
[⌓19.Bf2 1.47/20]
19...Qxf3+ 20.Kxf3 g5 21.Rxa6 gxf4 22.Bxf4 0.24/20 White is more active.
[22.Nd4± 0.79/21 Nc6! would now be deadly. Ne5+ 23.Ke4]
22...Nxf4= 23.Kxf4 Hoping for Ra8+.
23...Bg7 24.Ra8+ Ke7 25.Rxh8 Bxh8 Endgame. KRN-KBN **26.Rh1 Nb6 27.Nd2 Bc3 28.Ke3 Bxd2+ 29.Kxd2±** KR-KN **29...Nc4+ 30.Ke2 Ne5 31.h3 Kf6! 32.Kf2 d5** 0.61/34
[32...h5= 0.25/31 should be considered.]
33.Rf1 Kg6 34.Ke3! Nc4+ 35.Kd4 Nd2 36.Rd1 Nf3+ 37.Kc5 Ng5 0.41/28
[37...Kg5= 0.03/25]
38.Rd3 0.00/27
[38.Rh1!± 0.41/28]
38...Ne4+ 39.Kd4 Nd6 40.Rb3 Ne4 1.00/29
[40...Kf6± 0.39/28]
41.Ke5!± Nd2 42.Rb8 0.25/23
[42.Rb7!± 1.12/25]

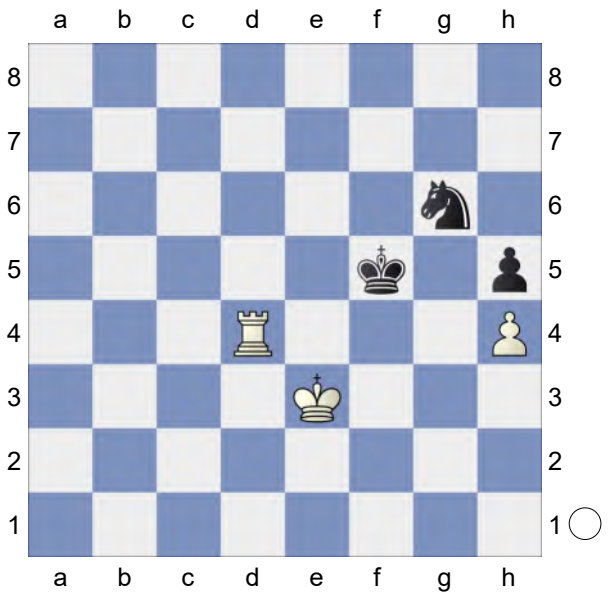
42...Nc4+ 43.Kd4 Kg7 44.Rc8 Nd2 1.34/30
[44...Kg6± 0.37/31]
45.Ke5 0.94/27
[⌓45.Ke3 1.34/30 Nc4+ 46.Kf4]
45...Nc4+ 46.Kd4 0.39/31
[White should try 46.Kf4!± 1.02/32]
46...Nd2 0.97/30
[46...Kg6± 0.39/31]
47.Rc7 0.40/29
[47.Ke3± 0.97/30 Nc4+ 48.Kf4]
47...Nf3+ 1.00/28
[47...Nc4!± 0.40/29]
48.Ke3 Ne5 49.c3 0.22/38
[49.Rc8± 0.75/28]
49...Nc4+ 50.Kf4 Nb2 51.Rc8 Nd3+ 52.Ke3 Ne5 53.Ra8 Ng6 54.Ra4 Ne5 55.Kd4 Nf3+ 56.Ke3 Ne5 57.Rb4 Ng6 58.c4 dxc4 59.Rxc4 Ne7 60.Ke4 Nd5 61.Ke5 Ne3 62.Rf4 Ng2 63.Rf2 Nh4 64.Kd6 Ng6 65.Kd7 Ne5+ 66.Ke7 Kg6 67.Re2 Nd3 68.Re4 e5 69.Rc4 Nf2 70.h4 aiming for Rc6+. **70...f6 71.Ke6 e4?** 8.28/30
[71...Nh3= 0.01/36]
72.Rc5!+- Black must now prevent h5+.
72...h5 73.g5!
[73.gxh5+ Kh6±]
[73.Rxh5 e3 74.Rh8 e2 *(74...Nxg4 75.Rb8=)* 75.Rg8+ Kh7=]
73...fxg5 74.Rxg5+ Kh6 75.Kf7? 0.07/43
[75.Kf5+- 12.37/28 e3 76.Rg8 *(76.Rg6+ Kh7+-)*]
75...Ng4= 76.Rg6+ Kh7 77.Re6 Repels Ne5+ **77...e3 78.Re8 Nh6+ 79.Kf6 Ng4+ 80.Kg5 Kg7 81.Rb8**
[81.Kxh5 is a self mate. Nf6+ 82.Kg5 Nxe8 83.Kf5 e2 84.Ke5 e1Q+ *(84...e1B? 85.h5-+)* 85.Kd4 Qxh4+ 86.Kd3 Nd6 87.Ke3 Qe4+ 88.Kd2 Qf3 89.Ke1 Qd3 90.Kf2 Ne4+ 91.Ke1 Qe3+ 92.Kf1 Qf2#]
[81.Re7+ Kf8 82.Re6 Kg7+-]
81...Kf7! 82.Kf4 Kf6 83.Kf3 Rb6+ is the strong threat. **83...Ke5?** 8.83/24
[83...Ne5+= 0.07/40 84.Kxe3 Ng6]
84.Rd8? 0.07/41
[White should play 84.Rh8+- 8.83/24 Nf6 85.Kxe3]
84...Kf6? 5.46/38
[84...e2= 0.07/41]
85.Rd5? 0.07/23
[85.Rd6+!+- 5.46/38 Ke5 86.Rd8]
85...Nh6 86.Rd6+ Kg7 87.Kf4 Ng4 88.Rc6 Kf7 89.Rc2 Ke6 90.Kf3 Kd5? 4.53/32
[90...Ne5+!= 0.07/24 and Black stays safe. 91.Kxe3 Ng6]



Against Rc5+ **91.Rc8?** 0.07/29
[91.Ra2!+- 4.53/32]
91...Ne5+ 92.Kxe3 Ng6 Inhibits Rh8. **93.Rd8+ Ke5 94.Rd4 Kf5?** 12.58/38
[94...Ne7= 0.07/42 95.Re4+ Kf6]

(Diagram)

95.Rd5+!+- Kf6 96.Rxh5 Ke6 97.Kf3

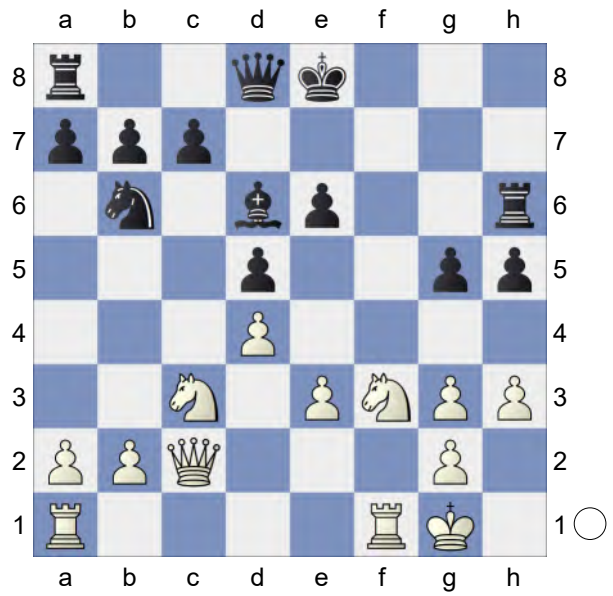


Kf6 98.Kg4 Nf8 99.Ra5 Kg6 100.Ra6+ White mates. **100...Kg7 101.Kf5 Nh7 102.h5 Nf8 103.h6+ Kf7 104.Ra8 Nh7 105.Ra1 Kg8 106.Rg1+ Kh8 107.Ke6 Nf8+ 108.Ke7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
1-0

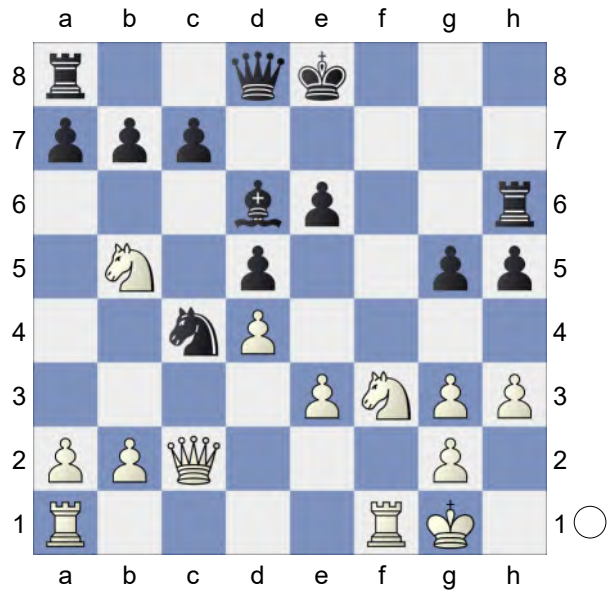
D38
□ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto 2564**
■ **Sliwicka,Alicja 2346**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.44)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
In this game MVL introduced an interesting opening idea, that brought him a nice edge, which he converted with superb technique.
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.Qc2 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 White is slightly better. **10.e3 h5! 11.h3**
[11.h4 Nxg3 12.fxg3 g4 13.Nd2 Nb6 14.Bd3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qd6 16.Kf2 Rh6 17.Rhf1 Be6 18.e4 Rf6+ 19.Kg1 Rxf1+ 20.Nxf1 dxe4 21.Bxe4 0-0-0 22.Kh2 c5 23.Ne3 cxd4 24.cxd4+ Kb8 25.Qf2 Re8 0-1 (54) Faizrakhmanov,R (2457)-Alekseev,E (2563) Astana Zhuldyzdary op-A 2023 (4)]
11...Nxg3N
[11...Qf6 12.Bd3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Nxg3 14.fxg3 g4 15.hxg4 hxg4 16.Nh4 Nb6 17.Qf2 Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Be6 19.Nf5 Kd7 20.Rh4 Rhg8 21.Ke2 Nc8 22.Rf1 Nd6 23.Nxd6 Kxd6 24.Bf5 Rg5 25.Bxe6 Kxe6 26.Rh7 ½-½ (38) Caruana,F (2805)-Giri,A (2773) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (9) Rf8 27.a4 b6 28.Kd3 c5 29.Rh6+ f6 30.Rh7 Rf5 31.Rf4 c4+ 32.Ke2 Rxf4 33.gxf4 Kf5 34.Rd7 Ke4 35.Re7+ Kf5 36.Rd7 Ke4 37.Re7+ Kf5 38.Rd7 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Grischuk,A (2781) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (9)]
[11...Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxg3 13.fxg3 Nb6 14.Bd3 g4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.0-0 Qe7 17.Ne5 Be6 18.Bf5 Nd7 19.e4 Nxe5 20.exd5 0-0-0 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Rae1 exf5 23.Rxe5 Qa3 24.Rfxf5 Kb8 25.Rxh5 Rxh5 26.Rxh5 1-0 (59) Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Aronian,L (2780) Norway Chess 3rd 2015 (1)]
12.fxg3 Nb6 0.63/19
[12...Bd6= 0.10/19]
13.Bd3± Be6 14.0-0 Hoping for Bf5.
14...Bd6 1.45/19
[⌓14...g4 0.84/22 15.Ne5 gxh3]
15.Bf5!± White is more active. **15...Rh6** 2.25/20
[15...Qe7± 1.45/20]
16.Bxe6!+- fxe6

(Diagram)



17.Nb5 0.82/19
[17.h4!+- 2.05/22 and White stays clearly on top. gxh4 18.gxh4]
17...Nc4±

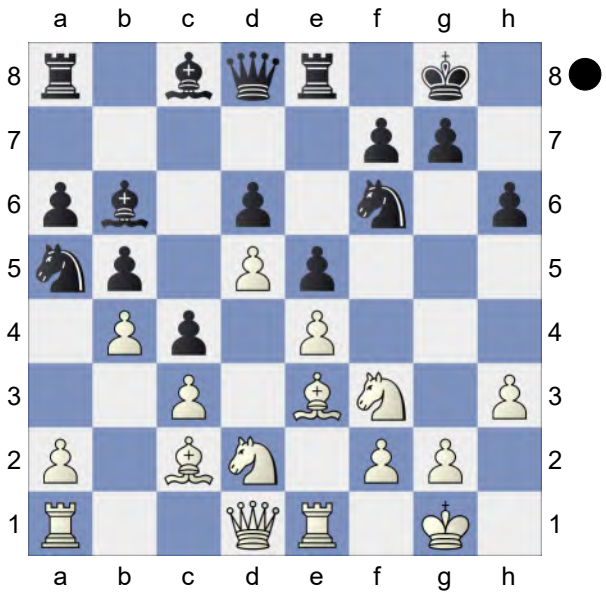


18.Nxd6+ 0.63/19
[18.Rac1!± 1.01/23]
18...Qxd6± 19.Ne5 0.00/23
[Much weaker is 19.Nxg5 Qxg3 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ *(20...Qxg5 21.Qf8+* Skewer *Kd7 22.Rf7+* Skewer*; 20...Qxe3 21.Rae1±)* 21.Rxf2 Rg6=]
[19.Qf2± 0.73/20 aiming for b3! Rf6 20.b3]
19...Nxe5= 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Qa4+ c6 22.Qa3 Rf6 Prevents Qf8+
[Worse is 22...Qxg3 23.Qf8+ Kd7 24.Rf7#]
23.Rxf6 Qxf6 Endgame. KQR-KQR
24.Rf1 Qe7 ...Qxa3 is the strong threat.
25.Qa5 -0.53/20
[25.Qc3= -0.16/22 should be considered. Kd7 26.Qe5]
25...Kd7∓ 26.Rf2 Qh7 0.00/18
[26...Qg7∓ -0.82/19]
27.b4 -0.63/22
[27.e4= 0.00/18]
27...Qe7 0.00/23
[Black should play 27...b6∓ -0.63/22 28.Qa6 Kd6]
28.e4= Rf8 White must now prevent ... Rxf2. **29.Qxa7 Kc7 30.Rxf8 Qxf8** KQ-KQ **31.Qd4** -0.43/20
[31.Qa5+= -0.04/24 was preferrable. Kb8 32.a4]
31...dxe4 0.00/28
[31...Qd6∓ -0.43/20 32.exd5 *(32.Qg7+ Kb6=)* 32...e5]
32.Qxe4 The position is equal. **32...Qf5 33.Qe3 b6 34.Kh2 h4 35.gxh4 gxh4 36.a4 Kb7 37.Qd4 Qg5 38.Qd7+ Kb8 39.Qd6+ Kb7! 40.Qd7+ Kb8 41.Qd6+ Kb7! 42.Qd7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
[42.Qxe6!? Qf4+□ 43.Kh1=]
½-½

C78
□ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**
■ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.45)
[Kitty Kat]

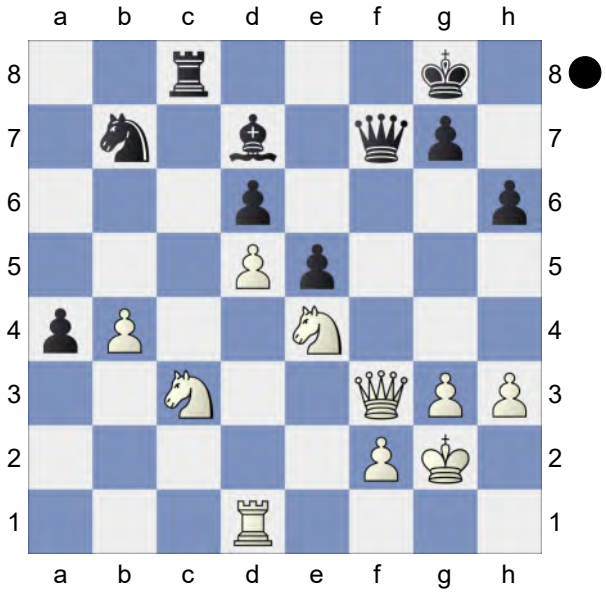
C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.d4 Bb6 9.Be3
[9.a4 Rb8 10.Na3 0-0 11.axb5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bg4 13.Bc2 exd4 14.Nbxd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Re8 16.Re1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nh5 18.Ba4 Rf8 19.Bc6 Qf6 20.Ra4 Nf4 21.Kh1 d5 22.exd5 Ng6 23.Re4 Ne7 ½-½ (121) Kamsky,G (2741)-Grischuk,A (2779) Thessaloniki FIDE GP 2013 (3)]
[9.h3 0-0 10.Bg5 Rb8 11.d5 Na7 12.Nbd2 h6 13.Bh4 g5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Bxg5 Kg7 16.Qf3 Rh8 17.Rfe1 c6 18.dxc6 Nxc6 19.Nf1 Qe7 20.Ng3 Kg6 21.h4 Bd8 22.h5+ Kg7 23.h6+ Kf8 1-0 (80) Goltsev,D (2215)-Kazantzoglou,S (2139) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (5)]
9...0-0N
[9...Bg4 10.Nbd2 *(10.dxe5 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nxe5 12.Qe2 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 0-0 14.Nd2 Re8 15.f4 Ng6 16.Qf3 c5 17.Rae1 Ra7 18.g3 Rae7 19.Re2 Qd7 20.Kg2 h6 21.Rfe1 Qc7 22.Bc2 c4 23.a3 Nd7 24.Nf1 Nf6* 1-0 (40) Fusco,L (2296)-Rosito,J (2424) 91/185 Vicente Lopez 2004*)* 10...h6 11.h3 Bd7 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Nd4 0-0 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bc2 Re8 17.Qf3 Rc8 18.Qd3 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Qc7 20.Rad1 Bc6 21.Rfe1 Bb7 22.Nf3 Rcd8 23.Nh4 Qc5 24.b4 ½-½ (49) Zelcic,R (2495)-Mainka,R (2366) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.4)]
10.Nbd2 Re8 11.h3 Na5 White is slightly better. **12.Bc2 c5** 0.85/20
[12...exd4= 0.22/22 keeps the balance. 13.cxd4 Bb7]
13.Re1 0.09/22
[13.d5± 0.85/20]
13...h6 0.93/19
[13...cxd4= 0.09/22 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Bb7]
14.d5± c4 15.b4



Black must now prevent Bxb6. **15...cxb3 16.axb3 Bd7 17.b4** Bxb6 is the strong threat. **17...Nb7 18.Qe2 a5 19.Bd3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qc7 21.Rec1 Rec8 22.Nf1 Nh5 23.g3 Rcb8** 0.92/19
[23...Bxh3± 0.37/20 24.Bxb5 Nf6]
24.Kg2 0.38/19
[24.h4± 0.92/19]
24...Qc8!± 25.Ng1 f5! 26.Nd2 -0.09/18
[26.exf5± 0.36/20 Bxf5 *(26...Nf6 27.Qf3±)* 27.Qf3 *(27.Bxb5 Nf6±)* 27...Bxd3 28.Qxd3]
26...Nf6 27.Qe2
[27.exf5 looks sharper. Bxf5 28.Bxb5 Nxd5 29.Bc4]
27...Qe8
[27...fxe4 with more complications. 28.Nxe4 Nxd5 29.bxa5 Rxa5 30.Rxa5 Nxa5 31.Nxd6 Qc6]
28.Qf3 -0.63/22
[28.exf5= -0.06/21 Nxd5 29.Qf3]
28...Qf7 -0.21/21
[28...fxe4∓ -0.63/22 29.Bxe4 Qf7]

29.Rd1
[29.exf5 simplifies Qxd5 30.Qxd5+ Nxd5 31.bxa5 Rxa5 32.Rxa5 Nxa5 33.Ne2]
29...Rc8 30.Ne2 axb4 -0.02/26
[Better is 30...fxe4!∓ -0.61/19 31.Nxe4 Nxd5 32.Qxf7+ Kxf7 33.bxa5 Ke7]
31.cxb4= fxe4 32.Bxe4 Ra4 33.Rxa4 bxa4 34.Nc3 Nxe4 35.Ndxe4?? -6.93/22
[35.Ncxe4= -0.03/26 Qxf3+ *(35...Qxd5?* perishes. *36.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *gxf6 37.Qxd5++-)* 36.Kxf3]



35...Bxh3+! Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

C46
□ **Vivaan Vishal Shah** **2296**
■ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.46)
[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nd5
[4.g3 Bc5 5.Bg2 d6 6.d3 a6 7.h3 0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.0-0 Qd6 13.Qe1 Bd7 14.Rd1 Rae8 15.Qf2 f5 16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Qe5 18.Rfe1 Re7 1-0 (51) Ellithorpe,G (2670)-5.♘c3 b5 6.♗f4 ♗a6 (2550) Altensteig 1993]
4...Bc5N
[4...Nxe4 5.Qe2 f5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nxe5 Nd4 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Ng4+ Qe7 10.Qxe7+ Bxe7 11.Ne3 f4 56) Four Knights − Other 4t-4.Nd5 Nxe4 5.Qe2]
[4...d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Be7 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Nf5 Bxf5 9.exf5 a6 10.Ba4 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.c3 Qd7 13.Bc2 Nxd5 14.Qxd5 Bf6 15.f4 Ne7 16.Qd3 Qb5 17.g4 Qxd3 18.Bxd3 Nd5 19.g5 ½-½ (61) Hakobyan,A (2617)-Kobalia,M (2543) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (9)]
[4...Bd6 5.Bc4 Nxe4 6.d3 Nf6 7.Ng5 0-0 8.h4 Nd4 9.Rh3 Ne6 10.Qf3 c6 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Qg4 Bb4+ 13.c3 d5 14.Qh5 Qg6 15.Qxg6 hxg6 16.cxb4 Nxg5 17.Rh1 Ne6 18.Bb3 Nd4 19.Be3 0-1 (46) Zherebukh,Y (2560)-Khairullin,I (2634) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (6)]
5.c3 0-0 6.d3 Be7 0.36/22
[6...h6= 0.00/23]
7.b4 d6 8.Nxe7+ The position is equal.

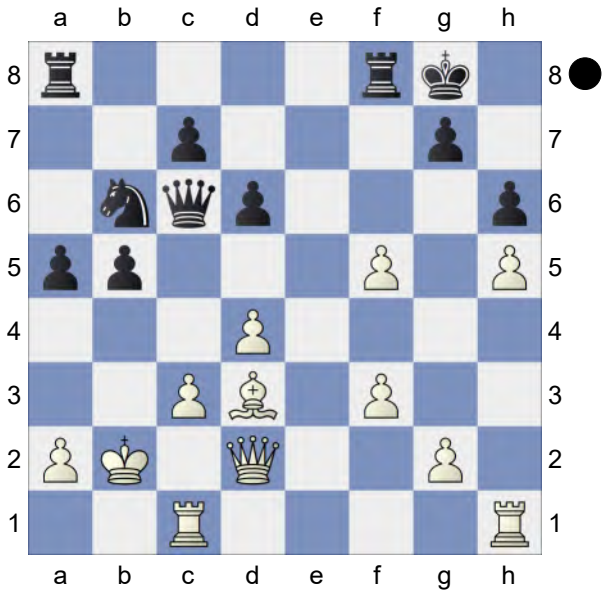
8...Nxe7 9.Bg5 -0.27/21
[9.Qc2 0.10/21 is more appropriate.]
9...Ng6= 10.h4 h6 11.h5 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.Qd2 Ng4 0.13/21
[⌓13...Re8 -0.29/23]
14.Qxf4 f5 And now ...fxe4 would win.
15.Qd2 -0.28/23
[15.Be2 0.14/20 should be considered.]
15...Qe8 16.0-0-0 -1.56/21
[16.Be2∓ -0.36/18]
16...a5 -0.70/18
[16...fxe4 17.dxe4 Be6 18.Bd3∓]
[Better is 16...b5!∓ -1.56/21 17.exf5 Bxf5]
17.b5!∓ Qxb5 18.Nd4 -1.33/25
[⌓18.d4 -0.93/19 Qc6 19.e5]
18...Qc5 -0.28/21
[18...Qa4∓ -1.33/25 Hoping for ...Ra6. 19.f3 c5]
19.f3= Nf6 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Nd5 22.Kb2 b5 0.43/19
[22...Ne3!∓ -0.39/22 23.Re1 Nxf1 *(23...Nxf5 24.d4±)* 24.Rhxf1 Qxf5 *(24...Rxf5 25.g4=)*]
23.d4± Qc6 24.Rc1! Nb6 25.Bd3 -0.47/21
[25.Ka1± 0.51/24]

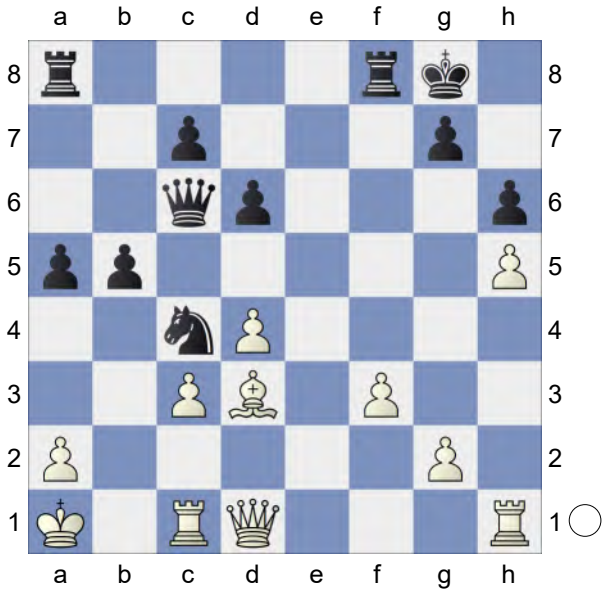
(Diagram)

25...Rxf5 0.38/21 **26.Ka1! Nc4 27.Qd1** 0.00/21
[27.Qe1!± 0.40/24 Rf6 28.d5]
27...Rff8? 1.75/22
[27...Rf6= 0.00/21 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)

28.Bb1!+- d5 29.Qd3 Rf6 30.Qh7+





Kf7? 3.26/18
[30...Kf8± 1.39/22]
31.Rhe1
[31.Bg6+ Rxg6 32.hxg6+ *(32.Qxg6+ Qxg6 33.hxg6+ Kxg6±)* 32...Qxg6 33.Qxg6+ Kxg6±]
31...b4 32.Re2 aiming for Rce1.
[32.Bg6+ Rxg6 33.Qxg6+ Qxg6 34.hxg6+ Kxg6±]
32...Re6 33.Bg6+ 1.83/19
[⌓33.Rce1 3.60/22 White wants to mate with Qf5+. Rxe2 34.Rxe2]
33...Rxg6 34.hxg6+ 0.53/19

[34.Qxg6+± 1.47/25 Qxg6 35.hxg6+ Kxg6 36.Re7]

34...Kf6!±

[34...Qxg6? 35.Re7+ Kf6 36.Re6+ Kxe6 37.Qxg6++-]

35.Rce1 Nd6 1.32/23

[35...Ne3!= 0.00/21 36.Rxe3 Re8]

36.Re6+± Kf5? 4.83/18

[36...Kg5± 1.50/19 is more resistant. 37.Rc1 *(37.Qxg7 Qxc3+ 38.Kb1 Qd3+ 39.Kc1 Qc3+ 40.Kb1 Qd3+ 41.Kc1 Qc3+ 42.Kd1 Qd3+ 43.Kc1=)* 37...Qd7 38.Re5+ Kf4]

37.R1e3? 0.00/16

[37.Qxg7 Qxc3+ 38.Kb1 Qd3+ 39.Kc1 Qc3+ 40.Kd1 Qd3+ 41.Kc1 Qc3+ 42.Kd1 Qd3+ 43.Kc1=]

[White must play 37.g4++- 4.83/18 Kg5 38.R6e5+ *(38.Qxg7 Qxc3+ 39.Kb1 Qd3+ 40.Ka1 Qc3+ 41.Kb1 Qd3+ 42.Ka1 Qc3+=)* 38...Kf4 39.R5e3 *(39.Qxg7 Qxc3+ 40.Kb1 Qd3+ 41.Ka1 Qxd4+ 42.Kb1 Qd3+ 43.Ka1 Qc3+ 44.Kb1 Qd3+ 45.Kc1 Qc4+ 46.Kb1 Qd3+=)*]

37...Re8? 6.82/19

[37...Qa4= 0.00/16 38.Re1 *(38.Qxg7? Qd1+ 39.Kb2 Nc4#)* 38...Qc2 39.Qxg7 Qxc3+ 40.Kb1 Qd3+ 41.Kc1 Qc3+ 42.Kb1 Qd3+ 43.Kc1 Qc3+ 44.Kd1 Qd3+ 45.Kc1]

(Diagram)

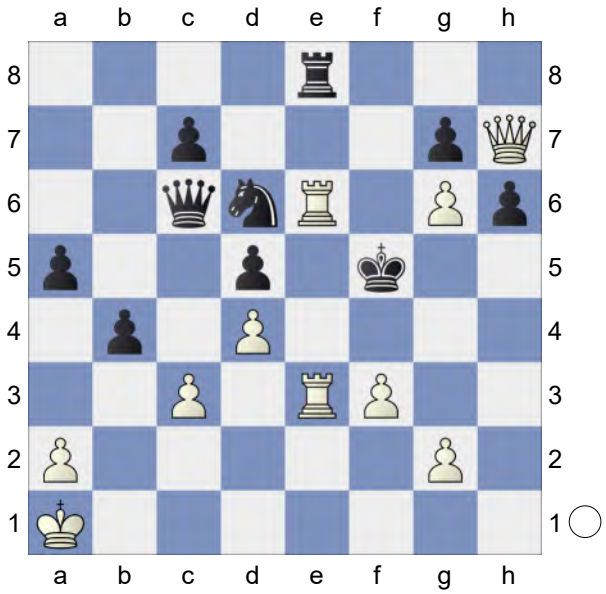
38.Rxe8? 2.01/18

[38.Qxg7! 6.82/19 Rxe6 39.Qf8+ *(39.Qxh6? Rxe3* Remove Defender *40.Qxe3 Qc4-+)* 39...Nf7 40.Qxf7+ *(40.g7 Kf4=)* 40...Rf6 41.Qh7]

38...Nxe8? 6.73/21

[38...Qa4 2.01/18 39.g4+ Kf4]

39.Qg8+- Strongly threatening Qf7+.



Deflection **39...Nf6 40.Qxg7 bxc3 41.Qxh6** 16.95/18

Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.86

[⌓41.Re5+ #11/15 Kf4 42.Qxh6+ Kg3 43.Qg5+ Kh2 44.Qf4+ Kg1 45.Re1+ *(45.Qg3 Qc4+-)* 45...Kf2 46.Qe3+ *(46.Qh4+ Kxg2 47.Qg5+ Ng4 48.Qxg4+ Kf2 49.Qg1+ Kxf3 50.Qe3+ Kg4 51.Rg1+ Kh5 52.Qh3#)* 46...Kg3 47.f4+ Kg4 48.Qh3+ Kxf4 49.Re5 Ng8 50.Qh4#]

1-0

A81

□ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**

■ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.47)

[Kitty Kat]

A81: Dutch Defence: 2 g3

1.d4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 Ne4N

[5...0-0 6.b3 d6 7.Bb2 a5 *(7...Qe8 8.Nbd2 Ne4 9.Nxe4 fxe4 10.Nd2 d5 11.f3 e3 12.Nb1 c5 13.c3 Nc6*

14.Na3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Nxd4 Delayed c2-c4 v Classical Daring Defences 2023*)* 8.a3 *(8.c4 a4 9.b4 Ne4 10.a3 Bf6 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 b5 13.cxb5 d5 14.Ne5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Rf7 16.Qd2 Qe8 17.Bd4 Qxb5 18.Rfc1 Qe8 19.Rc5 c6 20.Rac1 Bb7 21.e3 g5 22.Bf1 Nd7* 1-0 (32) Nihal,S (2656)-Vlachos, A (2412) 38th Cappelle Open 2022 (7.2)*; 8.a4 Qe8 9.Nbd2 Qh5 10.e3 g5 11.Ne1 Qg6 12.Nd3 Nc6 13.Re1 Bd7 14.e4 fxe4 15.Nxe4* A 81/05 2000 *)* 8...Qe8 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Re1 Qh5 11.e4 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Bf6 14.Qd2 g5 15.Rf1 A 81/05 2000]

6.c4 d5 7.Nc3 c6 8.Bf4 White is slightly better. **8...g5 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Ne5 0-0 11.c5** -0.10/22

[11.Nxe4± 0.39/22 deserves consideration. dxe4 12.c5]

11...Bf6 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.f4 exf3 14.Rxf3 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Rxf3 16.Bxf3 b6 0.85/21

[16...Qe7= 0.00/20]

17.b4 0.00/21

[Better is 17.Qd2± 0.85/21]

17...bxc5= 18.bxc5 Rb4 1.48/22

[18...Bd7= 0.00/21]

19.Rc1 0.93/21

[⌓19.Qd2 1.48/22 Rc4 20.Rc1]

19...Qa5 4.03/22

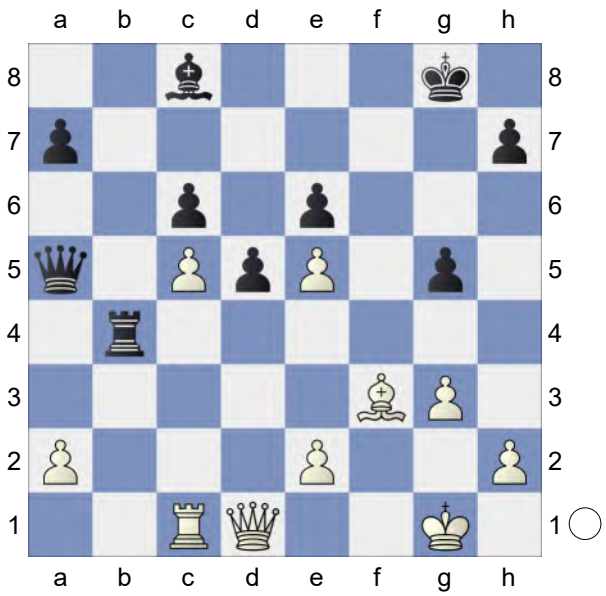
[19...Qe7± 0.93/21 is tougher.]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **20.Qd2+- h6 21.Qd3** Prevents Ba6 **21...Qc7**

[21...Kg7? 22.Bh5 Kh8 23.Qg6+-]

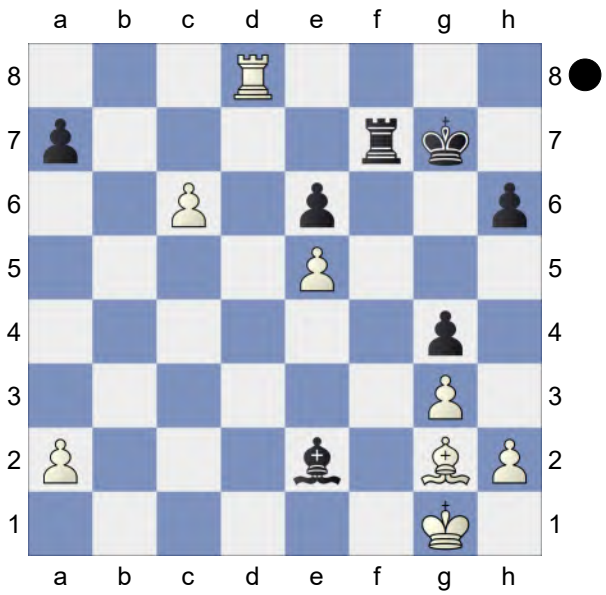
22.Qg6+ Qg7 23.Qe8+ Qf8 24.Qxc6 g4 25.Bg2 Rb7 26.Qd6 Qe8 27.c6



Prevents Rd7 **27...Rf7 28.e4 dxe4** 5.40/19

[28...d4 3.57/20 keeps fighting. 29.Rd1 *(29.Qxd4 Qe7+-)* 29...Rf8 30.Rxd4 *(30.Qxd4 Qxc6 31.h3 gxh3±)* 30...Qf7]

29.Bxe4 Kg7 Inhibits Bg6. **30.Rd1 Ba6 31.Bg2 Be2 32.Qd8 Qxd8 33.Rxd8**



Endgame. And now Rd7 would win. KRB-KRB **33...Re7** 7.68/22

[⌓33...Bb5 4.00/21 34.Rd6 Kg6 35.Rxe6+ Kh7 36.Be4+ Kg8]

34.Rd7 White is clearly winning. **34...Kf7**

35.c7 Ba6 36.Rxe7+
[Less strong is 36.Rd6 Bc8 37.Rc6 Rd7+-]
36...Kxe7 KB-KB **37.Bc6 Bc8 38.Kf2 Kf7 39.Ke3 Kg6 40.Kf4 h5 41.Be8+ Kh6 42.a3 a6 43.Bc6 Kg6 44.Be4+ Kh6 45.Ke3 Kg7 46.Kd4 Kf7 47.Kc5 Ke7 48.Kb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.51
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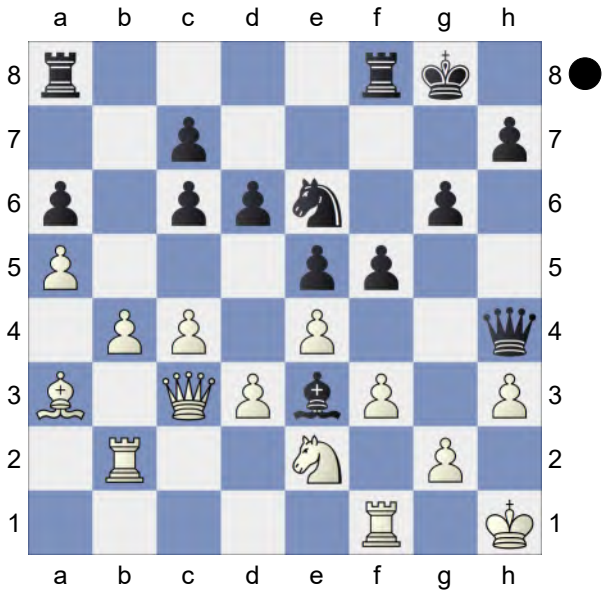
C79
□ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
■ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F** **2296**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.48)
[Kitty Kat]

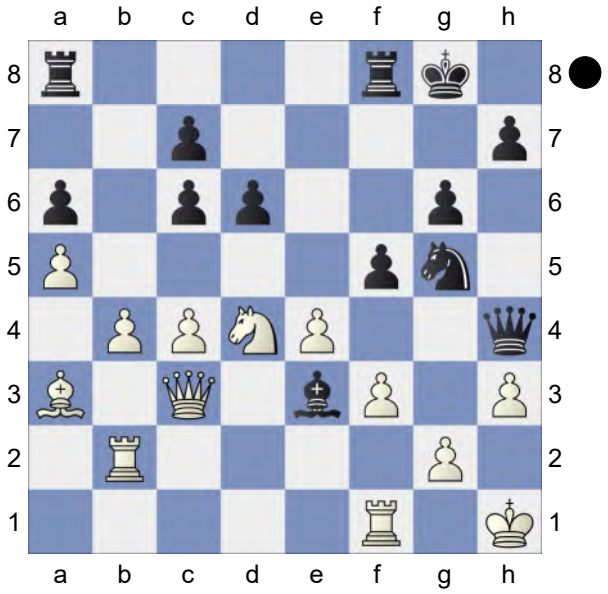
C79: Ruy Lopez: Steinitz-type lines with 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 0-0 d6
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.c4N
[7.c3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Nbd2
A) 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.e5 Bxa4 13.Qxa4 Nfd5 14.Qb3 *(14.Ne4 dxe5 15.dxe5 c5 16.Nxc5 Qc7 17.a3 Qxc5 18.axb4 Qxb4* Quickstarter Guide A Ruy Lo-5.O-O d6 6.Re1 #13*)* 14...a5 15.a3 a4 16.Qc4 b5 17.Qxb5 Nc2 18.Qxd5 Nxa1 Quickstarter Guide A Ruy Lo-5.O-O d6 6.Re1 #14;
B) 10...Qe8 11.Bc2 Nh5 *(11...h6 12.Nf1 Nh5 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Qe7 15.Be3 exd4 16.cxd4 Nb4 17.Bb3 c5 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.a3 Nc6 20.Rad1 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Bd5 Rab8 23.g4 Rfc8 24.g5 h5 25.Rc1 Qd8 26.Ne2* 0-1 (40) 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2699)-Bd7 (2698) 2009 (7.1)*)* 12.Nf1 Qc8 13.Kh2 h6 14.Ne3 Nf4 15.Nd5 g5 16.Bxf4 gxf4 17.Ba4 b5 18.Bc2 Kh8 19.Nh4 exd4 20.Qh5 dxc3 21.bxc3 Qd8 ½-½ (83) Novikov,M (2238)-C 10/ 10 (2246) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (11)]
7...Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 White has an edge. **9.Qxf3 Nd7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.b4 0-0 13.a4 Bg5 14.a5 Rb8 15.Rb1 Re8 16.Qd3 Nf8 17.Ba3 Ne6 18.Ne2 g6 19.Rb2 Rf8 20.Reb1 Ra8 21.Qc3 f5** 0.36/20
[21...h5= -0.28/21]
22.d3 -0.34/21
[22.b5!± 0.36/20]
22...Qf6∓ next ...fxe4 is good for Black.
23.f3 -0.93/20
[23.Rf1= -0.19/19]
23...Be3+∓ 24.Kh1 -1.27/18
[⌓24.Kh2 -0.84/19]
24...Qh4 Hoping for ...fxe4. Black is more active. **25.Rf1** -1.70/18
[25.c5∓ -0.94/20]



25...Ng5!-+ 26.d4? -3.69/22 This move loses the game for White.
[26.Qe1∓ -1.56/23 keeps fighting.

Nxf3 27.Qxh4 Nxh4 28.Rb3]

26...exd4 Overworked Piece **27.Nxd4**



Bf4

[27...Bxd4 28.Qxd4 fxe4 29.Re2∓]

28.Qe1 Bg3 29.Qd1 fxe4 30.Nxc6 -5.85/18

[⌓30.Rc2 -3.79/19 Rae8 *(30...Nxh3 31.gxh3 Qxh3+ 32.Kg1-+)* 31.Bc1 Nxh3 32.gxh3]

30...exf3 Discovered Attack **31.Qd5+ Kg7** And now ...fxg2+ would win. **32.Rc2** -9.54/19

[32.Qd4+ -3.64/16 Qxd4 33.Nxd4]

32...fxg2+ Discovered Attack **33.Qxg2 Nxh3**

[33...Qxh3+? perishes. 34.Qxh3 Nxh3 35.Rxf8 Rxf8 36.Bb2+ Be5 37.Nxe5 *(37.Bxe5+ dxe5 38.b5 Nf2+ 39.Kg1 Nh3+ 40.Kh1 Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Nh3+ 42.Kh1±)* 37...dxe5 38.Bxe5+ Kg8 39.b5+- *(39.Bxc7 Rc8±)*]

34.Bb2+ Kh6 (-> ...Rxf1+) **35.Bc1+ g5 36.Rxf8 Rxf8 37.Qd2 Qe4+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.19 (very precise)

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D37

□ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**

■ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.49)

[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N

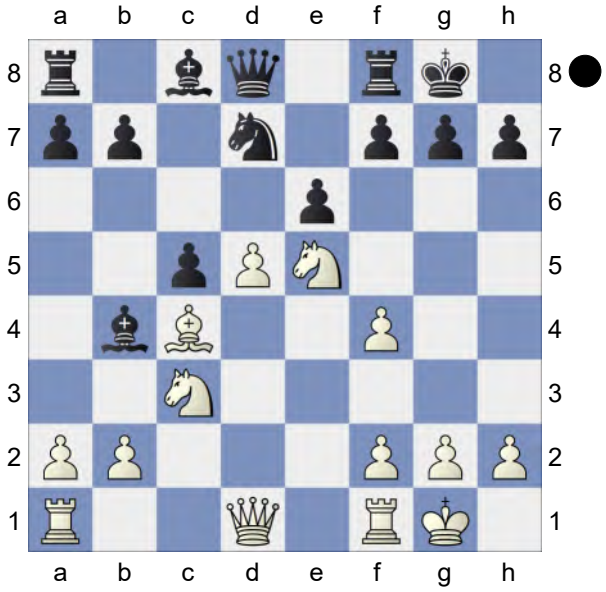
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3* ½-½ (65) Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2)*)* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5. e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...a6 5.e3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rd1 Qb6 *(10...Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Be5* 1-0 (32) Kobeissey,J (2423)-Monteiro,H (2322) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7)*)* 11.h3 Be7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Bh6 ½-½ (23) Bacrot,E (2714)-Istratescu,A (2589) FRA-chT Top 12 2018 (7)]

[4...Bd6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rfd1 Nxe5 15.dxe5

Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e6 f5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 1-0 (27) Capablanca,J-Anon Lessons from Capablanca (2): attacking 1916]

5.Bf4 dxc4 6.e3 Nd5 7.Bxc4 Nxf4 8.exf4 Bb4 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 c5 White is slightly better. **11.d5**



Strongly threatening Nxf7! **11...Bxc3 12.bxc3 exd5 13.Qxd5 Nxe5 14.Qxe5 Qf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Rfe1 Bd7 17.Bd5 Bc6 18.Bxc6 bxc6±** Endgame. KRR-KRR **19.Re7 Rfe8 20.Rc7 Rec8 21.Rd7 Rd8 22.Rad1 Rxd7 23.Rxd7=** g3 is the strong threat. KR-KR **23...Rb8**

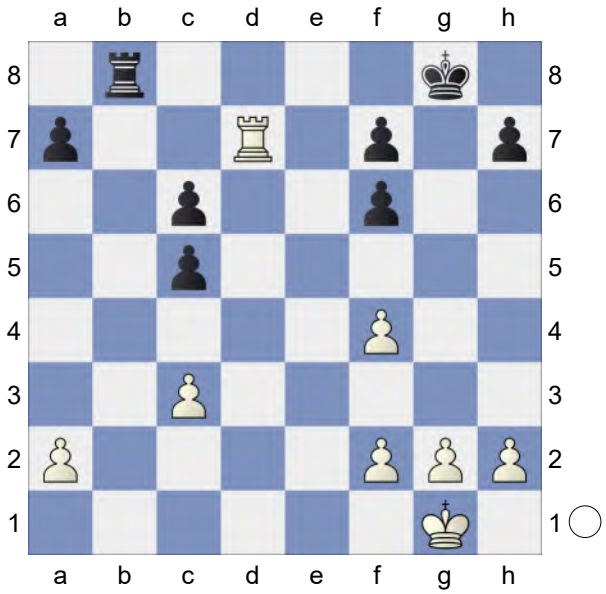
(Diagram)

(-> ...Rb1+) **24.g3** next Rd6! is good for White.

[24.Rxa7? Rb1#]

24...Rb1+ The position is equal. **25.Kg2** With the idea Rd6! **25...Rc1 26.Rxa7 Rxc3 27.Ra6 Kg7 28.Rxc6 Ra3 29.Rxc5 Rxa2 30.g4 h6 31.Kg3 Ra1 32.Rb5 Rg1+ 33.Kf3 Rh1 34.Ra5 Rxh2 35.Rh5**

[35.Kg3!? Rh1□ 36.f3=]



35...Rxh5 36.gxh5 K3P-K3P **36...f5 37.Ke3 Kf6 38.Kd4** White wants to mate with Kd5. **38...Ke6 39.Kc5** Intending Kc6 and mate. **39...Kd7 40.Kd5** aiming for Ke5. **40...f6 41.f3**

[41.Kc5!? Kc7□ 42.Kd5=]

41...Ke7 42.Kc6 Kc7 would kill now.

[42.Kc5!?]

42...Ke6 43.Kc7 Kd8 would now be deadly. **43...Ke7 44.Kc6** Threatens to win with Kc7.

[44.Kc8!? Ke8□ 45.Kc7=]

44...Ke6 45.Kc7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

½-½

B47

□ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**

■ **Moksh,Amit Doshi** **2383**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.50)

[Kitty Kat]

B47: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4, 6 g3 and 6 Be2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3

[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]

5...Qc7 6.Ncb5N

[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]

6...Qb8 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Kh1** 0.02/24

[10.Bg5± 0.39/23]

10...a6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Nc3 d5 13.f4 Re8 14.Bd2 Bb7 15.Rae1 -0.12/20

[Better is 15.e5± 0.44/22 Nd7 16.Rae1]

15...Nd7 0.43/18

[15...c5= -0.12/20 16.b3 Qc7]

16.Na4 With the idea e5. **16...c5 17.c4**

[17.f5 feels hotter. Bf6 18.Qh5 dxe4 19.fxe6 Rxe6 20.Bc4]

17...d4 18.e5 f5 is the strong threat. **18...g6 19.b3 Qc7 20.Bc2 Bh4 21.Rd1 f5 22.exf6 Nxf6** aiming for ...e5. **23.Be1 Bxe1 24.Rdxe1 Rac8 25.Nb2 Kg7 26.Kg1 a5 27.Rf2** 0.33/24

[⌓27.Nd3 0.70/21]

27...Rcd8 28.h3 0.00/28

[28.Nd3± 0.51/22]

28...Re7= 29.Rff1 Rde8 30.Qf2

[30.Nd3 simplifies Be4 31.Ne5 Bxc2 32.Qxc2 Nd7 33.Nxd7 Rxd7 34.Re5]

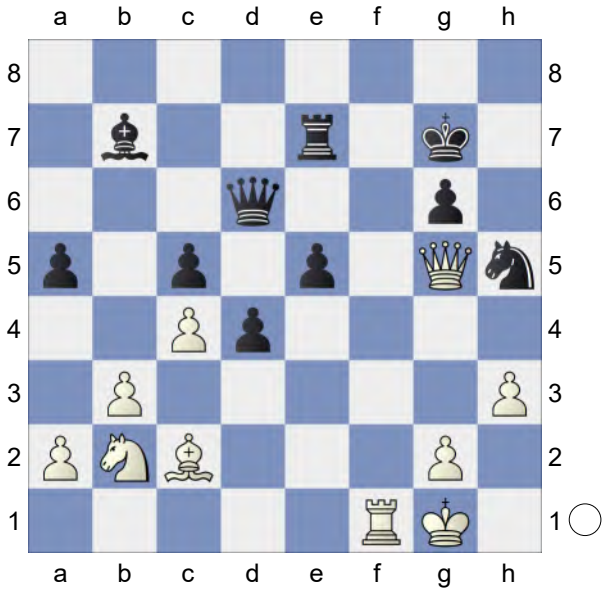
30...Rf8 And now ...Nh5 would win. **31.Qh4 Qd6 32.Qg5 Nh5 33.f5** Dancing on a razor blade.

[33.Nd3!?]

33...e5 White must now prevent ...e4. **34.fxg6!**

[34.Nd3 h6 35.Qxg6+ Qxg6 36.fxg6 Rxf1+ 37.Kxf1 Be4=]

34...Rxf1+ 35.Rxf1 hxg6



36.Bxg6 Be4+ would kill now. **36...Nf4 37.Be4+→** White has some attack. **37...Kh8 38.Qh4+! Kg8 39.Bxb7 Rxb7 40.Nd3**

(Diagram)

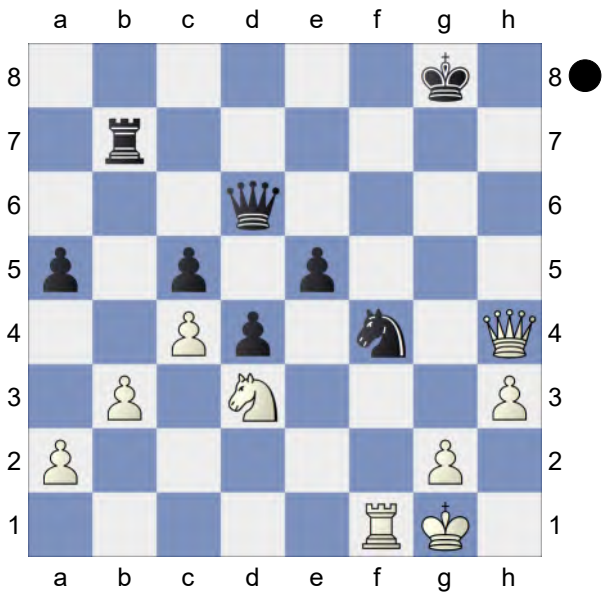
Decoy **40...Rf7** 2.53/23 This costs Black the game.

[40...Ne2+!= 0.15/24 41.Kf2 Nc3]

41.Qg4++- Kh8 42.Nxf4 exf4 6.01/19 Endgame. KQR-KQR

[42...Rxf4 2.44/20 43.Qh5+ Kg7 44.Qg5+ Kh7]

43.Re1 White is clearly winning. **43...Qd8 44.Re6 d3 45.Qh5+ Kg8**



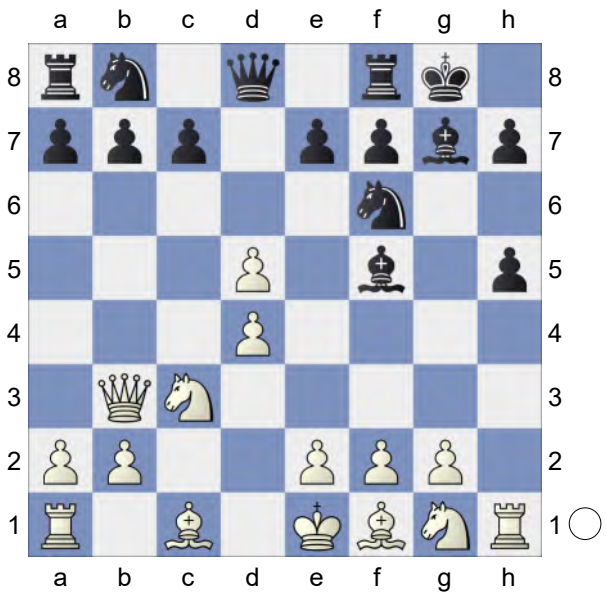
46.Qg6+
[46.Qxc5? loses. d2 47.Rd6 *(47.Rg6+? Rg7-+)* 47...d1R+ *(47...d1Q+? 48.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 49.Kh2-+)* 48.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 49.Kh2 f3 50.Qc8+ Kh7-+]
46...Kf8 Threatens to win with ...d2.
47.Qh6+ Rg7 ...d2 would now be deadly. **48.Rd6 Qe7** (-> ...Qe1+) **49.Qxf4+ Kg8 50.Rxd3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

E60
□ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
■ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.51)
[Kitty Kat]

E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.h4N
[3.f3 Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Rxe3 (22) Gomez Vasquez, L-Machado Escanio,M 4.d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Rare moves 2023 18.g5 Rxc3 19.gxf6 Bxf6 20.0-0 Bd8 21.Bc4 Rc2 22.a4 Bd7 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game 3]
[3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 Qa5 9.Ncb5 a6 10.Nb3 Qd8 11.Nc3 d6 12.c5 dxc5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Nxc5 Nd7 15.N5a4 Nde5 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Nc5 Rab8 1-0 (34) Grimm,S (2657)-Campos (2720) Russia 2011 (1)]
[3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 Na6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nf1 exd5 12.cxd5 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.Ng3 Bb5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nfd7 17.Bc3 Ba6 1-0 (31) Lazarevic,M (2646)-9.b3 ♖e8 10.h3_68766 (2531) French Championship 2011]
3...d5 4.cxd5 Bg7 5.h5 gxh5 1.37/18
[5...0-0± 0.64/21]
6.Nc3± Bf5 7.Qb3 0-0 1.62/20
[7...Nbd7± 1.15/20 might work better.]

(Diagram)

8.f3!+- White is clearly better.
[8.Qxb7 Nbd7±]
8...Bg6 9.e4 Nbd7 10.Qxb7 Ne8 1.89/22
[10...e6± 1.49/20]
11.Nge2 Nd6 12.Qc6 Rb8 13.Qa4 e6 14.dxe6
[14.Qxa7? Ra8-+]
14...fxe6 15.Nf4!
[15.Qxa7? Ra8-+]
15...Qe8 2.17/16



[15...Bf7 1.67/17 was necessary. 16.Nxh5 *(16.Qxa7? Ra8-+)* 16...Bxh5]

16.e5 Nf5 17.Ne4? 0.13/17

[17.Qxa7 Ra8 18.Qxc7 Nxd4∓]

[17.Bb5!+- 1.81/17 Rf7 18.Nce2 *(18.Nxh5 Bxh5 19.Rxh5 c5+-)*]

17...Nxd4!= 18.Nxg6 -0.63/17

[Better is 18.Qxd4± 0.48/20 Bxe5 19.Qd3 *(19.Qxa7 Bxe4 20.fxe4 Rxf4=; 19.Qc4 Bxf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4=)* 19...Bxf4 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Qe3]

18...Rb4!∓ Decoy **19.Qd1** -3.15/17

[19.Nf6+? Rxf6-+ *(19...Bxf6? 20.Qa6-+; 19...Bxf6? 20.Qa6-+)*]

[19.Qa5? Qxg6 20.Kd1 Nc6-+]

[19.Qxb4∓ -0.55/17 Nc2+ *(19...Qxg6? 20.Qxd4 Nxe5 21.Qxa7+-)* 20.Kf2 Nxb4 21.Nxf8 Nxf8 22.Rh4]

19...Qxg6-+ 20.Rh3 a3 is the strong threat. **20...Nxe5 21.Be3 Rd8 22.Qc1 Nf5** Hoping for ...Nxe3. Excellent horsemanship. **23.Qxc7 Qe8 24.Bf4 Rc8 25.Qa5 Nc6**

[25...Rxb2? 26.Bxe5+-]

26.Qa6 Ncd4 Against Bb5

[Much less strong is 26...Rxb2 27.Rc1=]

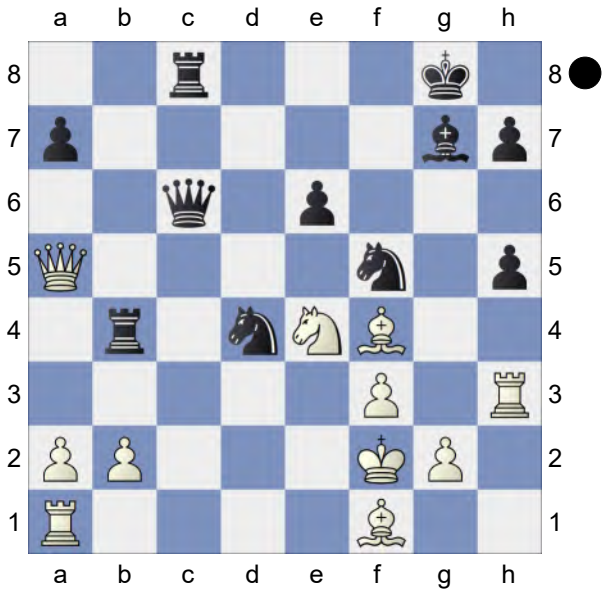
[Don't play 26...Bxb2?! 27.Rd1=]

27.Kf2 Qc6 -0.30/21

[27...Rb6∓ -1.07/19 28.Qxa7 Rxb2+ 29.Kg1 Rbc2]

28.Qa5? -3.94/18

[28.Qxc6= -0.30/21 and White has nothing to worry. Rxc6 29.Rxh5]



28...Ra4!

[Weaker is 28...Rxb2+ 29.Kg1 h4 30.Kh1-+]

29.Qc3 Nc2? -0.59/17

[29...Qb7-+ -4.03/19 30.Qxc8+ Qxc8]

30.Qxc6∓ Rxc6 0.77/20

[30...Bd4+∓ -0.66/24 stays ahead. 31.Ke2 Rxc6]

31.Bb5!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.43

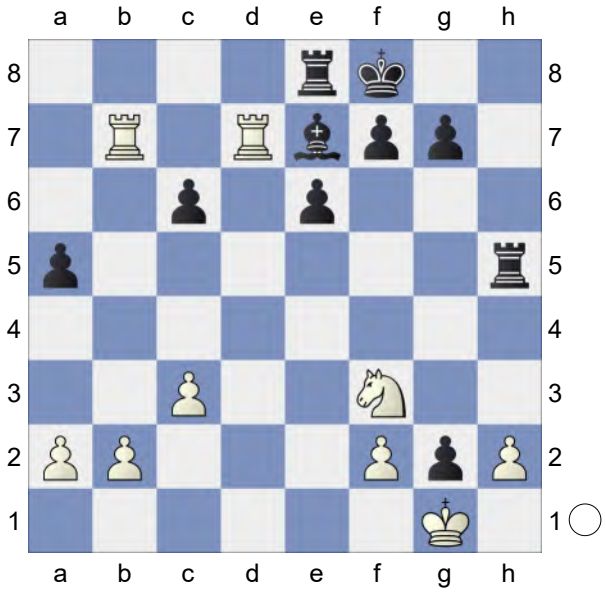
½-½

C07

□ **Al Hosani,Omran** 2239
■ **Arun,Kataria** 2370
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.52) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

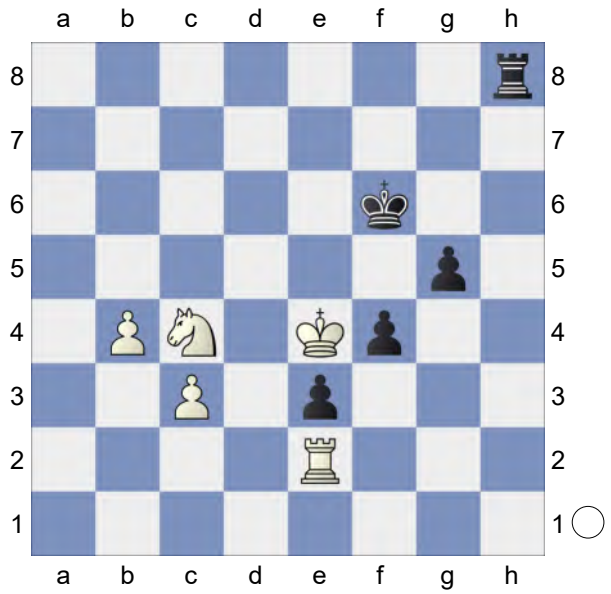
C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 dxe4 8.Nxe4 Be7
[8...Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bd7 11.a3 a5 12.Bf4 f6 13.b4 Be7 14.b5 Nd8 15.a4 e5 16.Be3 Be6 17.Bb6 Kf7 18.Bxd8 Raxd8 19.Bxb7 Bc5 20.Nd2 f5 21.c4 e4 22.Nb3 Bb4 23.Bd5 1-0 (32) Maltsevskaya,A (2404)-Zhukova,N (2302) Speed Chess (Women) Play In 3 blitz 2024 (8)]
9.Qe2 White is slightly better. **9...Qc7 10.c3N**
[10.Nxf6+ Bxf6 11.Qe4 Bd7 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Rab1 Ne7 14.Ne5 Bc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Qe2 0-0 17.c4 a5 18.Be4 Qa6 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.b3 Nc6 22.Qh5 g6 23.Qb5 Qa8 24.Be3 Bd4 ½-½ (27) Kaminski,M (2540)-Psakhis,L (2565) Rubinstein mem 34th 1997 (4) 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Re1 Qd8 27.g3 Qc7 ½-½ 4.e5 ♘e4 (2540)-Shchebeniuk,M (2565) 139/94 Gibraltar 2019 (4)]
10...Nd5 11.Rd1 Nf4 0.75/24
[11...0-0± 0.33/20 is superior.]
12.Bxf4± Qxf4 13.Ng3 0.17/18
[13.Bc2± 0.63/22 should be considered.]
13...h5 0.55/22
[13...0-0= 0.17/18 might be stronger.]
14.Qe4 -0.07/20
[White should play 14.h4± 0.55/22]
14...Qxe4= 15.Nxe4 h4 16.Bb5 Rh5 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Nd6+ Kf8 19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.Rd7 a5 0.11/19
[20...Rb8∓ -0.35/22 feels stronger. 21.b3 *(21.Rxa7 Bc5∓)* 21...Ra5]
21.Rad1 h3 22.Rb7 hxg2? 1.55/22
[22...Rd5= 0.00/26 23.Rd2 hxg2 24.Rxd5 cxd5]
23.Rdd7!±
[Weaker is 23.Kxg2 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Bxd8=]
23...Re8



24.Kxg2 0.54/21
[24.Nd4!± 1.47/22]
24...c5 1.34/19
[24...e5± 0.54/21]
25.Nd2 0.34/22
[25.Ra7± 1.34/19]
25...Rg5+± 26.Kf1 Rf5 27.Nc4 Threatens to win with Rxe7! **27...Rf4 28.Nxa5** White is more active. **28...Bh4 29.Rd2 Kg8** 1.17/22
[29...g6± 0.70/24]
30.Nc6 0.31/18
[White should try 30.Rb5± 1.17/22]
30...e5! 31.Rb8 Rxb8 32.Nxb8= Endgame. KRB-KRN **32...e4!** aiming for ...e3. **33.Kg2** 0.09/22
[33.Re2± 0.52/25]

33...Rg4+ 34.Kh3 0.08/24
[34.Kf1± 0.55/27 is more appropriate.]
34...Rf4! 35.a4 Bxf2 36.a5 c4 0.37/27
[36...e3= -0.01/27 deserves consideration. 37.Rc2 Ra4]
37.a6± Bc5 3.03/24
[37...Rh4+± 0.33/25 38.Kg2 Bb6]
38.Nc6+- Rf1 39.a7 Bxa7 40.Nxa7 KRN-KR **40...f5 41.Kg2 Re1 42.Kf2** Inhibits f4. **42...Ra1 43.Nc8 f4** And now ...e3+ would win. **44.Re2 e3+ 45.Kf3 Rf1+ 46.Kg2 Rd1 47.Nb6 g5 48.h3 Kf7 49.Nxc4 Kf6 50.Kf3 Rh1 51.Ke4 Rxh3 52.b4 Rh8?** 5.04/26
[52...Rh4 2.48/19 was worth a try. 53.Nb6 Ke6]



53.Nxe3! fxe3
[53...Re8+ 54.Kd4]
54.Rxe3 KR-KR **54...Ke6 55.Kd4+ Kd6 56.b5 g4 57.c4** c5+ would now be deadly. **57...Rh5 58.b6?** 0.00/35
[58.Ra3+- 6.04/23]
58...Rg5= 59.Re8 Threatening mate with b7.
[59.Rb3!? Rg8□ 60.c5+ Kc6 61.b7=]
59...Kc6 60.Re6+ Kb7 61.c5 Rg7 Dodges Re7+ **62.Kc4** Kb5 is the strong threat. **62...g3** White must now prevent ...g2. **63.Kb5** White threatens c6+ and mate. **63...Rg8?** #9/23
[63...Rg5= 0.00/19]
64.c6+ Kb8 65.Ka6 White mates. **65...g2 66.c7+ Kc8 67.Re7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.36
1-0

A45
□ **Aradhya,Garg** **2365**
■ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula** **2276**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.53)
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ (44) Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim rapid 2020 (2.1)]
2...d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation 3]
3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 Qb6 Dodges Bb5 **7.Nb3 Bg4 8.h3** White has an edge. **8...Bh5 9.a4** Black must now prevent g4. **9...a6 10.a5 Qd8 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ne5 e6 13.h4 Nxe5! 14.dxe5 Qc7! 15.Qd4↑** White is pushing.
[15.exf6 Qxf4 16.h5 Qe4+ 17.Kd2

Qf4+ *(17...Qxh1? 18.Bb5+* Discovered Attack *axb5 19.Qxh1+-; 17...gxf6 18.hxg6 Qf4+ 19.Kd3=)* 18.Ke1 Be4±]

15...Nxg4 16.f3 Nh6

[16...Bxc2? 17.Rc1 Qd8 *(17...Nh6? 18.Rh2+-)* 18.Rxc2+-]

17.h5

[17.Qa4+ Qd7 18.Nd4 Bh5∓]

17...Bf5

[17...Bxc2? 18.Rc1 Nf5 19.Qd2+-]

18.Rc1 Ng8 1.45/21

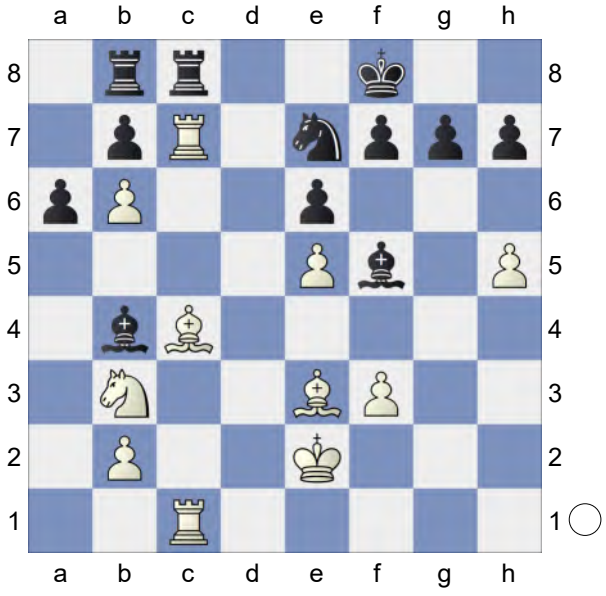
[18...Rc8= 0.24/21 remains equal.]

19.c4!± dxc4 20.Bxc4

[20.Rxc4 Qd8=]

20...Qd8 21.Qb6 Prevents Bb4+ **21...Qxb6 22.axb6 Bb4+ 23.Ke2!** aiming for Bxa6! White has strong compensation. **23...Ne7 24.Rhd1! 0-0 25.Rd7** Black is weak on the dark squares **25...Rab8 26.Be3** White is much more active. **26...Rfc8** Prevents Nc5 **27.Rc7** Hoping for Bxa6! **27...Kf8?** 2.86/22

[27...h6± 1.32/20 28.Nd4 Rd8]



28.Bxa6!+- bxa6 29.b7 Re8 3.78/24

[29...Rxc7 2.17/21 30.Rxc7 Rd8]

30.Bc5 a5 3.89/24

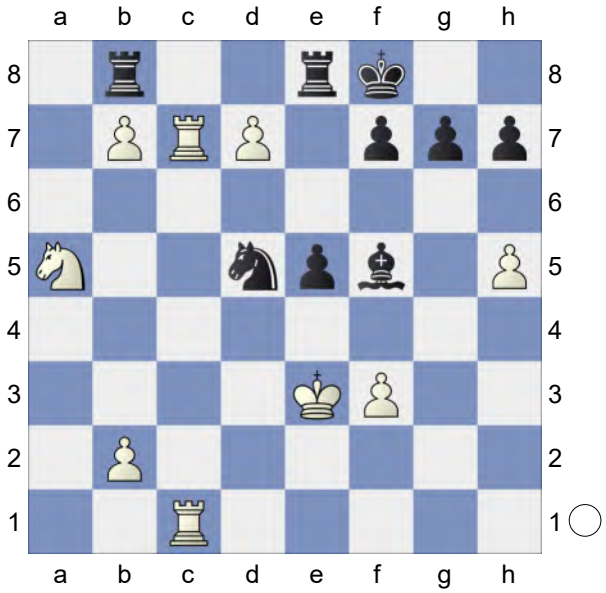
[⌓30...Bxc5 2.44/21 31.Nxc5 Red8 *(31...Nd5? 32.Nd7+ Kg8 33.Rc8+-)*]

31.Bd6 Bxd6 32.exd6 Nd5 33.Nxa5! e5 34.d7! Nf4+? 4.54/20

[34...Nxc7 2.71/20 35.Rxc7 Bxd7 36.Rxd7 Re6]

35.Ke3 Nd5+

[35...Nxh5? 36.dxe8Q+ *(36.dxe8B Nf4+-; 36.dxe8N Nf4+-; 36.dxe8R+ Rxe8 37.Rc8 Bxc8+-)* 36...Rxe8 37.Rc8 Bxc8 38.Rxc8+- *(38.b8Q Bh3+-; 38.b8R Bd7±; 38.bxc8B Nf4+-; 38.bxc8Q Rxc8 39.Rxc8+ Ke7+-; 38.bxc8R Nf6+-)*]



36.Kf2? 0.04/25

[36.Ke2!+- 2.91/30 Nxc7 37.Rxc7 Bxd7 38.Rxd7]

36...Nxc7= The position is equal.

37.Rxc7 Bxd7 38.Rxd7 Rbd8!

[38...Red8? 39.Rc7+-]

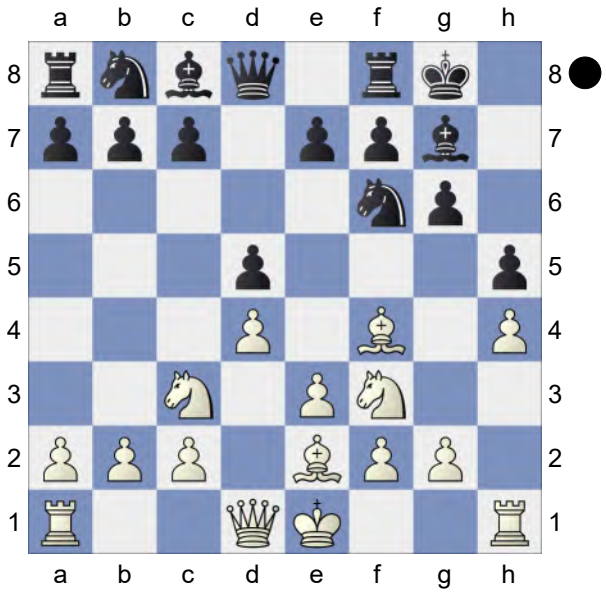
39.Rxd8 Rxd8 Endgame. KR-KN **40.Nc6** Repels Rb8 **40...Rd2+ 41.Kg3 Rxb2 42.b8Q+**

[42.b8B? f6 43.Nxe5 Ke8∓ *(43...Rxb8? 44.Nd7+ Ke7 45.Nxb8+-; 43...fxe5? 44.Bxe5 Re2*

45.Kf4∓)]
42...Rxb8 43.Nxb8 KN-KP **43...Ke7** Dodges Nd7 **44.Kg4 Ke6 45.Nc6 h6 46.Nb4 g6 47.hxg6 fxg6** KN-K3P **48.Nc6 Kd6 49.Nd8 Kd5 50.Nf7 e4 51.f4 e3** And now ...e2 would win. **52.Kf3**
[52.Nxh6? e2 53.Kg5 Ke4-+ *(53...e1R 54.Kxg6 Ke6 55.Nf7=)*]
52...e2 Deflection **53.Kxe2** Strongly threatening Ke3!
[53.Nxh6 e1Q *(53...e1R 54.Ng4∓)* 54.Ng4 Qc3+ 55.Kg2 Ke4 56.Nf2+ Kxf4 57.Nh3+ Ke3 *(57...Qxh3+* leads to mate. *58.Kxh3 g5 59.Kg2 Kg4 60.Kh2 Kf3 61.Kh3 g4+ 62.Kh2 Kf2 63.Kh1 Kg3 64.Kg1 Kh3 65.Kf2 g3+ 66.Kf1 Kh2 67.Ke2 g2 68.Kd3 g1Q 69.Kc4 Qc1+ 70.Kd4 Qc6 71.Ke5 Qd7 72.Ke4 Kg3 73.Ke5 Kf3 74.Kf6 Kf4 75.Kg6 Qe7 76.Kh6 Kf5 77.Kh5 Qh7#)* 58.Kg3 Qd4 59.Ng1 Qf4+ 60.Kg2 Qh4 *(60...Qg4+ 61.Kh2 Kf2 62.Nh3+ Kf1 63.Nf4 Qf3 64.Nxg6 Qg2#)* 61.Nh3 Qg4+ 62.Kh2 Ke2 *(62...Qxh3+ 63.Kxh3 Kf4 64.Kg2 Kg4 65.Kh2 Kf3 66.Kh1 Kf2 67.Kh2 g5 68.Kh3 Kf3 69.Kh2 g4 70.Kg1 Kg3 71.Kf1 Kh2 72.Kf2 g3+ 73.Kf3 g2 74.Ke4 g1Q 75.Kd5 Qc1 76.Ke5 Qd1 77.Kf6 Qd6+ 78.Kf7 Kg3 79.Kg7 Qe7+ 80.Kh6 Kf4 81.Kg6 Kg4 82.Kh6 Kf5 83.Kh5 Qh7#)* 63.Ng1+ Kf1 64.Nh3 Qg2#]
53...Ke4 54.Nxh6 Decoy. Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

A45
□ **Garv,Rai** **2277**
■ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.54)
[Kitty Kat]

A45: Trompowsky Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ (44) Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim rapid 2020 (2.1)]
2...g6N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation 3]
3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0-0! 7.Be2



c5! 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.0-0 Qxc5 10.Nb5 Ng4? 1.88/24
[10...a6= -0.18/21 and Black is okay. 11.Nc7 Ra7]
11.Bg3? 0.37/22

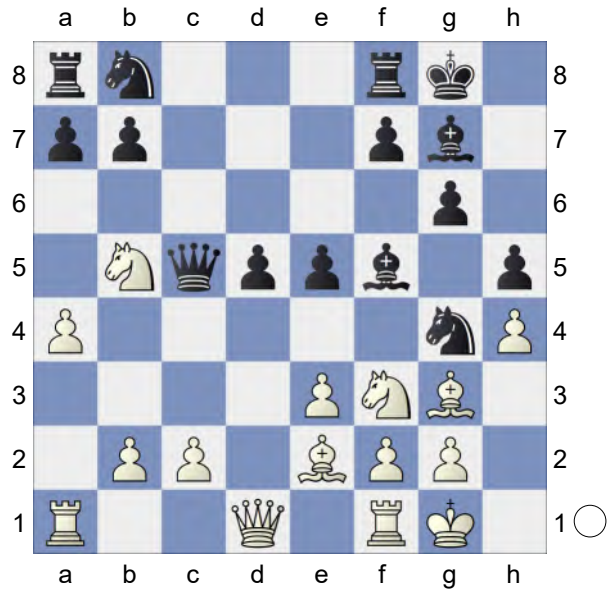
[11.b4!+- 1.88/24 Qc6 *(11...Qxb4? 12.Nc7+-)* 12.Nc7]

11...e5 12.a4 0.13/20

[12.c4!± 0.70/21]

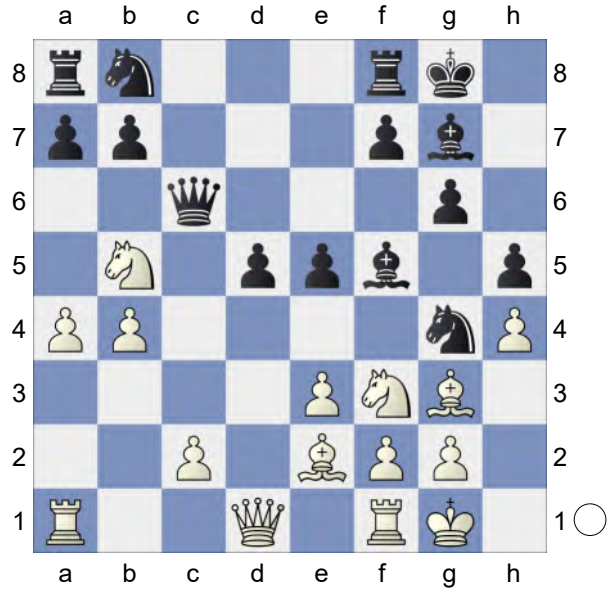
12...Bf5 0.76/20

[12...a6= 0.13/20 13.Nc3 Rd8]



13.b4!± Qc6

[13...Qe7 14.Qxd5]



14.c4! dxc4 15.Rc1 Na6! 16.Bxc4 Qf6 2.24/20

[16...Be6!± 0.69/21]

17.Qb3 Qe7 18.Ng5 Rfd1 is the strong threat. **18...Nh6 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.e4 Bd7 21.Rb1** 1.06/18

[21.Nd6 Bxa4 22.Qxa4 *(22.Bxf7+ Nxf7* Pin *23.Qa2 Be8-+)* 22...Rxd6±]

[21.f3!+- 1.64/20]

21...Bf6 1.68/19

[21...Bxb5± 1.06/18 might work better. 22.Rxd8+ *(22.axb5 Nc7±; 22.Bxb5 Bf8±)* 22...Rxd8 23.axb5 *(23.Bxb5 Bf8±)* 23...Nc7]

22.Nc3 0.91/19

[22.Nd6 Bxa4 23.Qxa4 *(23.Bxf7+? Nxf7 24.Qxf7+ Qxf7-+)* 23...Rxd6=]

[22.Rf1+- 1.68/19]

22...Nc7 23.b5 b6 1.36/23

[23...Bxg5± 0.55/20 24.b6 *(24.hxg5 Qxg5 25.b6 Ne6±)* 24...axb6 25.Qxb6 *(25.hxg5 Qxg5 26.Qxb6 Ne6±)* 25...Be6 26.hxg5 Bxc4]

24.Nd5 0.98/19 White has more active pieces.

[⌓24.Qb2 1.36/23]

24...Nxd5 25.Rxd5 Be8 26.Rbd1 Rxd5 1.50/22

[⌓26...Rac8 0.92/22]

27.exd5

[Resist 27.Bxd5?! Rc8±]

27...Rd8 28.Ne4 0.96/22

[White should try 28.d6! 1.44/25 Rxd6 29.Rxd6 Qxd6 30.Ne4]

28...Nf5 29.Nxf6+ Qxf6 30.Re1 Nxg3 31.Qxg3 Rc8 1.35/24

[31...Bd7!± 0.43/23]

32.Bf1 0.25/25

[D o n ' t p l a y 32.Rxe5?! Rxc4 33.Rxe8+ Kh7=]

[32.Qxe5± 1.35/24 Qxe5 33.Rxe5]

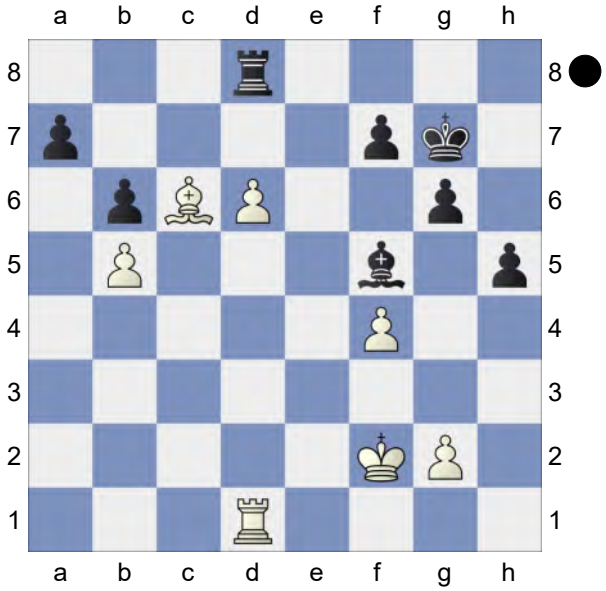
32...Bd7 33.Qxe5 Qxh4 0.90/24

[33...Qxe5± 0.37/24 34.Rxe5 Kf8]

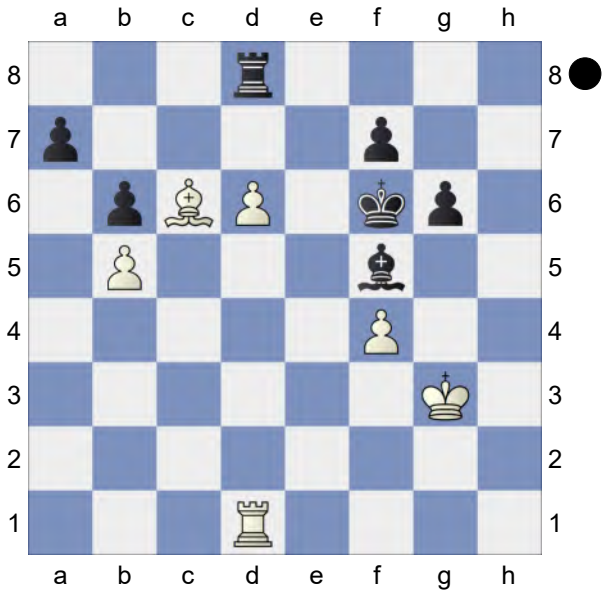
34.d6 0.30/23

[Better is 34.Re4± 0.90/24 Qd8 35.Rc4]

34...Be6 1.28/25
[34...Rc2!= 0.30/23 keeps the balance. 35.g3 Qb4]
35.Rd1 0.33/20
[35.Re4± 1.28/25 Qd8 36.Rd4]
35...Qxa4± 36.Be2 0.00/27
[36.d7± 0.36/23 Rd8 *(36...Qxd1? is the wrong capture. 37.dxc8Q+ Bxc8 38.Qe8+ Kg7 39.Qxc8+-)* 37.Ra1]
36...Qc2= 37.Bf3 Threatens to win with d7. **37...Qf5 38.Qxf5 Bxf5** Endgame. KRB-KRB **39.Bc6** Against Bd7 **39...Rd8** Hoping for ...Bd7. **40.f4?** -1.79/25
[40.Ra1= -0.01/28]
40...Kg7? -0.03/22
[40...Bd7!-+ -1.79/25 41.Rd4 f5]
41.Kf2? -1.65/23
[41.d7= -0.03/22]



41...h4? -0.03/30
[Black should play 41...Bd7!-+ -1.65/23 White must now prevent ... a5. 42.Ke3 Kf6]
42.Kf3 Kf6 43.g4? -2.13/26
[43.Ra1= -0.04/25 and White stays safe.]
43...hxg3-+ 44.Kxg3



Ke6 -0.06/20
[44...Bd7!∓ -1.35/29 45.Kf2 Ke6 46.Bd5+ Kf5]
45.d7= The position is equal.
[45.Bd5+ simplifies Kxd6 46.Bxf7+ Ke7 47.Rxd8 Kxd8 48.Bc4]
45...Kf6 46.Rd2 Be6 And now ...Ke7 would win. **47.Rd1 Ke7 48.Ra1 Bxd7 49.Rxa7 Kd6 50.Rb7! Bxc6 51.Rxb6** Pin. KRB-KR **51...Rc8 52.f5 g5 53.f6 Ke5 54.Rxc6** KR-KR **54...Rb8 55.Kg4 Rxb5 56.Kxg5 Rb1 57.Rc5+ Ke6 58.Rc6+ Ke5 59.Rc5+ Kd6 60.Ra5 Rg1+** Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.38
½-½

C68
□ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh** **2301**
■ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.55)
[Kitty Kat]

C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6

dxc6 5.Nc3 f6 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.f3 Ne7 11.Kf2 Ng6 The position is equal. **12.Rad1 h5 13.h4 Ne5**

[13...Bd6 14.Nb3 Ne5 15.Bc5 Nc4 16.Bxd6 cxd6 17.Nd2 Ne5 18.Nf1 Kc7 19.Ne3 Be6 20.Ne2 Bf7 21.Rd2 Nc4 22.Nxc4 Bxc4 23.Nd4 Bf7 24.Nf5 g6 25.Ne3 b5 26.a3 Rhe8 27.Rc1 Re5 28.b4 ½-½ (75) Aronian,L (2722)-Caruana,F (2804) American Cup Champ 2024 (2.2)]

[13...Re8 14.Nde2 Ne5 15.b3 g6 16.Nf4 Bd6 17.Nd3 Rhf8 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Na4 f5 20.Nc5 Be6 21.Nxe6 Rxe6 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Bd4 Bd6 24.Rhe1 Rg6 25.Kf1 Rfg8 26.Re2 Bg3 27.Bf2 Bf4 28.Rde1 1-0 (66) Munkhzul,T (2256)-Tokhirjonova,G (2380) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.4)]

14.b3 b5N

[14...Be7 15.Nf5 Bb4 16.Ne2 g6 17.Nfg3 Be6 18.Nf4 Bf7 19.Ke2 Bd6 20.Kf2 a5 21.a4 Be7 22.Ke2 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Re8 24.Kf2 Bd6 25.Nd3 Nxd3+ 26.Rxd3 b5 27.Rd1 Rd8 28.Nf1 bxa4 29.Ra1 0-1 (68) Olbrich,L (2192)-6.h3 e5 7. ♘de2 h5 53495 (2435) Astrakhan FIDE GP 2010 (9) axb3 30.cxb3 Bb4 31.Rb1 Rd3 32.Ke2 Rxb3 33.Rxb3 Bxb3 34.Nd2 Be6 35.Bd4 Be7 36.Kd3 a4 37.g3 Kb7 38.Nb1 c5 39.Bb2 Kc6 40.Na3 Bb3 41.f4 Kd7 42.Bc1 Ke6 43.Kc3 Bd6 44.Nb5 0-1 (68) Munkhzul,T (2192)-Saduakassova,D (2435) Wch Rapid (Women) 2022 (9)]

15.Nde2 Bb4 16.Bd4 Rde8 0.31/22

[16...Bd6= -0.20/18]

17.Nf4± Bd6 18.Nd3 Nxd3+ 19.cxd3 Kb7 20.Ne2 a5 21.Rc1 Ra8 22.Bc5 a4! 23.b4 a3! 24.d4 Be6 25.Nc3 -0.61/22

[White should play 25.d5= 0.19/22 cxd5 26.Nd4]

25...Bc4 -0.16/21

[25...Bxc5!∓ -0.61/22 is more appropriate. 26.bxc5 Bc4 *(26...b4 27.Rb1±)*]

26.Rhe1 Rhd8 Strongly threatening ... Bxc5. **27.Rcd1 Rd7 28.Ke3** -0.96/22

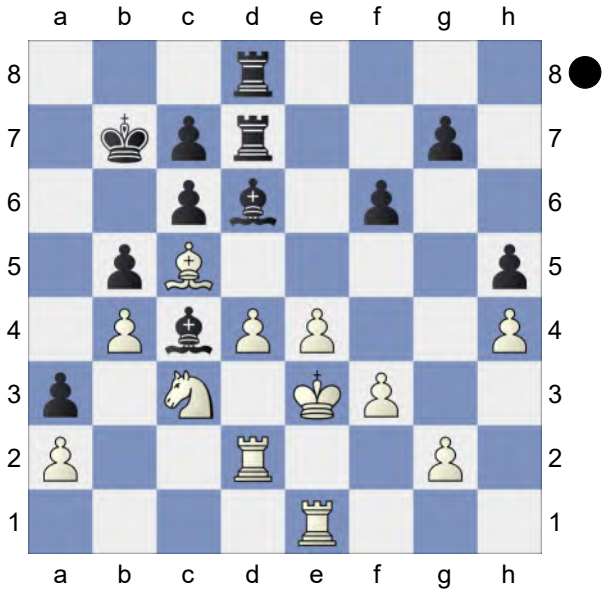
[28.Bxd6= -0.13/22 cxd6 29.Kg3]

28...Rad8 -0.39/25

[Black should try 28...Bxc5!∓ -0.96/22 29.bxc5 Ka6]

29.Rd2 -0.96/22

[29.Bxd6∓ -0.39/25 cxd6 30.Nb1]



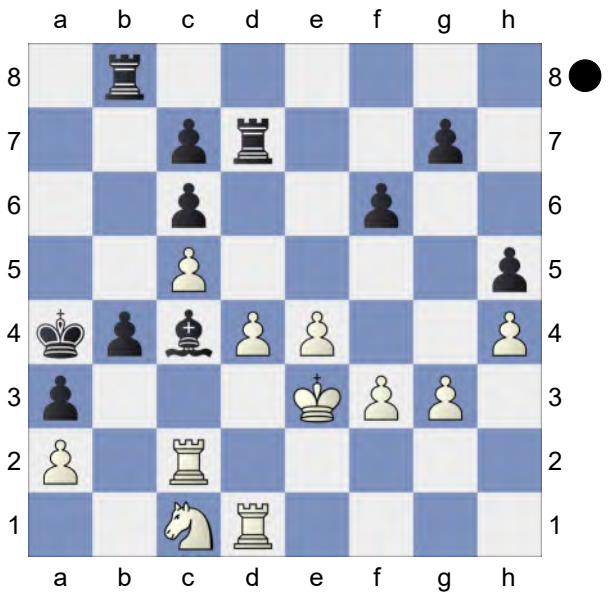
29...Bxc5!∓ 30.bxc5 Ka6 31.Ne2 b4 32.Nc1 -0.83/21

[32.Nf4∓ -0.44/22 deserves consideration.]

32...Kb5 33.g3 Ka4 34.Red1 White is weak on the light squares **34...Rb8 35.Rc2**

(Diagram)

Bxa2 3.97/21 A mistake that costs the game. **36.Nxa2+-**



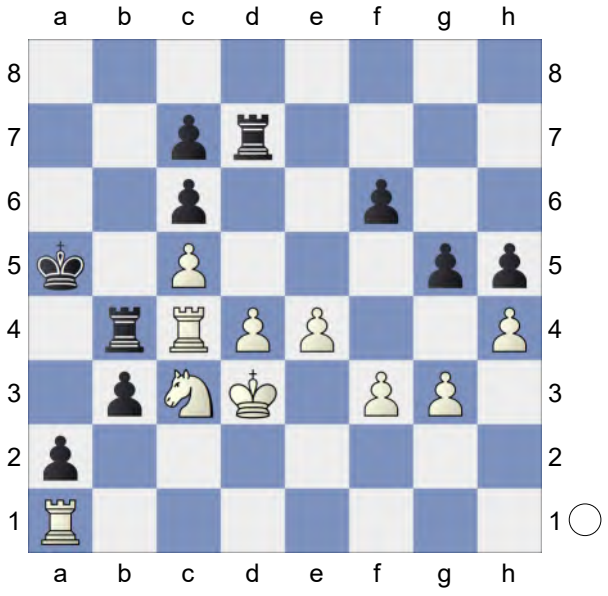
[Stronger than 36.Rxa2 b3 37.Nxb3 Rxb3+ 38.Kf4 g6∓]

36...b3 37.Rc4+ Ka5 38.Nc3 2.32/22
[⌓38.Rd3 4.36/24]

38...Rb4 39.Kd3 Hoping for Ra1.

39...a2? 5.76/21
[39...b2 2.59/22 is a better chance. 40.Rxb4 Kxb4]

40.Ra1 White is clearly winning. **40...g5**



41.Nxa2! bxa2
[41...b2 42.Rb1]

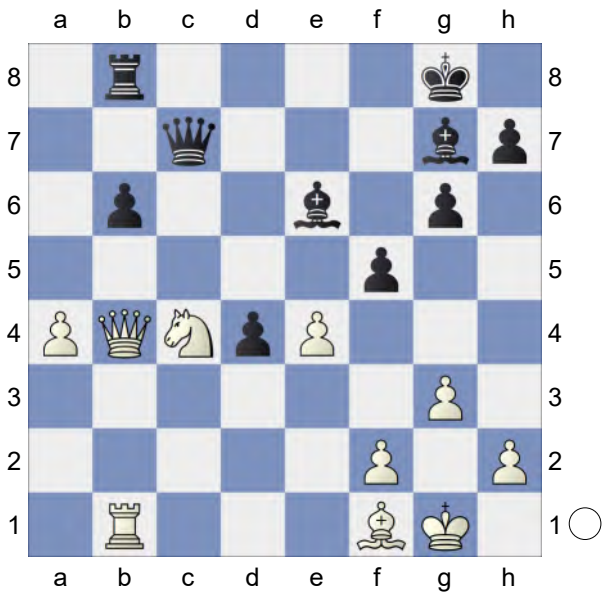
42.Rxa2+ Kb5 43.Rxb4+ Kxb4 44.hxg5 fxg5 Endgame. KR-KR

45.Rb2+ Ka5 46.Rh2 Rh7 47.f4 gxf4 48.gxf4 Ka6 49.e5 Kb7 50.Ke4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.50
1-0

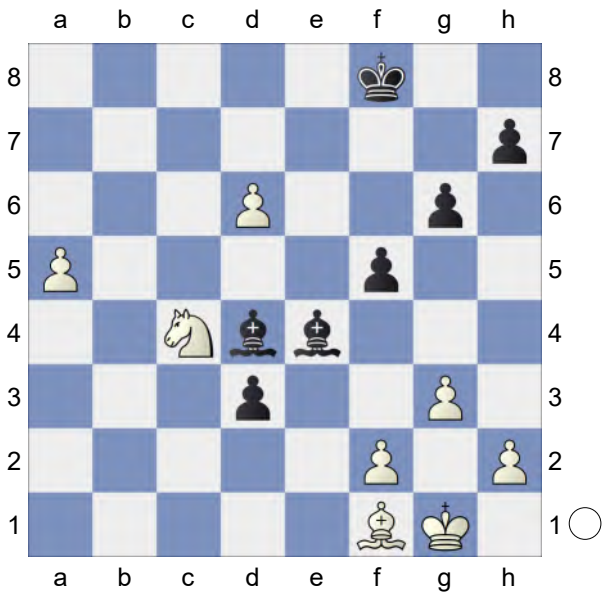
B10

□ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
■ **Kunal,M.** **2292**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.56)
[Kitty Kat]

B10: Caro-Kann: 2 d3 and 2 c4
1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.Ngf3 Bg7 5.g3 e5 6.Bg2 Ne7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b4 a5 9.bxa5 Qxa5 10.Bb2 d4 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.c3 dxc3 Black is slightly better. **13.Bxc3 c5 14.a4 Rd8 15.Qc2 Na6** -0.03/21
[15...Nec6!∓ -0.57/18]
16.Na5= b6 17.Nc4 Nc6 18.Rfd1 Nab4 19.Qb2 f6
[19...Nxd3?! 20.Qxb6 Ra7 21.Qxc7 Rxc7 22.Bf1±]
[19...Rxd3 20.Rxd3 Nxd3 21.Qxb6±]
20.d4 -0.87/22 **exd4∓ 21.Bxb4 Nxb4**
[21...Be6 with more complications. 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Bf1 Kh8]
22.Nxd4 Deflection **22...Rxd4 23.Rxd4 cxd4** 0.01/23
[23...Be6!∓ -0.37/25 might be stronger. 24.Bf1 *(24.Rd5? f5-+)* 24...b5 *(24...cxd4 25.Qxb4 Rb8 26.Rb1±)* 25.axb5 Rxa1 26.Qxa1 cxd4]
24.Qxb4= Rb8 25.Bf1 Be6 0.71/21
[25...Bf8= 0.05/21 26.Qb5 Kg7]
26.Rb1!± Black must now prevent Qb5.
26...f5 1.23/20
[Better is 26...d3± 0.70/21 27.Bxd3 Qd8]



27.e5! And now Qb5 would win.
[27.Nxb6 fxe4 28.a5 e3 29.fxe3 Qc2∓]
27...Bd5 28.Qd6
[But not 28.Nxb6 Bxe5 29.a5 Be4±]
28...Qxd6 29.exd6 Be4 30.Rxb6 Rxb6 31.Nxb6 Endgame. KBB-KBN **31...Kf8** 0.79/26
[31...Kf7!± 0.41/27]
32.a5 d3 33.Nc4 Bd4? 4.03/22
[Black should play 33...Bc6± 0.69/28]



A mistake that costs the game.

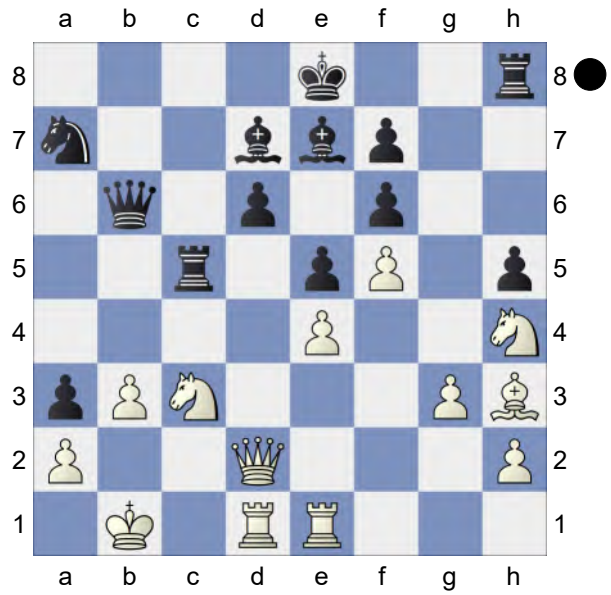
34.Bg2!+- Ke8 35.Nd2 Bxg2 36.Kxg2 KB-KN **36...Kd7 37.Nc4 g5?** 5.17/27
[37...d2 2.47/25 was called for. 38.Nxd2 Kxd6]
38.Kf1 a6 is the strong threat. **38...g4** 5.74/24
[⌓38...d2 3.66/22 39.Ke2 *(39.Nxd2 Kxd6 40.Nf3 Bf6±)* 39...Bxf2]
39.a6 d2 40.Nxd2 Kxd6 41.Ke2 Kd5 42.Nb1 Ba7 43.Na3 Kc6 Prevents Nb5 **44.Nc4** Dodges f4 **44...Kd5 45.Nb2 h5** 6.16/27
[⌓45...Kc5 4.22/27 46.Nd1 Kd4]
46.Nd3 Kc6 47.Nf4 Bb8 48.Nxh5 Be5 8.31/27
[⌓48...Kb6 4.56/26 49.Ng7 f4]
49.Nf4 Kb6 50.Ng2 3.43/23
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.52
[⌓50.Ng6 7.71/23 Bc7 51.Ne7 Kxa6 52.Nxf5]
1-0

B69

□ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** **2342**
■ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.57)
[Kitty Kat]

B69: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7 9 f4 Be7 10 Nf3 b5 11 Bxf6
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 Be7 10.Nf3 b5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1 b4 13.Ne2 h5! 14.g3 a5 The position is equal. **15.Ned4 Qb6 16.Bh3** -0.64/23
[16.Bb5= 0.20/19]
16...a4 17.Rhe1 a3 And now ...axb2 would win. **18.b3 Ra5 19.f5** -0.65/22
[19.Bf1= -0.18/21]
19...e5∓ 20.Ne2 -1.24/23

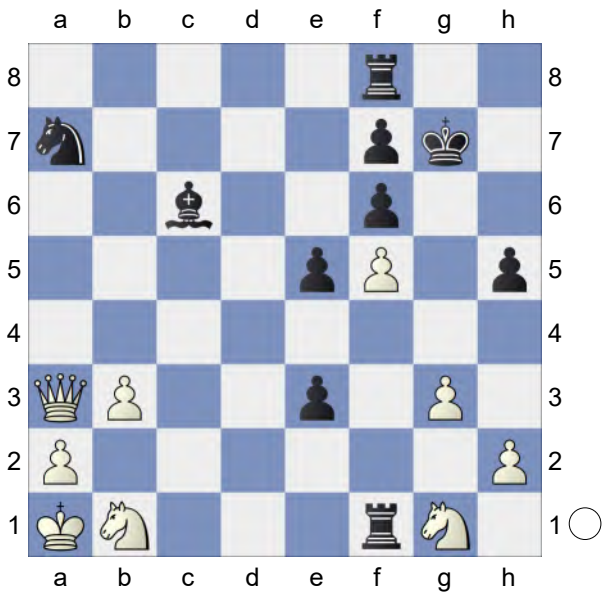
[20.Nxc6∓ -0.54/24 Bxc6 21.Qe2]
20...Rc5∓ 21.Nh4 Na7 22.c4 Dodges Nb5 **22...bxc3 23.Nxc3**



Bc6! 24.Bf1 Bf8 ...Bh6 is the strong threat. **25.Ka1?** -3.51/21 This move loses the game for White.
[25.Ng2!∓ -0.70/20]
25...Bh6-+ 26.Qd3 -4.86/22
[⌓26.Qxd6 -3.24/20 Rxc3 27.Rd5 *(27.Qxa3?* loses. *Be3-+; 27.Qxf6* gets mated. *Rc1+* Deflection *28.Rxc1 Qd4+)* 27...Rc1+ 28.Rxc1 Bxc1 29.Kb1]
26...0-0 27.Nf3 Qb4 Black is clearly winning. **28.Nb1 d5** White is weak on the dark squares **29.Ng1** -7.24/21
[⌓29.exd5 -4.80/22 Rxd5 *(29...Bxd5? 30.Re2-+)* 30.Qe2]
29...dxe4 30.Qd6 Kg7 31.Rc1 Bxc1 32.Rxc1 Rxc1 33.Qxb4 Rxf1 34.Qxa3 e3

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...Be4! **35.Qxa7 Be4 36.Kb2 Rxb1+ 37.Kc3 Rc8+ 38.Kb4 Rxg1 39.Qxe3 Rd1 40.Qe2 Rd4+ 41.Ka3 Bxf5**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

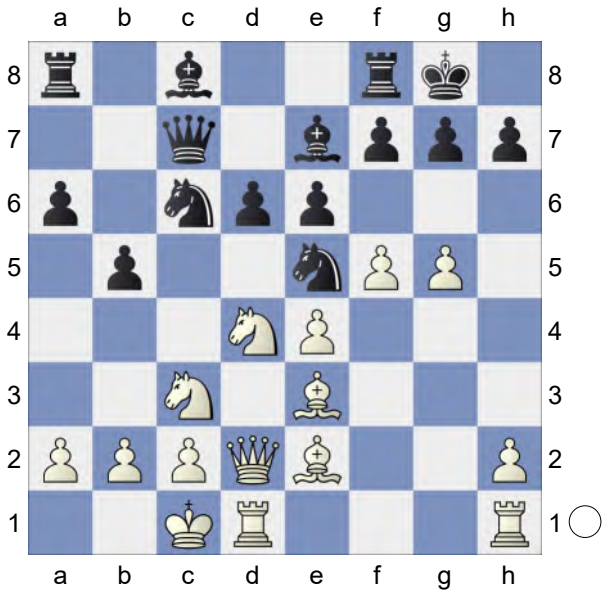
B48
□ **Jeet,Jain** **2301**
■ **Abdulla,Murad** **2321**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.58)
[Kitty Kat]

B84: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 Be2 a6, lines without early Be3
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8

24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]

6...a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.f4 d6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 White is more active. **13...Nde5** 2.18/23

[13...b4± 1.10/20 was worth a try.]



14.f6! Bd8 15.fxg7 White is clearly better. **15...Re8 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.a3**

[17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6 Bb7±]

17...Be7 2.97/20

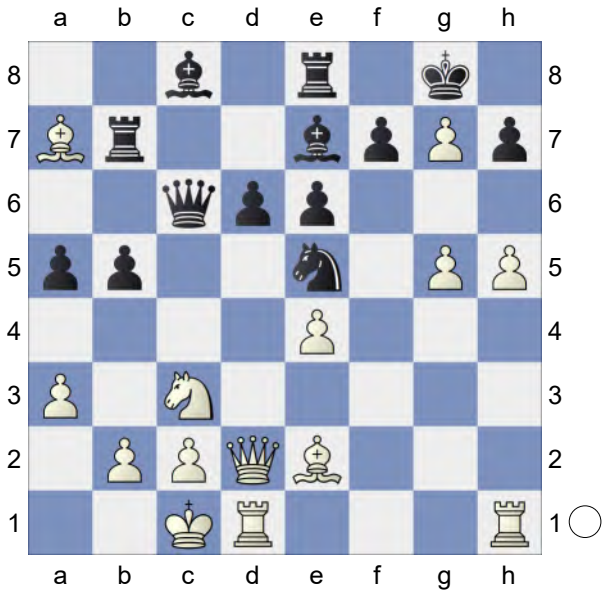
[⌓17...Ba5 2.10/20 18.Qxd6 *(18.Bd4 Bb7+-)* 18...Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Bc7]

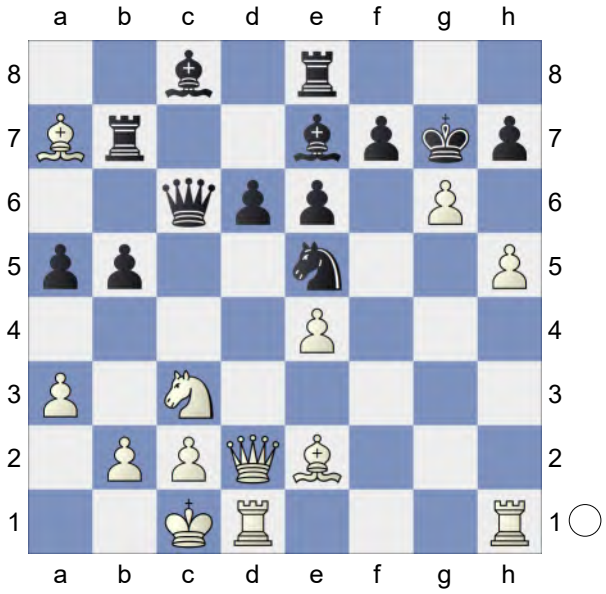
18.h4+- Rb8 19.h5 a5 20.Ba7 Rb7

(Diagram)

21.g6! Kxg7

[21...Rxa7? 22.Bxb5 *(22.gxh7+ Kxg7 23.Bxb5 Qc5+-)* 22...Qb6 23.Bxe8+-]





22.Rdg1! f6

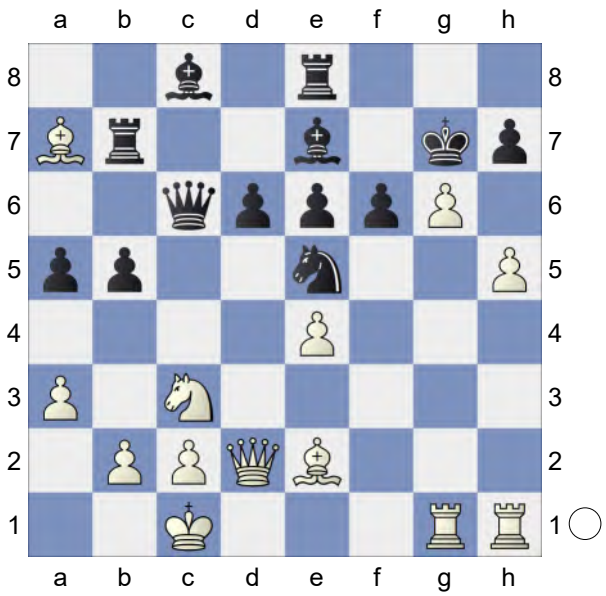
[22...Rxa7? 23.Bxb5 Qc5 24.gxf7+ *(24.Bxe8 f5+-)* 24...Kxf7 25.Qh6+- *(25.Bxe8+ Kxe8 26.Rg8+ Bf8=; 25.Bxe8+ Kxe8 26.Rg8+ Bf8=)*]

[22...f5 23.gxh7+]

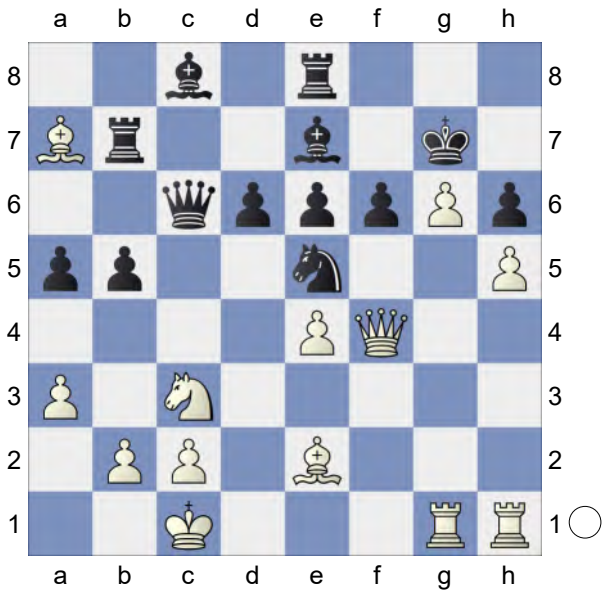
(Diagram)

23.Qf4? 0.83/17 **h6±**

[23...Rxa7? 24.gxh7+ *(24.Nxb5*



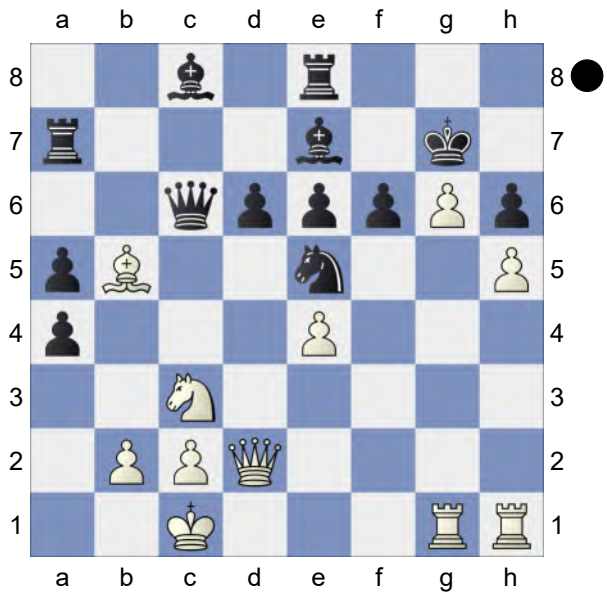
h6+-) 24...Kxh7 25.Qg3+- *(25.Nxb5 f5+-; 25.Bxb5 Qc5+-)*]



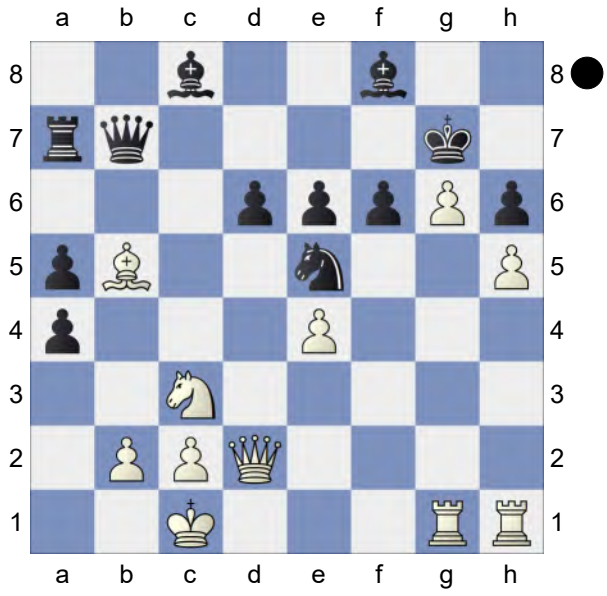
24.a4? -1.45/20 **bxa4∓** ...a3 is the strong threat.
[24...Rxa7? 25.Bxb5 *(25.Nxb5? Rb7-+)* 25...Qc5 26.Bxe8±]
25.Qd2 -2.16/19 **Rxa7-+ 26.Bb5**

(Diagram)

Qb7 27.Bxe8 Bf8?? 1.66/18
[27...Nc4-+ -1.96/22 28.Qxh6+ Kxh6]



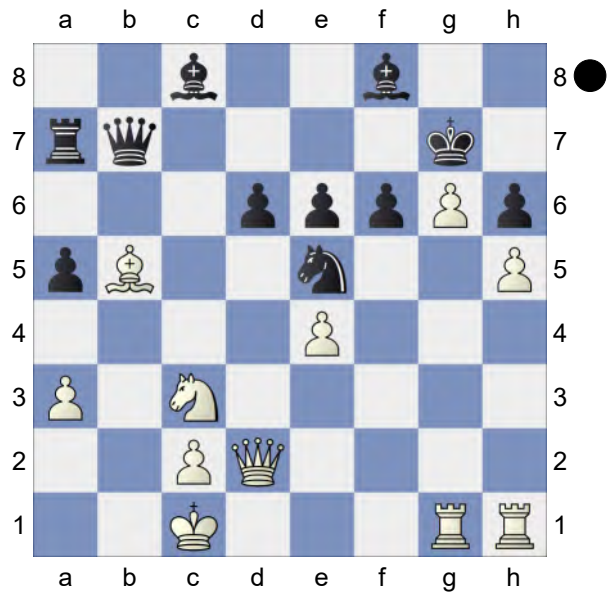
28.Bb5? -0.66/19
[28.Bxa4? Nc4 29.Qd4 Qxb2+ 30.Kd1 Rc7-+]
[28.Nb5!+- 1.66/18]



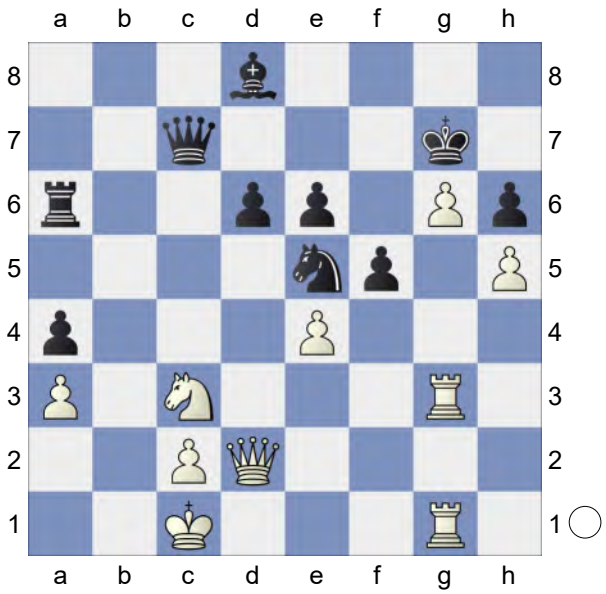
28...a3!∓ 29.bxa3

(Diagram)

a4 0.61/22 **30.Rf1** -0.01/18
[30.Bxa4? d5 31.Kd1 Bxa3-+]
[30.Rg3!± 0.61/22]

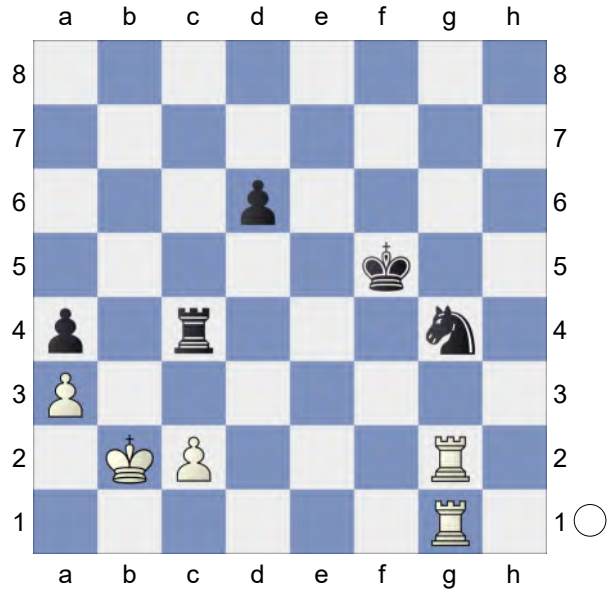


30...Ra5 1.10/21
[30...Be7!= -0.01/18 remains equal.]
31.Qf4? -1.12/19
[31.Nxa4? Qxb5 32.Nc3 Qc4-+]
[31.Bxa4?! Be7 *(31...d5 32.Bb3±)* 32.Qe2 d5=]
[31.Rxf6!± 1.10/21 is forced if you want to stay better. Be7 *(31...Kxf6? 32.Rf1+ Kg7 33.Rxf8+-)* 32.Rhf1 Bxf6 33.Rxf6 Kxf6 34.Qxd6 Nxg6 *(34...Rxb5? 35.Qf8+ Nf7 36.Nxb5+-)* 35.Qd8+ Qe7 36.Qxa5 Qxa3+ 37.Kb1]
31...Be7∓ Black has strong compensation. **32.Rhg1** -1.52/19
[⌓32.Be2 -0.75/19]
32...Bd8? 1.08/22
[32...Rxb5 33.Qxh6+ *(33.Nxb5? Qxb5 34.Kd1 Nc4-+)* 33...Kxh6 34.g7=]
[32...d5!∓ -1.52/19 ...d4 would now be deadly. 33.exd5 *(33.Bxa4? d4-+)* 33...exd5]
33.Qd2 -0.81/22
[33.Bxa4 Qa7 34.Rg3 *(34.Nb5 Qd7∓)* 34...Ba6=]
[33.Be2± 1.08/22]
33...Qc7? 1.42/19
[33...Rxb5∓ -0.81/22 stays on course. 34.Nxb5 Qxb5 35.Qxd6 Nc6 *(35...Bd7? 36.Rd1+-)*]
34.Rg3±
[34.Bxa4 Qc5 35.Nb5 *(35.Kb1? Qxa3 36.Rg3 Nc4-+)* 35...Rxa4 36.Qxd6 Be7 *(36...Qxb5? 37.Qxd8+-)* 37.Qxc5 Bxc5∓]
34...Ba6 1.69/19
[But not 34...Qc5? 35.Qxh6+ Kxh6 36.g7+-]
[34...Qe7± 1.13/19 is a better defense.]
35.Bxa6+- Rxa6 36.Rfg1 0.51/20
[36.Qe2+- 1.69/22 Ra5 37.Na2]
36...f5? 3.95/20
[Black should play 36...Qc8!± 0.51/20]

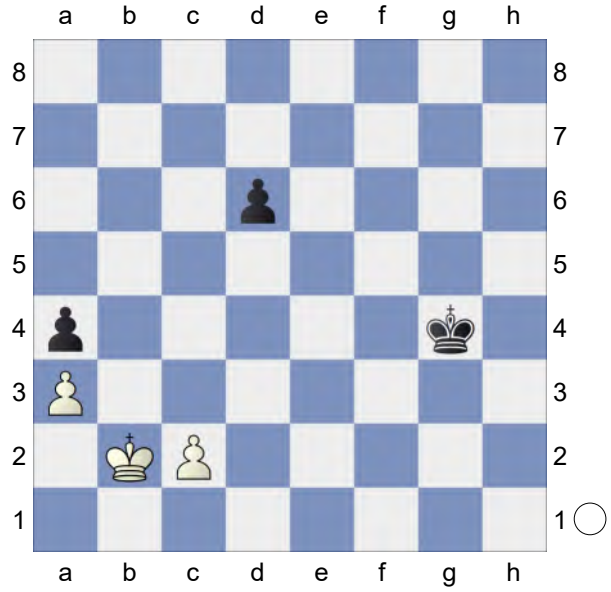


37.Qxh6+? 0.00/23 **Kxh6= 38.g7↑** White has some pressure. Chess con chili. **38...Qxg7** 1.84/18 White leaves nothing to chance now. **39.Rxg7+- Ng4?** 4.17/19
[39...Bb6 1.72/23]
40.Rg6+ Kxh5 41.Rxe6 Bg5+ 42.Kb1 Be3 43.Rh1+ Kg5 44.exf5 White is clearly winning. **44...Kxf5 45.Re8 Rb6+ 46.Ka2 Rc6 47.Rf1+ Kg5 48.Ne4+**

Kh5 49.Nf6+ Deflection **49...Nxf6 50.Rxe3** Endgame. KRR-KRN **50...Ng4 51.Re2 Kg5 52.Rg2 Rc4 53.Kb2 Kh4 54.Rh1+ Kg5 55.Rhg1 Kf5**



56.Rxg4 Deflection **56...Rxg4**
[56...Rc6 57.Rxa4]
57.Rxg4 Kxg4

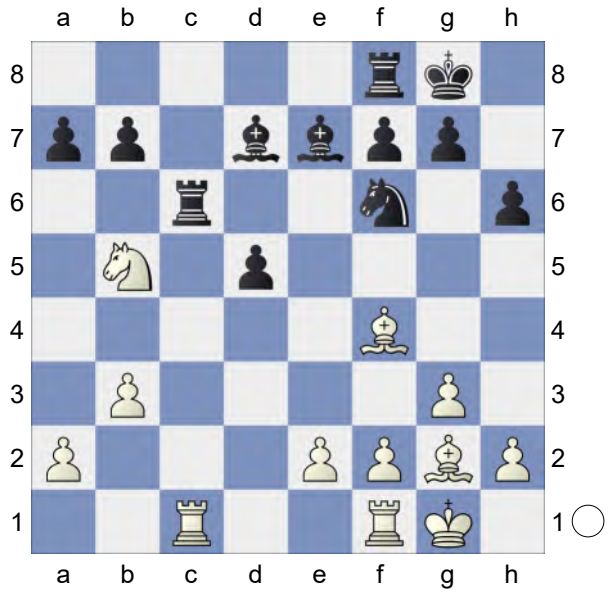


58.Kc3! Strongly threatening Kb4.
58...Kf4 59.Kb4 24.00/41
[⌓59.Kd4 52.53/29 Kf3 60.Kd5 Ke3 61.Kxd6 Kd4 62.Kc6 Kc4 63.Kb6 Kd4 64.Ka5]
59...Ke4 60.Kxa4 Hoping for Kb5.
60...Kd4 61.Kb4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.72
1-0

A05
□ **Ankit Ray** **2320**
■ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.59)
[Kitty Kat]

D34: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7
Kovalev,A: 'Inf 71/(6)' **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5**
[3...c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.b3 *(5.h3 Bh5 6.d4 Nbd7 7.c4 e6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne5 Bg6 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Be3 Be7 14.Qb3 Qc8 15.e6 Qxe6 16.Qxb7 0-0 17.b3 a5 18.Rac1 Rfc8 19.Rc4 Rab8* 1-0 (50) Hidalgo,J (2532)-7.♕d6 ♕f6 8. ♕f6 ♘f6 (2374) Hiroshima Chushikoku-ch 2023 (7)*)* 5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e4 e5 11.Qe1 Re8 12.Nh4 Nc5 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.f4 exf4 15.gxf4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nfxe4 17.dxe4 Ne6 18.Qg3 ½-½ (33) Akopian,V (2667)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2711) World Team Championship, Ningbo 2011 (3)]
4.0-0 Nc6 5.d4N
[5.d3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a3 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.Bg5 a4 10.Nd2 e6 11.e4 d4 12.Ne2 Qc7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.f4 Bg7 15.g4 f5 16.gxf5 exf5 17.e5 g5 18.fxg5 Nxe5 19.Nf4 Kochetkov,G (2350)-Kovalev,A (2390) (ch) 71/(6) Belarus 1997]
5...e6 6.c4 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nc3 Be6 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Rc1

Be7 12.Nd4 h6 13.Bf4 0.34/19
White is more active.
[13.Bxf6± 0.73/23 Bxf6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.e3]
13...Nxd4± 14.Qxd4 Qa5 15.Qa4
White is slightly better. **15...Qxa4 16.Nxa4 Rac8 17.Nc3 Rc4 18.b3 Rc6 19.Nb5** Against Ba3 **19...Bd7**

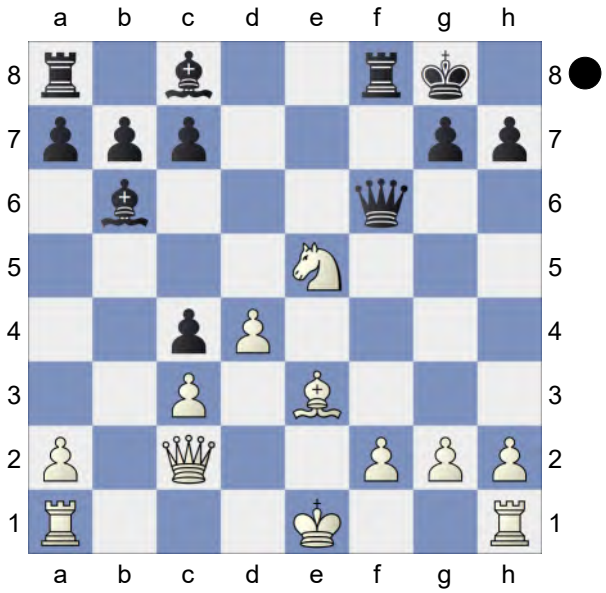


Hoping for ...Rxc1. **20.a4**
[Much weaker is 20.Nxa7 Ra6 21.Be3 Ra8∓ *(21...Rxa2 22.Rfd1=)*]
20...Rxc1 0.55/26
[20...Bc5= 0.15/27 feels stronger.]
21.Rxc1 Bxb5 22.axb5 Bd8
Prevents Rc7. **23.Be3** A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Bb6 24.Bxb6 axb6=**
Endgame. KRB-KRN **25.Rc7 Rb8**
The position is equal. **26.f3 Kf8 27.Kf2 Ne8 28.Rd7 Nf6 29.Rc7 Ne8 30.Rd7 Nf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

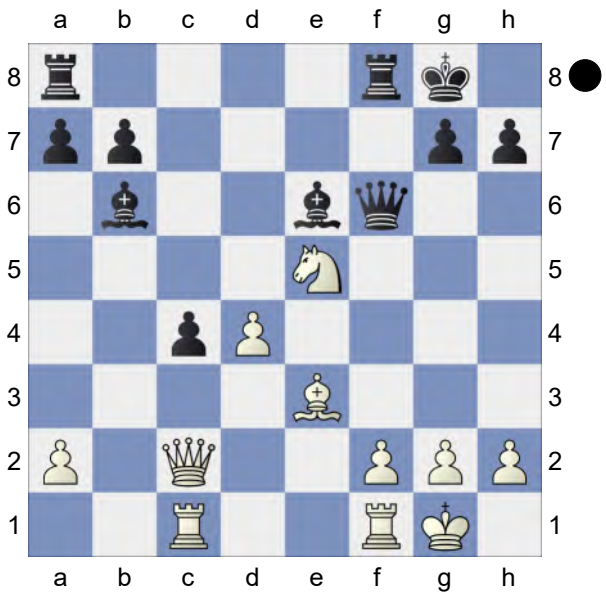
C53
□ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** **2271**
■ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl** **2308**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.60)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 (30) Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.e5N
[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 (47) 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 (47) Snijders,P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]
[6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 d6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Qxb4 b5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Be2 Bb7 13.Be3 a5 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.d6 Rd8 17.0-0 Qb8 18.f4 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 1-0 (37) Hijl,V-Vereschildt,S NED-ch U18 Nijmegen 1992]

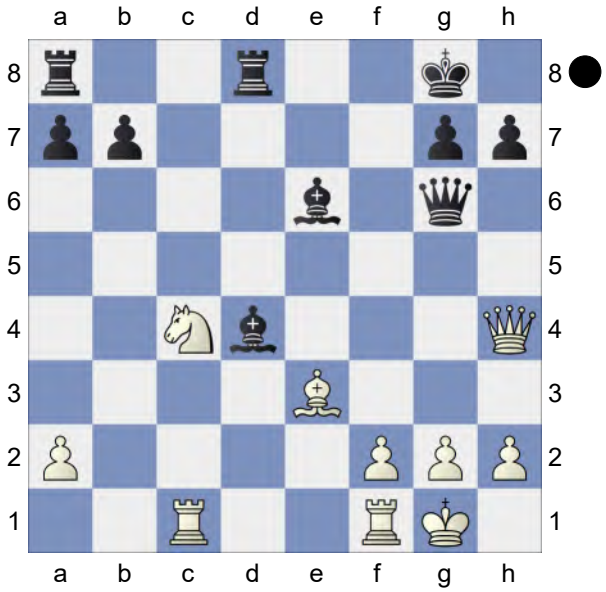
6...d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 f6 11.Qb3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 -0.10/24
[12.Bxc6!± 0.73/27 a5 13.Qxc3 bxc6 14.exf6]
12...Na5= 13.Qc2 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Ne5



Prevents Qc6 **16...c5!** Hoping for ... cxd4. **17.0-0 cxd4 18.cxd4** -0.62/21
[18.Bxd4= -0.16/23 was preferrable. Bxd4 19.cxd4]
18...Be6∓ 19.Rac1



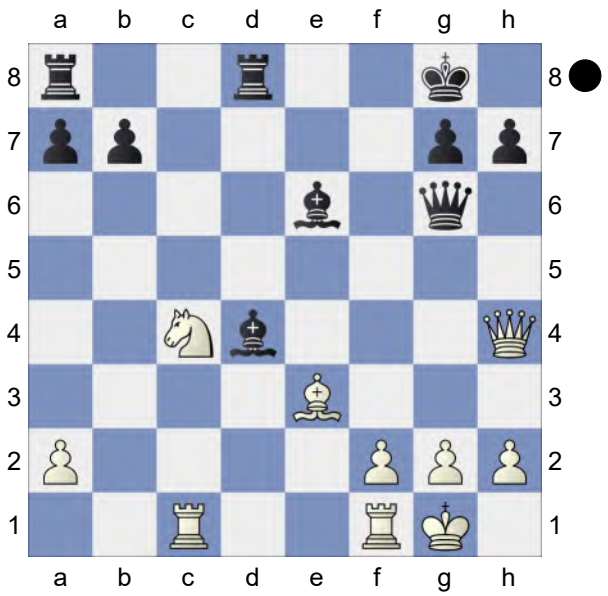
Rfd8 -0.13/23
[Better is 19...Rac8!∓ -0.73/21 20.Qa4 a6]
20.Nxc4=
[20.Qe2 simplifies Bxd4 21.Nxc4 Qg6 22.Bxd4 Rxd4 23.Ne3]
20...Bxd4 21.Qe4
[21.Qe2 simplifies Bxe3 22.Nxe3 Qe5 23.a4]
21...Qg6 22.Qh4 -1.44/24
[22.Qxg6!= -0.22/21 remains equal. hxg6 23.Bxd4 Rxd4 24.Ne5]



22...Bd5!∓ White is weak on the light squares **23.Qh3**
[23.Qg5 b5]
23...Be6 Black is much more active. A strong pair of Bishops. **24.Qh4**

(Diagram)

Bd5!→ -0.79/25 Black goes for the king.
25.Qh3 -1.39/21
[⌓25.Qg5 -0.79/25]
[25.Qg3 Qxg3]
25...Bf6 26.a3 -1.73/24
[26.f4∓ -1.27/23]
26...Qf7 -1.20/23
[26...b5-+ -1.73/24 27.Nd2 a5]



27.Nd2 Bb2 28.Rce1 Be6
[28...Bxa3 29.Bg5 Bb4 30.Bxd8 Rxd8 31.Qh4=]
29.Qg3 -2.08/22
[29.Qh4∓ -1.02/23]
29...Bxa3-+ 30.Ra1 Bd6 31.Qh4 -2.37/21
[31.f4 -1.79/20 is a better defense.]
31...Be7 32.Qg3 Bf6 33.Ra3 Bf5 Wards off Ne4 **34.h3** -2.54/23
[⌓34.Qf3 -1.87/20 Qd5 35.Rxa7 Rxa7 36.Bxa7]
34...b5 ...a5 is the strong threat. **35.Nf3 b4 36.Ra5 Rd5 37.Ra6** -3.94/21
[⌓37.Ng5 -2.44/19 Qd7 *(37...Bxg5? 38.Rxd5 Qxd5 39.Qxg5∓)* 38.Qf3 Rxa5 39.Qxa8+ Qc8 *(39...Qd8? 40.Qc6-+)* 40.Qxc8+ Bxc8 41.Ne4]
37...Bd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

D37
□ **Zhukova,Natalia** **2302**
■ **Khoder,Akram** **2232**
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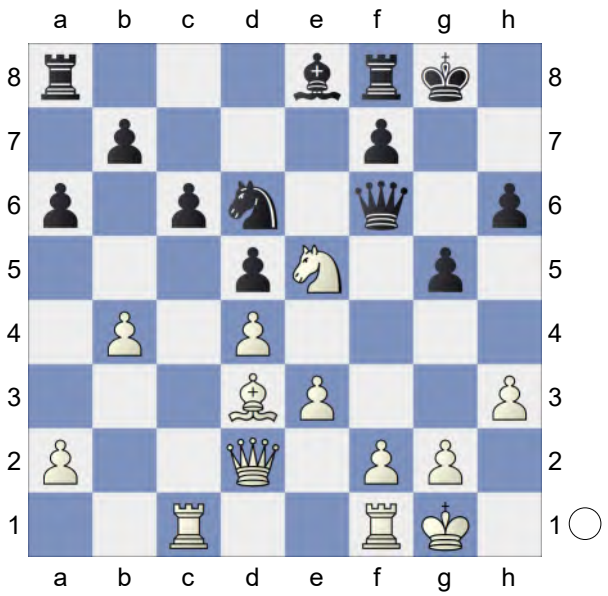
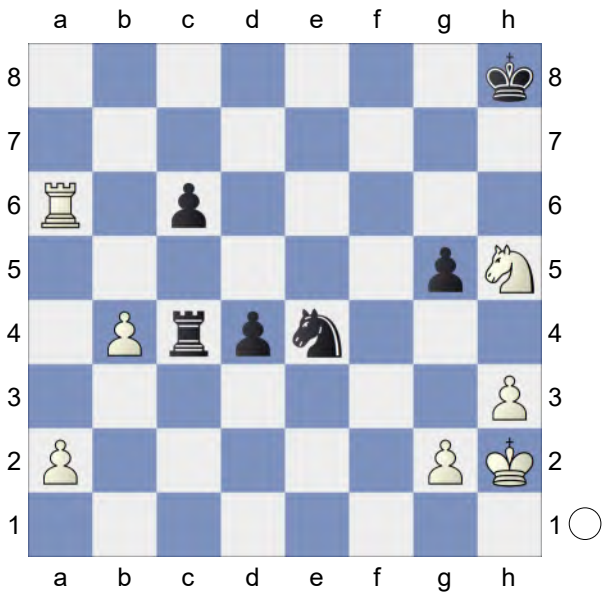
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3
[3.g3 a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 (26) Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]
3...d5 4.d4N
[4.e3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 exd5 7.b4 cxb4 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be6 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Qh5+ Bf7 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxa2 1-0 (31) Model Games-Parligras,M Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
4...a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Be6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.h3 White is slightly better.
8...Bd6 9.Bd3 c6 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Qd2 h6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.0-0 Ne8 0.69/20
[13...Bxf4= 0.16/21 14.exf4 Ne4 15.Nxe4 *(15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ne5 Nf6=)* 15...dxe4 16.Bxe4 Bxa2]
14.b4 -0.09/20
[14.Rfe1± 0.69/20]
14...Qd8 0.40/23
[14...Nb6= -0.09/20]
15.Na4 g5 1.02/19
[15...Bxf4± 0.41/23 16.exf4 Ndf6]
16.Bxd6± Nxd6 17.Nc5 Qf6 Repels Ne5 **18.Nxd7** 0.44/18
[White should play 18.Qb2± 1.17/21]
18...Bxd7± 19.Ne5 Be8 0.75/22
[19...Bf5± 0.34/24]





20.f4 0.25/25 White has more active pieces.
[20.f3!± 0.75/22]
20...Qg7!= 21.fxg5 hxg5 22.Qf2 Qg3 would now be deadly. **22...f6 23.Ng4 Bg6! 24.Nxf6+ Kh8 25.Bxg6 Qxg6 26.Qf3! Rae8**
[26...Ne4!? 27.Qh5+□ Qxh5 28.Nxh5 Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 a5±]
27.Qh5+ Qxh5 28.Nxh5 Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Black must now prevent Rf6.
29...Rxe3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **30.Rf6 Ne4 31.Rf7 Rd3 32.Rxb7 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Rxd4 34.Rb6 Rc4 35.Rxa6 d4**

(Diagram)

36.b5! cxb5 37.Nf6 d3 38.Nxe4 Rxe4 KR-KR **39.Rd6** Repels Rd4 **39...Re3 40.Rd5 d2?** 4.24/34 A mistake that costs the game. **41.Rxd2+-**
[41.Rxb5 gets mated. d1Q *(41...d1B 42.Rxg5 Kh7 43.a4=)* 42.Rb8+ Kg7 43.Rb7+ Kf8 44.Rb8+ Ke7 *(44...Re8 45.Rb2-+)* 45.Rb7+ Kd8 46.Rb6 Qe1 *(46...Kc7* is a self mate. *47.Rf6 Qe1 48.Rf3 Rxf3 49.gxf3 Kd6 50.Kg2 Ke5 51.a4 Kf4 52.h4 Qg3+* Deflection *53.Kh1 Kxf3 54.hxg5 Qg2#)* 47.Rb8+ Kc7 48.Rf8 Qg3+ 49.Kg1 Re1+ 50.Rf1 Qe3+ 51.Kh2 Rxf1 *(51...Qe5+ 52.Kg1 Qd4+* Deflection *53.Kh2 Rxf1 54.a4 Qf4+ 55.g3 Qf2#)* 52.h4 gxh4 53.g4 Qg3#]
41...Kg7 42.Rd5 Kf6 43.Rxb5 Ra3 44.Rb2 Kf5 45.Rf2+ Kg6 46.Kg1 g4? 5.40/27
[46...Kh5 3.07/24 was necessary. 47.Rd2 g4 48.hxg4+ Kxg4]
47.hxg4 White is clearly winning.
47...Kg5 48.Kf1 Kxg4 49.Ke1 Kg3 50.Re2 Ra8 51.Kd1 Ra7 6.75/25
[⌓51...Kf4 4.39/26 52.Kc1 Kg3]
52.Kc1 Ra8 53.Rc2 Ra7 54.Kb1 Ra8 55.Rb2 Ra7 56.Rd2 Ra8 7.69/25
[⌓56...Kf4 4.56/22 57.Re2 Ra8]
57.Rc2 Hoping for Rc4. **57...Ra7 58.Rc4 Kxg2 59.a4 Kf3 60.Kc2 Ke3 61.Kc3 Ra8 62.Rh4 Rc8+ 63.Kb4 Rb8+ 64.Kc5 Rg8 65.a5 Rg5+ 66.Kb4 Rg6 67.Rh3+ Kd4 68.Ra3 Rg1 69.a6** a7 is the strong threat.
69...Rb1+ 70.Rb3 Ra1 71.Kb5 Rh1 72.a7 Rh5+ 73.Ka6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

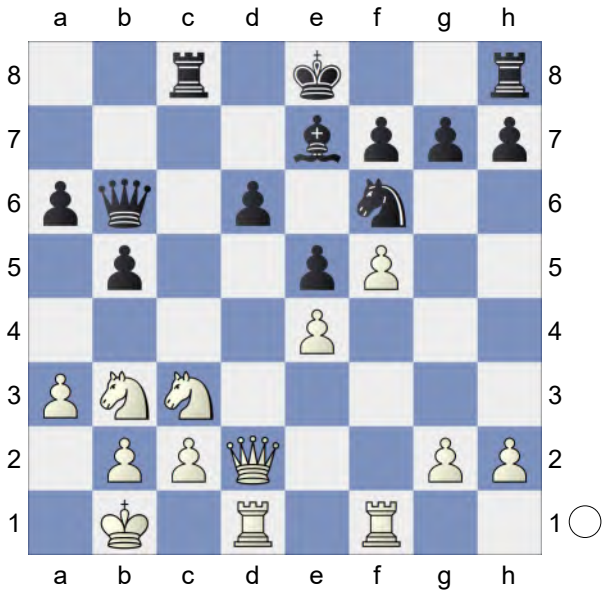
B90

□ **Priansh,Das** **2311**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.62)
[Kitty Kat]

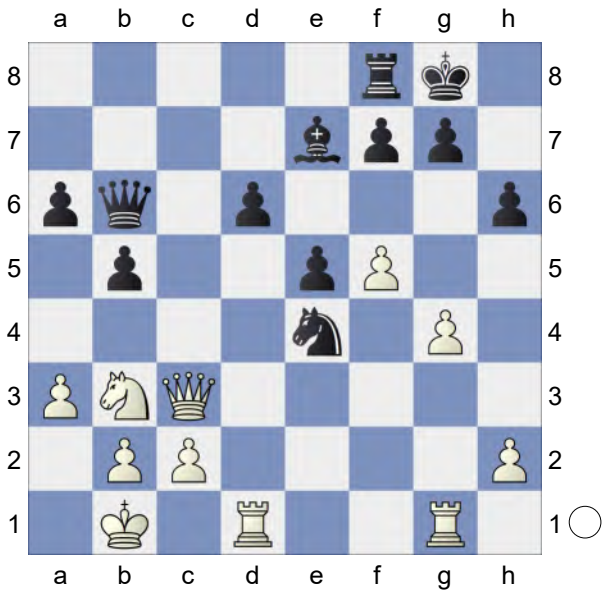
B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3N
[7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Bg5 Rac8 14.Rac1 *(14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rac1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Qc6 17.Nd5 Bd8 18.c4 f5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.h3 Qe8 21.Rc3 Qg6 22.Nh2 Bh4 23.Nf3 Bd8 24.Kh2 Kh8 25.b4 Be6 26.Re3 Qf7 27.b3 b5 28.Kh1 Qb7 ^ -^ (32) 9. ♘d2 a5/ 14. ♕c2 ♘gf6 15 (2732)-Grankin,F (2733) corr CAN - USA 2019 (2.6))* 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qg5 Nf6 19.Nh4 Nd5 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 9.♘c6 ♗c6 10.♗f4 ♘h5-N,NURS-ch Soviet Union 1983]
7...Be6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.f4 b5! 10.0-0-0 Rc8 0.39/24
[10...Be7= -0.11/22]
11.Kb1 Be7 The position is equal. **12.f5 Bc4 13.Rg1 Qc7** 0.52/24
[Better is 13...Bxf1= -0.22/22 14.Rdxf1 *(14.Rgxf1 0-0=)* 14...b4]
14.a3!± Bxf1 15.Rgxf1 Nb6 16.Bxb6 Qxb6

(Diagram)

17.g4! Strongly threatening g5. **17...h6**

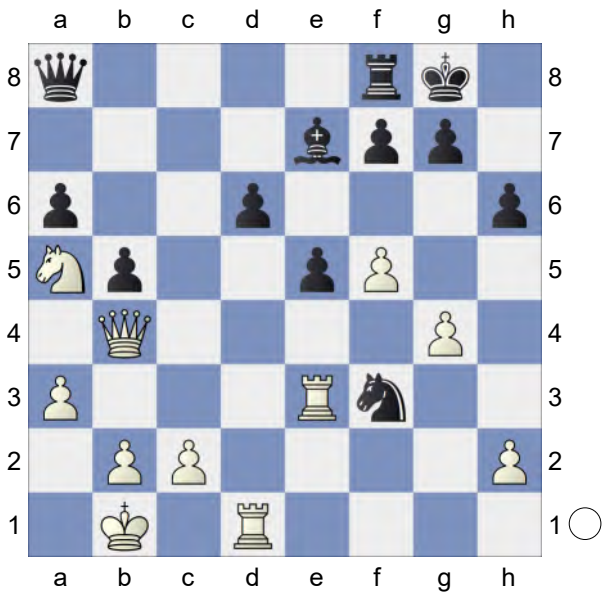


18.Qd3 0-0 19.Rg1
[19.h4!?]
19...Rxc3 0.95/23 **20.Qxc3±** Qd3 would now be deadly. **20...Nxe4**



21.Qb4 0.13/23
[21.Qe1!± 0.83/24 Nf2 22.Rd2]
21...Qb7 0.56/24
[21...Nf2= 0.13/23 22.Rdf1 Nh3]
22.Na5 Qa8 23.Rge1 Ng5 24.Re3 White is more active. **24...Nf3** 1.21/22
[⌓24...Re8 0.84/22]

(Diagram)



25.h3 0.00/23
[White should try 25.Qe4!± 1.21/22 Qxe4 26.Rxe4]
25...Bg5= 26.Re2↑ White has the initiative.
[26.Red3? e4 27.h4 exd3-+]
26...e4? 1.70/22 **27.h4** 0.21/26
[27.Qxd6? Rd8 28.h4 Rxd6-+ *(28...Bxh4? 29.Ka2-+; 28...Nxh4? 29.Qxd8+ Bxd8 30.Nb3-+)*]
[27.Rxd6 Be7 28.Nc6 Qxc6 *(28...Bxd6 29.Qxd6 Re8 30.Ne7+ Kh7 31.Qc7±)* 29.Rxc6 Bxb4∓]
[27.Rxe4 Nd2+ 28.Rxd2 Bxd2∓]
[27.Qxe4+- 1.70/22 Hoping for Nc6. Nd2+ 28.Rdxd2 Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Bxd2 30.Nb7]
27...Bf4? 2.02/20
[27...Bd8= 0.21/26]
28.Nb3? 0.19/21
[28.Rxe4 Nd2+ 29.Rxd2 Bxd2=]
[28.Qxe4+- 2.02/20 Nd2+ 29.Rdxd2 Qxe4 30.Rxe4 Bxd2 31.c3]
28...Re8 29.Nd4 -0.24/23
[⌓29.Rf1 0.22/23]
29...e3? 2.89/21
[29...Nxh4= -0.24/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 30.a4 e3]
30.Ne6!+- Discovered Attack **30...fxe6** 3.92/18
[⌓30...Nd2+ 2.70/20 31.Rexd2 fxe6]
31.Qxf4 exf5 32.Rxe3 White is clearly winning.
[32.Rxd6 Qe4 33.Qxe4 *(33.Qxf5 Qxf5 34.gxf5 Nxh4=)* 33...Rxe4 34.gxf5 Nd4∓]
32...fxg4 33.Rxe8+ Qxe8 34.Qxg4 Endgame. KQR-KQN
[Stronger than 34.Rxd6 Qf8 35.Qg3 *(35.Qxg4 Qxd6 36.Qxf3 Qe6=)* 35...Nxh4±]
34...Qe2 6.94/33
[⌓34...Ne5 4.62/19 35.Qe4 Qf8]
35.Qc8+
[35.Rxd6? perishes. Nd2+ 36.Rxd2 Qxg4-+]
35...Kf7 36.Rxd6 Nd2+ 37.Ka2 Qc4+ 38.Qxc4+ Nxc4 39.Rxa6 g5 40.Rxh6 g4 41.Rh5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.69
1-0

A21
□ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
■ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
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[Kitty Kat]

A27: English Opening: Three Knights Variation
1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 f5 3.Nf3
[3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.0-0 Bxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.d4 e4 9.Ng5 h6 10.Nh3 Bd7 11.f3 Qe7 12.Nf4 Qf7 13.fxe4 fxe4 14.Nd5 0-0-0 15.Bxe4 Rhf8 16.Nxf6 gxf6 17.Bxh6 Rg8 ½-½ (54) Ulburghs,P-Essers,K Lommel Summer op 22nd 2002 (5)]

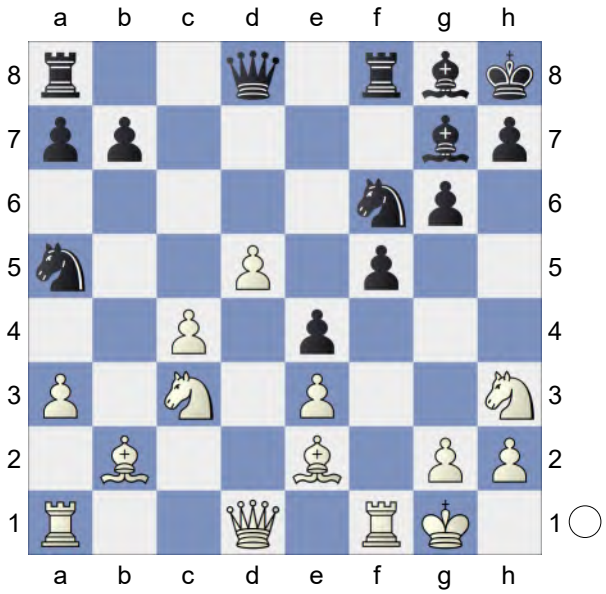
3...Nc6
[3...d6 4.d4 e4 5.Ng5 Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.f3 exf3 8.Qxf3 0-0 9.Bd3 c6 10.Bxf5 Ne8 11.Ne6 Bxe6 12.Bxe6+ Kh8 13.Qe2 Nc7 14.Bg4 c5 15.dxc5 dxc5 16.Bf3 Nc6 17.0-0 Bd6 18.Bd2 1-0 (32) Poldauf,D (2370)-Svidler,P (2430) Groningen op 1990 (6)]
4.d4N
[4.d3 Nf6 5.g3 Bb4 *(5...Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 Nb8 10.Bd2 c5 11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.Ne1 Kh8 13.Kh1 Be6 14.f4 Qe8 15.Bc3 Rc8 16.e3 Bf6 17.d4 Bc4 18.Rf2 exd4 19.exd4 Qf7 20.Nc2* 0-1 (43) Kasparian,G-Goglidze,V URS-ch07 Moscow 1931*)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 d6 A 27/07 2000]
4...e4 5.Ng5 Nf6 6.Nh3 g6 0.62/22
[6...Bb4= 0.09/21]
7.e3 Bg7 8.Be2 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.0-0 Kh8 10.a3** -0.17/22
[10.b3± 0.45/22]
10...Ne7= 11.f3 d5 12.fxe4 dxe4 13.b4 c6 14.Bb2 Be6 15.b5 Bg8 16.bxc6 Nxc6 0.30/22
[⌓16...bxc6 -0.16/22 17.Na4 Nc8]
17.d5! Na5 0.97/20
[17...Ne5± 0.31/20]

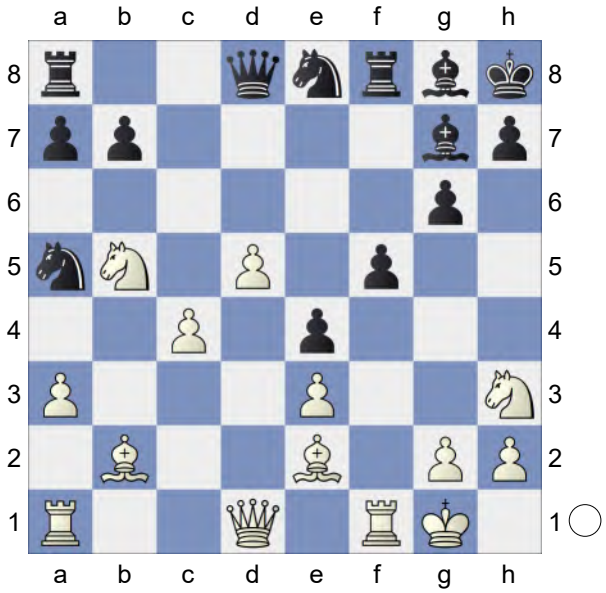
(Diagram)

18.Nb5!± Ne8 1.59/22
[⌓18...a6 0.74/22 19.Nd4 Bh6 *(19...b5 20.Nf4±)*]

(Diagram)

19.Bxg7+ 0.94/18
[⌓19.Nd4! 1.59/22]





19...Nxg7 20.Rc1 b6 21.Rc2 a6 1.15/25
[21...Nb3± 0.70/21]
22.Nd4 Rc8 1.36/20
[⌓22...b5 0.91/19]
23.a4 Rc5 1.49/21
[⌓23...Qd6 1.12/21 24.Qd2 h6]
24.Qa1 1.09/19
[⌓24.Nf4 1.49/21]
24...Qf6 1.92/20
[24...h6± 1.09/19 25.Rb1 Kh7]
25.g4+- Rfc8 2.39/24
[25...Qe5 1.85/22 keeps fighting.

26.Qe1 Rf6]
26.g5 Qe5 27.Rfc1 1.41/21
[27.Nf4+- 1.93/24]
27...Bf7 2.56/22
[27...f4± 1.41/21]
28.Nf4 Kg8 29.h4 Qc7 30.Qb2 Qd6 31.Rb1 Rb8 32.Qb4 Qc7 33.Kg2→ Black is in trouble. **33...Kh8 34.Rd1 Qe5 35.Rcd2 Rbc8** 3.67/20
[⌓35...Kg8 2.35/19 36.Rc2 Kh8]
36.Qxb6 Nxc4 37.Bxc4 White is clearly winning.
[37.Qxa6? too greedy. Nxe3+ 38.Kg3 Nxd5-+ *(38...Nxd1? 39.Qf6-+)*]
37...Rxc4 38.Nc6 Prevents Qe7. Excellent horsemanship.
[Don't do 38.Qxa6 Bxd5 39.Qf6 Qxf4 40.exf4 e3+ 41.Nf3 exd2 42.Rxd2 R4c5 *(42...Bxf3+? 43.Kxf3 Rc3+ 44.Kf2+-)*]
38...Qe8 39.Qxa6 Rc3 40.Qb6 Bg8 41.a5 Ra8 42.Qd4 Black is weak on the dark squares **42...Ra3 43.Rb1 Qc8 44.Rdb2 Qf8 45.d6 Qc8 46.Rb7 Ra2+ 47.Kg1 Qf8 48.d7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

C91

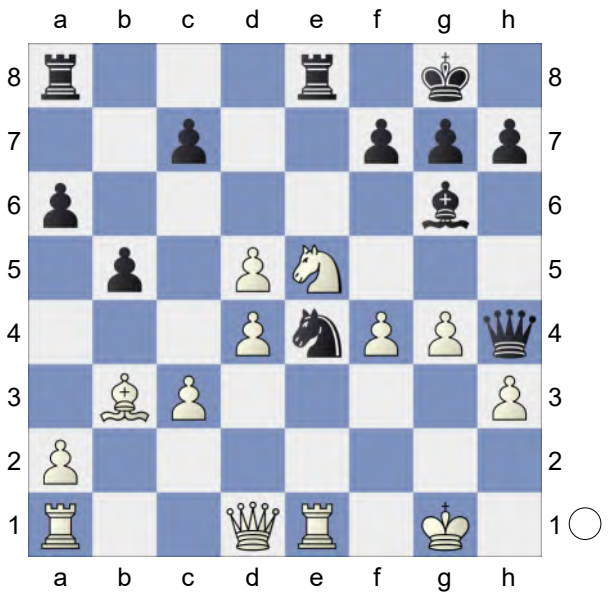
□ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**
■ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.64)
[Kitty Kat]

C91: Closed Ruy Lopez: 7...d6 8 c3 0-0 9 d4
The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world.

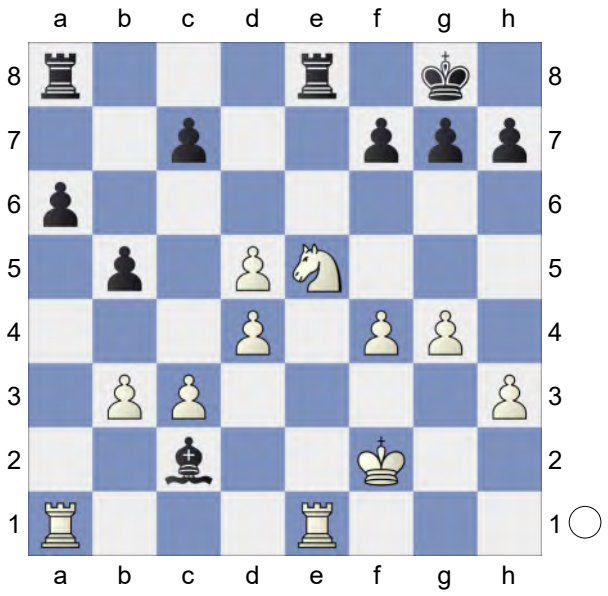
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 (50) Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1) *)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ (37) Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak rapid 2016 (1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.c3 d6 9.d4 Bg4 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 exd4 12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Re8 14.h3 Bh5 0.80/23
[14...Bxf3± 0.36/24 feels stronger. 15.Qxf3 a5]
15.g4± Bg6 16.Ne5 Bb4 1.71/20
[16...Bd6!± 0.70/23]
17.Nc3+- Bxc3 2.14/23
[17...Bd6± 1.27/19 18.Qf3 Nd7]
18.bxc3 Ne4 19.f4 Qh4
[Of course not 19...Nxc3 20.Qf3 Nb1 21.Qf2+- *(21.Rexb1 Bxb1 22.Rxb1 Qd6+-)*]

(Diagram)

(-> ...Qg3+) **20.Qf3** Hoping for Nxg6!
20...Nd2 21.Qf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2



f5 is the strong threat. **22...Nxb3 23.axb3** Black must now prevent f5. **23...Bc2**



24.Ra3 b4 25.cxb4 f6 26.Nc4 Reb8 4.07/22

[⌓26...h5 2.88/20 27.Rxa6 *(27.gxh5 Kh7+-)* 27...hxg4 28.hxg4 Bxb3]

27.Re2 Bg6 28.Re7 Bf7 29.Rxc7 aiming for d6.

[29.d6 cxd6 30.Nxd6 Bd5+-]

29...Rxb4? 6.01/20

[29...Bxd5 3.18/19 30.Rc5 Bf7]

30.d6 White is clearly winning. **30...Rd8 31.d7 Kf8 32.Nd6 Rxd4 33.Rc8 Rxd6 34.Rxd8+** KRR-KRB **34...Ke7 35.Ra8 Rxd7 36.R8xa6 Bd5 37.Ra7 Bb7 38.R3a4 Kd8 39.Rb4** Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.49

1-0

D43

□ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**

■ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.65)

[Kitty Kat]

D43: Semi-Slav: 5 Bg5 h6

Plachetka,J: 'Inf 26/591' **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Qc2 c5N** 0.65/22

[5...dxc4= -0.27/21 6.e4 b5 7.Be2 Bb7 *(7...Na6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a4 Nb4 10.Qb1 Bd7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Bf4 a5 13.h3 Qc8 14.b3 cxb3 15.Qxb3 Rd8 16.Ne5 Be8 17.Be3 bxa4 18.Nxa4 Rb8 19.Bf3 Nbd5 20.Qd3 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Qc7 22.Qc3* 0-1 (69) Mekhitarian,K (2560)-Pranesh,M (2580) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (5)*)* 8.0-0 Be7 9.Rb1 Qc7 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.e5 Nd5 12.Ne4 c5 13.Bxe7 Kxe7 14.Nd6 cxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxe5 16.N4xb5 Qc6 17.Qd2 Nf4 18.f3 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Bc6 21.b4 Qd5 1-0 (40) Bluebaum,M (2672)-Vidit,S (2719) FIDE World Cup 2023 (3.8)]

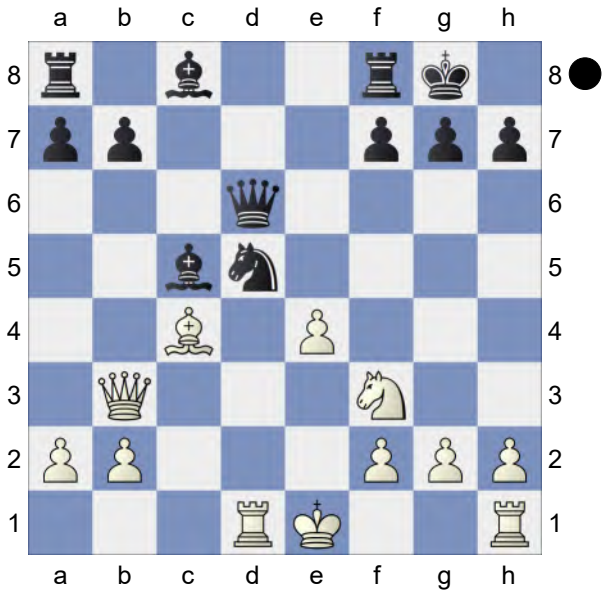
[5...Nbd7 6.e4 *(6.e3 Bd6 7.g4 Bb4 8.Rg1 Qe7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Ne4 11.Bd2 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Nb6 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Nb3 Na4 16.Kb1 0-0-0 17.e4 dxe4*

18.Bxe4 Kb8 19.Rde1 Qa3 20.Qc1 Qd6 ½-½ (69) Fiszer,B (2077)-Musial,I (1887) POL-ch Rapid U18 2023 (4)*)* 6...Nxe4 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qxe4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Qa5 *(9...Bxd2+ 10.Nxd2 Nf6 11.Qe3 0-0 12.Be2 Qb6 13.0-0-0 e5 14.dxe5 Qxe3 15.fxe3 Ng4 16.Bxg4 Bxg4 17.Rdf1 Rae8 18.Rf4 Bh5 19.g4 Bg6 20.Nf3 f5 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.Rd1 Ref8 23.e6 Rxf4 24.exf4* 1-0 (56) Tardif,O (2472)-Kaunonen,K (2328) HUN-ch 54th Budapest 2004 (5)*)* 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0-0 Bxd2+ 12.Rxd2 Qxa2 13.Re1 h6 14.Ne5 Nf6 15.Qf4 cxd4 16.g4 Qa5 17.h4 Qc7 18.g5 hxg5 19.hxg5 Nd5 20.Qxd4 1-0 (36) Plachetka,J-Diesen,M Odzaci 26/591 1978]

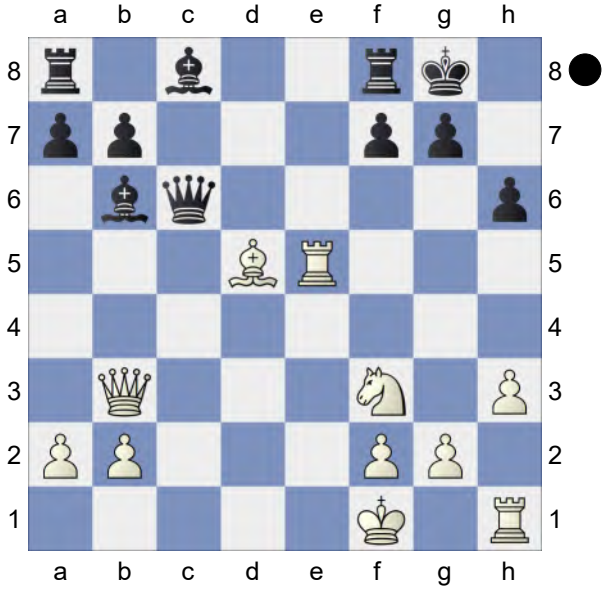
6.cxd5± exd5 7.Bg5 aiming for Bxf6. **7...Nc6 8.dxc5** White is better. **8...Bxc5 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Nxd5 Qd6** 1.24/21
[⌓10...Bb4+ 0.71/24 11.Nxb4 Nxb4]
11.e4 0.27/21
[11.0-0-0!± 1.24/21]
11...0-0 0.96/20
[11...Bb4+= 0.27/21 12.Nd2 Be6]
12.Rd1 0.05/22
[12.0-0-0!± 0.96/20]
12...Nb4 0.46/21
[12...Bb4+= 0.05/22 13.Ke2 Ba5]
13.Qb3? -1.47/21
[13.Qc3± 0.46/21 stays ahead. Nxa2 14.Qc4]
13...Nxd5∓ 14.Bc4 -2.85/22
[⌓14.Rxd5 -1.70/20 Be6 15.Rxd6 Bxb3 16.Rd7 Bb4+ *(16...Bxa2 17.Bd3∓)* 17.Ke2 Bxa2 18.Ke3]

(Diagram)

14...Qg6!-+ 15.Rxd5 Qxe4+ 16.Kf1



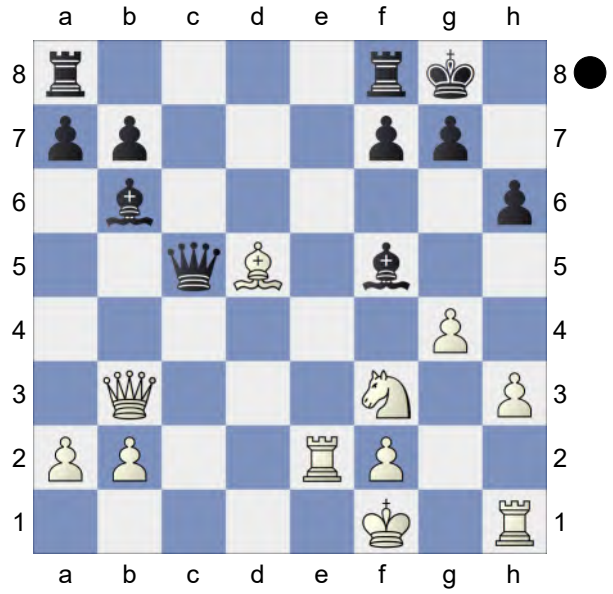
Bb6 This pair of bishops is nice. **17.Re5** Inhibits Be6. **17...Qc6** -0.90/20
[Black should try 17...Qb1+! -1.29/22 18.Re1 Qf5]
18.h3∓ h6 -0.16/21
[18...a5∓ -0.65/21]
19.Bd5 -1.22/23
[19.g4!= -0.16/21]



19...Qc1+!→ Skewer. Black wants a kill.
20.Re1 Qc5 21.Re2 Bf5 -1.12/19
[⌓21...Bd7 -1.48/24 Strongly threatening ...Bb5. 22.Ne5 Qc1+

Skewer 23.Re1 Qf4]

22.g4



Be6 0.06/20 **23.Bxe6= fxe6 24.Rc2 Qd6 25.Kg2 Rf6 26.Rf1 Raf8 27.Ne1** -3.52/27

[27.Rc3!∓ -0.42/23]

27...Bc7-+ 28.Rh1 Inhibits Qh2+.

28...Qe5 -1.88/21

[⌓28...Qd4 -3.47/22 29.Rf1 Qe5 30.Rxc7 Qxc7]

29.Qd3 -2.56/24

[⌓29.Qc3 -1.88/21 Qd5+ Skewer 30.f3]

29...Bb6 30.Rf1 Rd8? -0.12/21

[30...h5-+ -2.32/23 Hoping for ...hxg4. 31.f4 Rxf4]

31.Qc4? -1.86/24

[31.Nf3!= -0.12/21 Qf4 32.Qe2]

31...Rf4 -1.35/20

[31...Rd4-+ -1.86/24 32.Qc8+ Kh7 33.Qxb7 Rd5]

32.Re2∓ Qf6 -0.42/25 Black has more active pieces.

[32...Rxc4∓ -1.56/26 33.Rxe5 Rd2 34.Rxe6 Rxb2 35.Re8+ Kf7]

33.Qxe6+ Qxe6 34.Rxe6 Rd2 Prevents Re2 **35.Nd3?** -3.88/20

Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.49

0-1

B42

□ **Sriansh Das** **2315**

■ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.66)

[Kitty Kat]

B42: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Bd3

Inf 80/(163) B00: Queen's Fianchetto Defence, Nimzowitsch Defence Psakhis, L: 'Inf 52/178' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.c4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.f4 Bc5+ 10.Kh1 e5 11.f5 Bd7N**

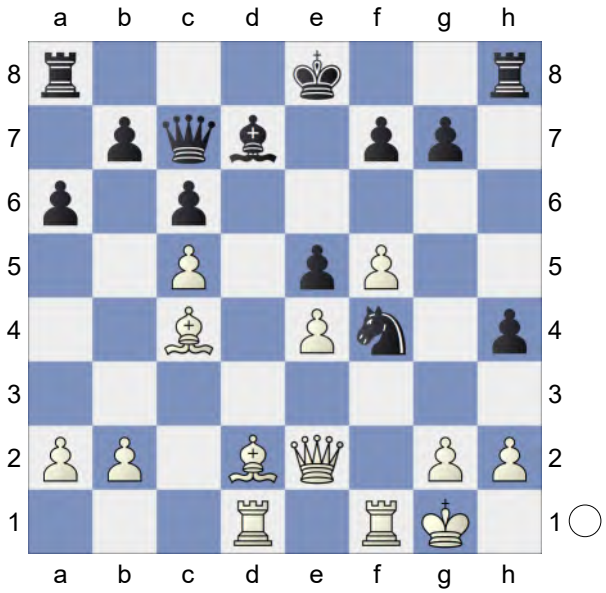
[11...h5

A) 12.Nc3 Ng4 13.Qe1 *(13.Qf3 Qd8 14.Nd1 Qh4 15.Qh3 Qxh3 16.gxh3 Nf6 17.Nc3 b5 18.Bg5 Bd4 19.cxb5 axb5 20.Rac1 Bb7 21.a3 0-0-0 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.Bxd8 Nf4 24.Rxf4 exf4 25.Bg5 f3 26.Rf1 Bxb2 27.Rxf3 c5* 0-1 (36) Murey,J (2450)-Psakhis,L (2575) 52/178 Tel Aviv 1991*)* 13...Bd7 14.Na4 Qd6 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.a4 Qd4 17.Ra3 c5 18.Qe2 0-0-0 19.Bc2 g6 20.Rd3 Qxc4 21.b3 Qb4 22.Bd2 Qb6 23.Rc3 gxf5 24.exf5 Bc6 25.Rg3 Rhg8 26.Bc3 e4 0-1 (32) Berndt,S (2447)-Chuchelov,V (2534) Bundesliga 0506 2005 (1.4);

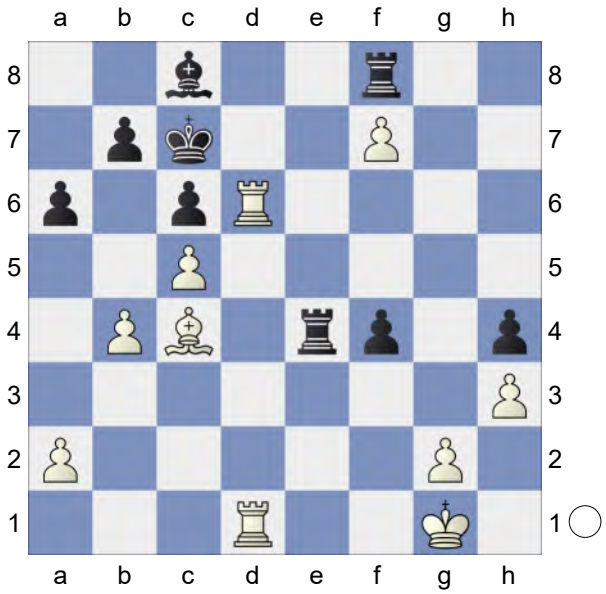
B) 12.Bg5 Ng4 *(12...Bd7 13.Qe2 Bd4 14.Bh4 0-0-0 15.Nd2 c5 16.Nf3 Bc6 17.Rad1 Rd7 18.h3 Rhd8 19.Bb1* Fedorowicz,J (2533)-Serper,G (2574) USA (ch) 80/(163) 2000 *)* 13.Qe2 Qd6 14.Bh4 Bd7 15.h3 Nf6 16.Nc3 0-0-0 17.Na4 Bd4 18.c5 Bxc5 19.Bxa6 Bd4

20.Rf3 Rdf8 21.Bd3 g6 22.fxg6 fxg6 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Rxf6 Qxf6 25.Rf1 Qe7 26.Bc2 0-1 (31) Caselas Cabanas,J (2306)-Fernandez Garcia,J (2454) ch Barcelona ESP 2000 (7) g5 27.Qd3 g4 28.Nc3 gxh3 29.gxh3 Qh4 30.Kh2 Rg8 31.Bb3 Bg1+ 1-0 Casas,P (1910)-Serrate Lopez, J (1770) Sant Marti op 5th 2003 (4.26)]

12.Nd2 Be3 0.81/23
[12...a5± 0.42/23]
13.Qe2 Bg5 1.96/22
[13...Bxd2± 0.52/24 14.Bxd2 c5]
14.c5+- Bxd2 2.53/19
[14...0-0 1.80/19 might work better. 15.Bc2 Bxd2]
15.Bxd2 h5 16.Bc4 h4 17.Rad1 Nh5 18.Kg1 Nf4? 3.97/23
[18...0-0-0 2.37/20 19.Qg4 *(19.Bxf7 Nf6+-)* 19...Nf6 20.Qxg7 Nxe4]



19.Bxf4 exf4 20.h3 0-0-0 21.Rd6
[21.Bxf7 Bxf5 22.exf5 Qxf7±]
21...Qa5 22.Qf2
[22.Rxf4? Qxc5+ 23.Rf2 Qxd6-+]
22...Rde8 23.Qd4 Black is weak on the light squares. White is clearly winning.
[23.Qxf4? is the wrong capture. Qxc5+ 24.Rf2 Qxc4-+]
[23.Bxf7 Rxe4 24.Bg6 Re2±]
23...Re7 24.Rd1
[Weaker is 24.Qxg7 Qxc5+ 25.Qd4 Qxd4+ 26.Rxd4 b5±]
24...Rhe8 25.b4
[25.Qxg7 Qxc5+ 26.Qd4 Qxd4+ 27.R1xd4 c5±]
25...Qc7 26.Qxg7 Kb8 27.f6
[Less strong is 27.Bxf7 Bc8±]
27...Rxe4 28.Qxf7 Bc8 29.Qxc7+ Remove Defender **29...Kxc7 30.f7 Rf8**



31.Rd8!! Promotion. Black got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.46
1-0

B67

□ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**
■ **Wafa,Hamed** **2359**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.67) 11.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7

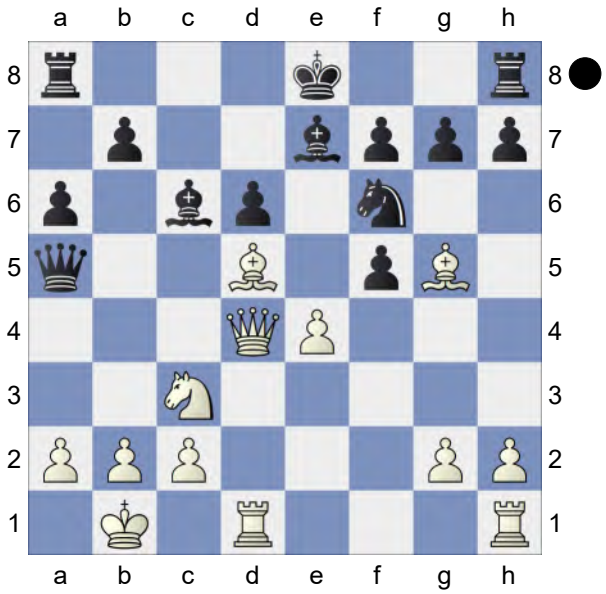
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Kb1

[9.f3 h6 10.Be3 Be7 11.g4 b5 12.Bd3 b4 13.Nce2 d5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.e5 Nd7 17.f4 Nc5 18.f5 0-0-0 19.Rhf1 Bb7 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Rf7 Rd7 22.Rxg7 Qxe5 23.Rg6 Bf6 0-1 (38) Bruzon Batista,L (2617)-Neiksans,A (2605) CAN Transnational Rapid 2023 (11)]

9...Nxd4N

[9...h6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.f3 Be7 12.h4 h5 13.Bg5 b5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Ne2 Rd8 16.Nd4 Bb7 17.Bd3 g6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxg6+ Kf8 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Qg5 Ne8 23.Bf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxh5+ 1-0 (43) Chapter Part (2540)-6. ♘f3 g6 7. ♘d2 (2359) 21/277 Wijk aan Zee 1976 (6) Kf6 25.g4 Bd6 26.Bg5+ Kg7 27.Bxd8 Qxd8 28.Qxe5+ Bxe5 29.Rxd8 Bxf3 30.Re1 Rxh4 31.a4 Bf6 32.Rxe8 Bxg4 33.a5 Bf5 34.R8xe6 Rb4 35.Rxa6 Rxb2+ 36.Kc1 Rxc2+ 37.Kd1 Rg2 38.Re8 b4 39.Ra7+ 1-0 (43) Berg,E (2606)-Hommeles,T (2410) Gibraltar Masters 7th 2009 (5) Kh6 40.Ra6 Kg5 41.Rg8+ Bg6 42.Rb6 Kh6 43.Rxf6 1-0 Berg,E (2540)-Mascaro March,P (2359) Soller 2006 (6)]

10.Qxd4 Be7 11.f4 Bc6 White is slightly better. **12.f5** Threatens to win with fxe6. **12...Qa5 13.Bc4** Rhe1 would now be deadly. **13...exf5 14.Bd5**



And now Bxf6 would win. **14...h6?** 3.57/23

[14...0-0= 0.28/20 15.Bxc6 bxc6]

15.Bxf6+- gxf6 16.exf5 Kf8 Black is weak on the light squares **17.Rhe1** Strongly threatening Bxc6. **17...Re8 18.Qc4 Bxd5 19.Nxd5 Qd8 20.Re2** Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.59

1-0

A05

□ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**
■ **Socko,Monika** **2402**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (8.68)
[Kitty Kat]

A49: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3: Anti-King's Indian systems

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 d6 5.d4

[5.Bg2 e5 *(5...c5 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 Nc6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.e4 h6 10.Qe2 Be6 11.Rad1 Rc8 12.c3 Nh5 13.d4*

exd4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Nf3 Re8 17.Nxd4 Bd7 18.Nf3 Qb6 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qd2 0-1 (83) 9. ♘d4 ♘c5 10.h3_70381 (2083)-Joseph,M (2531) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2005 (3)*)* 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 Nc6 8.e4 Bd7 9.c4 Qc8 10.Re1 Bh3 11.Bh1 Bg4 12.Qd2 Qd7 13.Nc3 Nh5 14.Nd5 f5 15.exf5 Rxf5 16.Nh4 Rf7 17.Ne3 Be6 18.Nf3 Raf8 19.Ng5 Rxf2 0-1 (35) Barbero,G (2500)-Vokac,M (2475) Lazne Bohdanec 1995 (3)]

5...0-0 6.Bg2 e5N

[6...Nbd7 7.0-0 Re8 8.Nbd2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.e4 b6 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Qe2 a5 13.a4 Bf8 14.Rad1 Bb4 15.Rf1 Qe7 16.Ne1 Ba6 17.c4 Nc5 18.Nd3 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Rad8 20.Qc2 Bb7 21.Nb1 0-1 (40) Widmann,R-6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♕b6 Jugoslavija 69/257 1997 (2) Bc5 22.h3 h5 23.Nc3 h4 24.Kh2 c6 25.Bc1 Nh5 26.g4 Nf4 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Ne2 Nd3 29.f4 Nxc1 30.Qxc1 exf4 31.Nxf4 Bd6 32.Kh1 Qe5 33.Rd1 g5 34.Rxd6 Rxd6 35.c5 Qxc5 36.Qxc5 0-1 (40) Sully,D-Georgi,P Olympiad-21 Final A 1974 (2) bxc5 37.Nh5 Rd3 38.Nf6+ Kg7 39.Ne8+ Kf8 40.Nf6 Ke7 0-1 Widmann,R-6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♕b6 Jugoslavija 69/257 1997 (2)]

7.dxe5 Nfd7 8.Nbd2 0.00/25

[8.Nc3± 0.85/22]

8...dxe5 aiming for ...e4! **9.e4 Nc6 10.0-0 a5 11.a4 Nc5 12.Qe2 Nd4** 0.59/22

[12...b6= 0.04/21]

13.Nxd4± exd4 14.Nc4! Qe7 1.37/25

[⌓14...d3 0.73/23 15.Qe3 b6]

15.Rad1 0.98/20

[⌓15.e5 1.37/25]

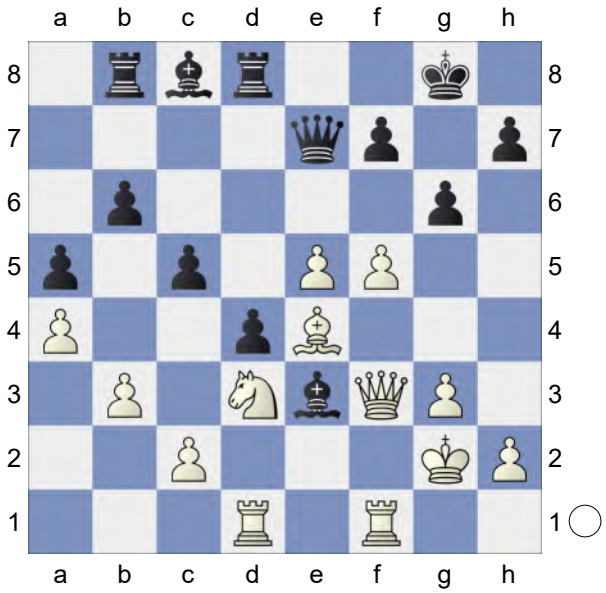
15...Rd8± 16.Ba3 b6 17.e5 Rb8 18.f4 Bf8! 19.Nb2 Qe8 White must now prevent ...Ba6. **20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.Nd3 Bf8 22.Be4 Bh6** 1.47/20

[⌓22...Bh3 0.84/21]

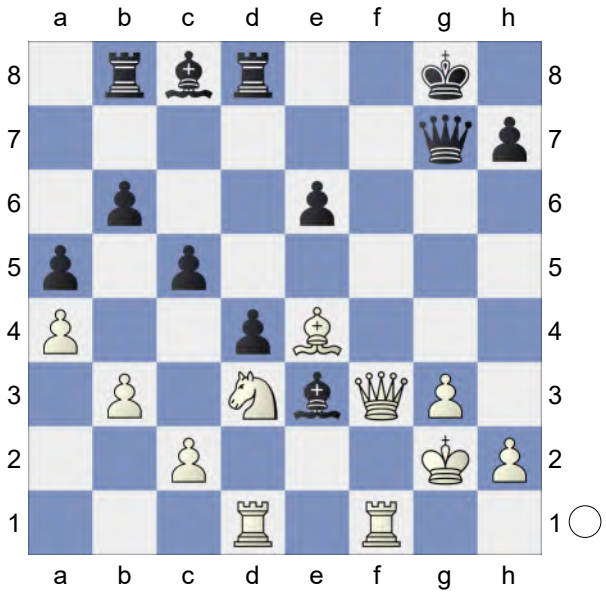
23.Kg2 White is more active. **23...c5 24.f5 Be3** 1.51/21

[Black should try 24...Bg7 0.86/22]

25.Qf3 Qe7



26.e6 0.54/22 **gxf5±** Remove Defender **27.Qxf5 fxe6 28.Qg4+ Qg5 29.Qf3 Qg7**

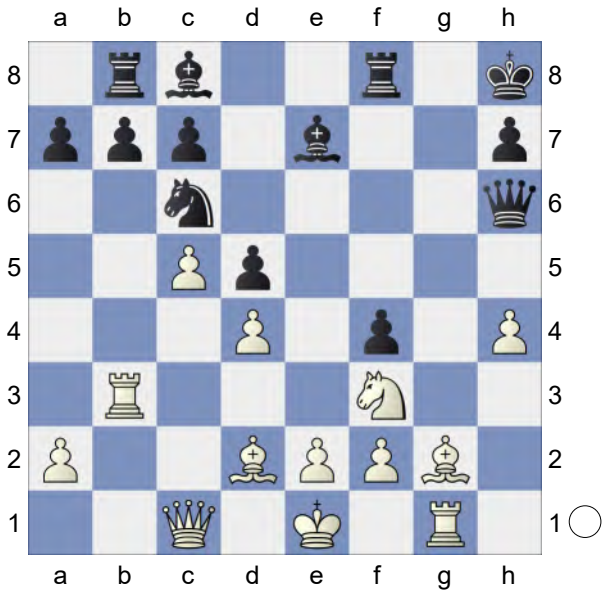


Wards off Qf7+ **30.Ne5!** Qf7+ is the strong threat. Deflection. The board is

on fire. **30...Bb7! 31.Bxb7 Rf8 32.Qg4** 0.08/21
[32.Qe4± 0.52/23 Rxf1 33.Rxf1 Qxb7 34.Qxb7 *(34.Nc6 Re8±)* 34...Rxb7 35.Nc4]
32...Qxg4!= The position is equal.
33.Rxf8+ Kxf8 34.Nxg4 Rxb7 35.Nxe3 dxe3 KR-KR **36.Kf3 Ke7 37.Kxe3 Rb8 38.Rd2 Rg8 39.Rf2 Rg5 40.Kd3 Kd6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

E10
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
■ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2682**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.1) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nc3 Bb4N
[5...c6 6.Qc2 *(6.g3 Bf5 7.Bg2 h6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 Re8* 15) Move 4 Alternative Tries-4.cxd5 #12 *)* 6...Be7 7.Bf4 0-0 8.e3 Bd6 9.Bxd6 Qxd6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Rae1 Nf8 13.Ne5 N6d7 14.f4 f6 15.Nf3 Nb6 16.Qf2 Bg4 17.Nh4 Bh5 18.h3 Qd7 19.g4 Bg6 20.f5 1-0 (48) Paravyan,D (2620)-Hovakimyan,V (2247) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (7)]
6.Bf4 Ne4 7.Rc1 Nc6 8.Nd2 aiming for Ndxe4. **8...g5 9.Be3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ba3 11.Rb1 f5! 12.g3 Bd6 13.Nf3 f4 14.Bd2 0-0! 15.gxf4 gxf4 16.c4 Qe8** 0.83/21
[16...Kh8= 0.00/20 keeps the balance.]
17.c5 0.18/19
[White should try 17.Bg2± 0.83/21]
17...Be7= 18.Rg1+ Kh8 19.Qc1 Qf7 20.Rb3 Qf6 21.h4 -0.59/22
[21.Ng5= 0.00/21]
21...Qh6 0.10/22
[21...Nxd4? 22.Nxd4 b6 *(22...Qxd4? 23.Bc3+-* Pin *)* 23.Rf3 bxc5 *(23...Qxd4? 24.Bc3+-* Pin *)* 24.Rxf4+-]
[21...b6∓ -0.59/22]
22.Bg2 Rb8



23.Ng5! Bxg5
[23...Nxd4? 24.Bxd5 Bf5 *(24...Nxb3? 25.Bc3+ Bf6 26.Nf7+ Rxf7 27.Bxf7+-)* 25.Bxf4+- *(25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Bxb7 Bxg5=)*]
24.hxg5 Qh2 25.Kf1 Bg4
[25...Nxd4? 26.Qc3 *(26.Rh1 Qxh1+ 27.Bxh1 Nxb3+-)* 26...Kg7 27.Qxd4++- *(27.Rh1 Qxh1+ 28.Bxh1 Bh3+ 29.Kg1 Kg6+-)*]
26.Qe1 0.25/23
[26.Bxd5± 0.69/25 was preferrable. f3 *(26...Bh3+ 27.Rxh3 Qxh3+ 28.Bg2±)* 27.Bxf3 Rxf3 28.Rxf3 *(28.exf3 Bh3+ 29.Ke2 Nxd4+*

30.Kd3 Qxf2∓) 28...Bxf3 29.exf3 Qh3+ 30.Ke1]

26...Rbe8

[26...Nxd4? 27.Bc3 f3 28.Bxd4++-]

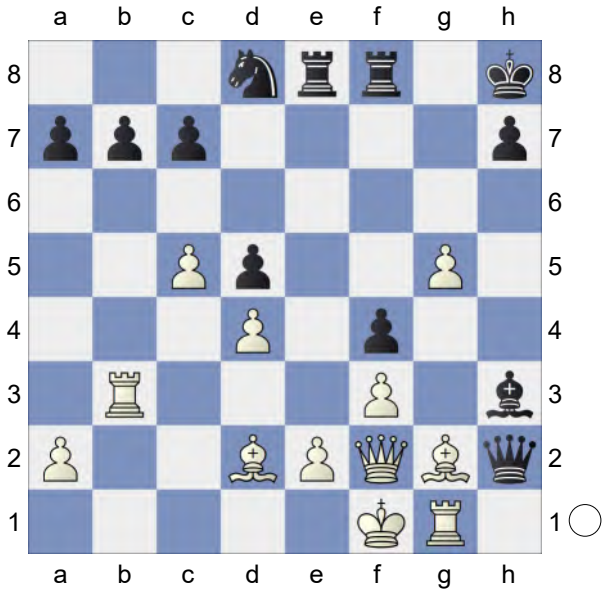
27.f3 -0.01/21

[27.Rh1± 0.35/25 might be stronger. Bxe2+ 28.Qxe2 Rxe2 29.Rxh2 Rxd2 30.Rbh3 Rd1+ 31.Ke2 Rxd4 32.Rxh7+ Kg8 33.Bf3 *(33.Rxc7 Re8+ 34.Kf3 Ne5+ 35.Ke2 Ng4+)* 33...Re8+ 34.Kf1]

27...Bh3 ...Rf5 would now be deadly.

28.Qf2 Nd8 0.31/22

[28...Rf7= -0.08/22 29.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 30.Qg2 Qf5]



29.g6! g7+! is the strong threat. **29...Re7**

[29...hxg6? 30.Qh4+ Kg7 31.Qxh3+- *(31.Bxh3? Qxe2#)*]

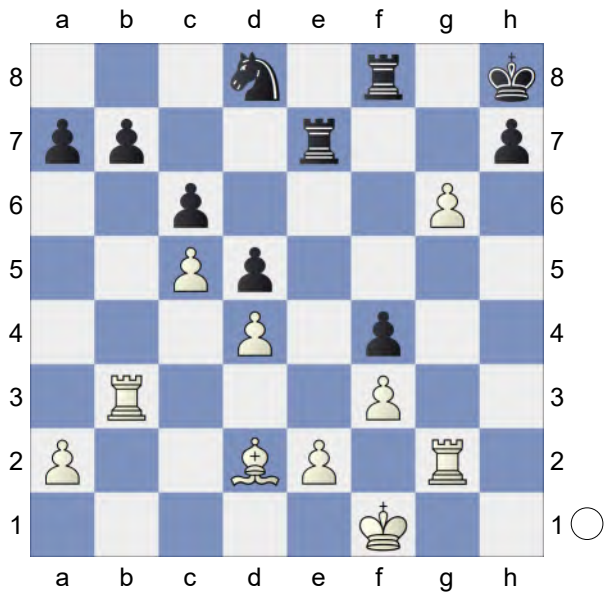
[29...Rf6 30.Bxh3]

30.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 31.Qg2 Qxg2+ 32.Rxg2 c6

(Diagram)

33.e4! fxe3

[33...dxe4? loses. 34.fxe4 hxg6 35.Rxg6±]



[33...hxg6 34.Rxg6]

34.Rxe3 Rg7 35.gxh7 Rxg2 The position is equal. **36.Kxg2** Strongly threatening Re7. **36...Kxh7** Endgame. KRB-KRN **37.Ba5** Hoping for Bxd8. **37...Kg6 38.Re7** Threatens to win with Bxd8. **38...Nf7 39.Rxb7** And now Rc7! would win. **39...Ng5 40.Rb3 Ne6 41.Bc3 Nf4+ 42.Kf1 Rh8 43.Rb7 Rh2 44.a4 Ra2 45.a5 Ne2 46.Bb2 Nf4 47.Bc3 Ne2 48.Bb2 Nf4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

½-½

C02

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**

■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2642**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.2) 12.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.g3

[6.a3 c4 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.Be2 *(8.h4 Bd7 9.Rb1 Ne7 10.g3 Qc7 11.Bh3*

f5 12.Nf1 h6 13.h5 g5 14.hxg6 0-0-0 15.g4 Nxg6 16.Ng3 fxg4 17.Bxg4 Be7 18.Rxh6 Rxh6 19.Bxh6 Rh8 20.Be3 Qd8 21.Nd2 Qg8 22.Bh5 Nh4 1-0 (56) Necesany, Z (2339)-Steengaard,M (2240) Sharjah 153/158 2022 (5.6)*)* 8...Bd7 9.0-0 Ne7 10.Rb1 Qc7 11.Nh4 Ng6 12.Ndf3 Nxh4 13.Nxh4 Be7 14.Nf3 f5 15.Bg5 Bc6 16.g3 0-0-0 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Nh4 g5 19.Ng2 f4 20.Kh1 Rdf8 0-1 (29) Dvoirys,S (2615)-Vaganian,R (2640) EU-Cup 20th Izmir 2004 (7.2)]

6...Bd7N

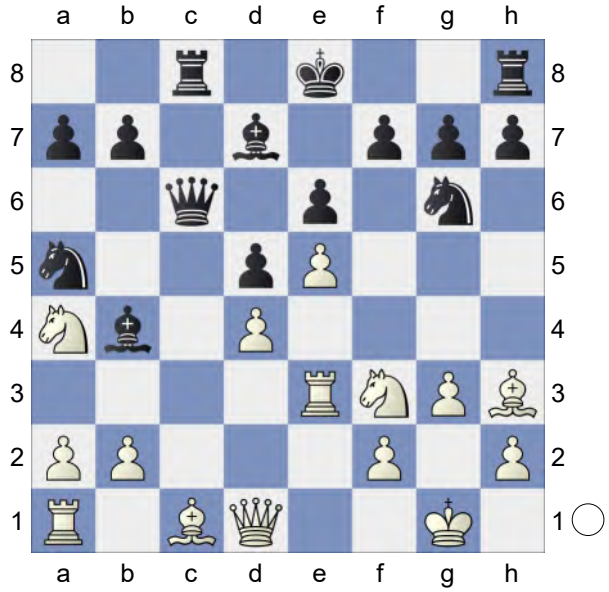
[6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7 8.Bh3 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.0-0 h6 12.h4 Be7 3. e5 c5-6.g3]

7.Bh3 Nge7 8.0-0 Ng6 White is slightly better. **9.Re1 cxd4** 0.70/19

[9...h5= 0.17/21]

10.cxd4± Bb4 11.Re3 Rc8 12.Nc3 Na5 13.Na4 Qc6 1.26/20

[13...Qa6± 0.60/22]



14.a3!± Be7 15.Rc3 Nc4 16.b3 0-0 17.Bf1 Pin **17...Qc7 18.Nb2** Pin **18...Qa5 19.Nxc4**

[19.Qe1? Ncxe5 *(19...Nxa3? 20.Rxc8* Discovered Attack *Qxe1 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Nxe1+-)* 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 *(20...Qxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxc3 22.Nxd7=; 20...Rxc3 21.Bd2∓)* 21.dxe5 Qxc3-+ *(21...Rxc3 22.Bd2∓)*]

19...dxc4 20.Bd2

[20.Rxc4 Bc6±]

20...Bc6 21.bxc4 Rfd8 22.h4 Qb6 1.85/24

[22...Bf8± 1.42/18 might work better. 23.Rd3 Qa4]

23.h5 1.08/23

[White should try 23.Be3+- 1.85/24]

23...Nf8 1.98/22

[23...Bxf3± 1.08/23 24.Rxf3 Nh4]

24.Rb1 1.11/19

[24.Be3+- 1.98/22]

24...Bxf3 Remove Defender **25.Rxf3 Qxd4 26.Rxb7 Bg5 27.Rfxf7** 0.09/21

[Better is 27.Rd3± 0.99/26 Qe4 28.Rbb3 *(28.Bxg5 Rxd3 29.Bxd3 Qxb7=)* 28...Bxd2 29.Rxd2 *(29.Qxd2 Rxd3 30.Qxd3 Qxe5±)* 29...Rxd2 30.Qxd2 Qxe5 31.Rb5]

27...Rd7= 28.Rfxd7 Nxd7 29.Qa4

[29.Bd3 is interesting. Qxd3 30.Qg4 Qxd2 31.Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Rxd7 Qe1+ 33.Kg2]

29...Rf8? 5.20/25 White leaves nothing to chance now.

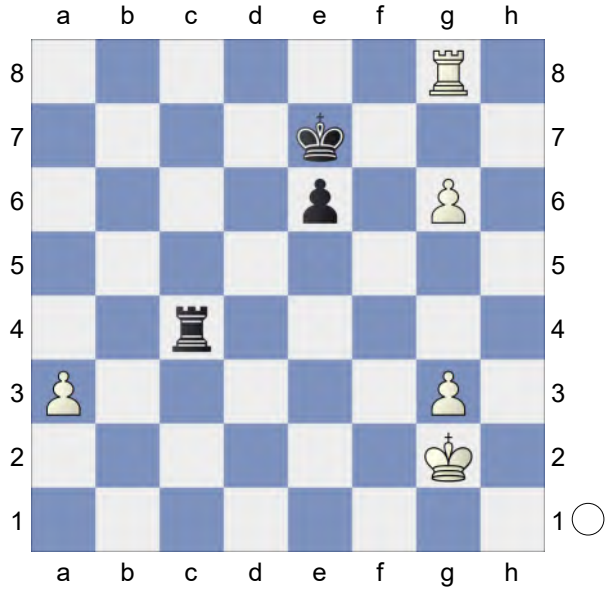
[29...Nxe5= 0.00/19 and Black stays safe. 30.Bxg5 Nf3+ 31.Kh1 Qxf2 32.Rxg7+ *(32.Qxa7? Qh2#)* 32...Kh8 33.Rxh7+ Kg8 34.Rg7+ Kh8 35.Rh7+ Kg8 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Rh7+]

30.Qxa7+-

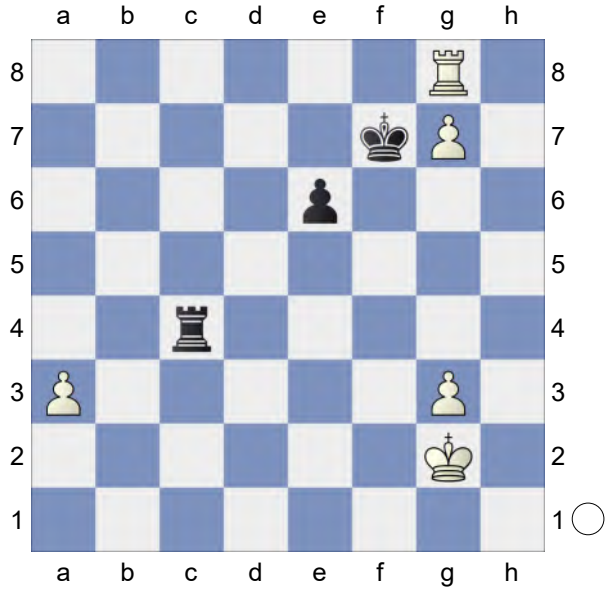
[30.Qxd7? gets mated. Qxf2+ *(30...Qxd2 31.Qxg7#)* 31.Kh1 Qxf1+ 32.Kh2 Rf2#]

30...Qxa7 31.Rxa7 Nxe5 32.Bxg5

Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Nxg5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **34.Bd3** Prevents Ne4. **34...Rd8 35.f4** White is clearly winning. **35...Rxd3 36.fxg5** KR-KR **36...Rc3 37.g6 hxg6 38.hxg6 Kf8 39.Rf7+ Ke8 40.Rxg7 Rxc4 41.Rg8+ Ke7**



42.g7! Kf7



43.Re8 Decoy, Clearance, Promotion **43...Kxg7 44.Rxe6 Ra4 45.Re3 Kg6 46.Kf2 Kg5 47.Ke2 Kf5 48.Kd2 Ra8 49.Kc2 Kf6 50.Kb3 Rb8+ 51.Ka2 Ra8 52.g4 Ra4 53.Rg3 Ra8 54.g5+ Kg6 55.Rg4 Kf5 56.Rg1 Kg6 57.Rg3 Ra7 58.Kb3 Rb7+ 59.Kc4 Ra7 60.Kb5 Rb7+ 61.Ka6 Rb1 62.a4**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.32

1-0

		B51
☐	**Sargsyan,Shant**	**2646**
■	**Salem,A.R. Saleh**	**2622**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.3) 12.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 (34) Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 (35) By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th 2012]

3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 (30) Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1

Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Ngf6 6.0-0 a6 7.Bd3 Nc5 8.Nc3 White has an edge. **8...e5 9.Nf5** -0.26/23

[9.Nb3 0.21/20 should be considered.]

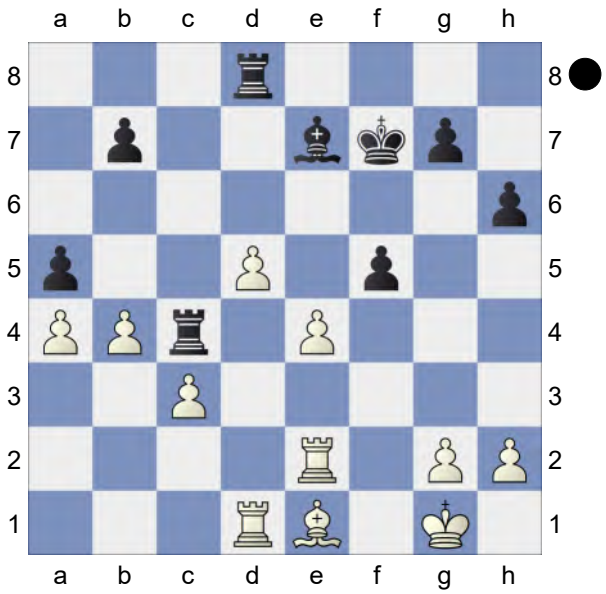
9...h6 0.39/21

[9...d5!= -0.26/23 10.Ng3 d4]

10.Ne3± Be6 11.b4 0.18/21

[White should try 11.Be2± 0.70/24]

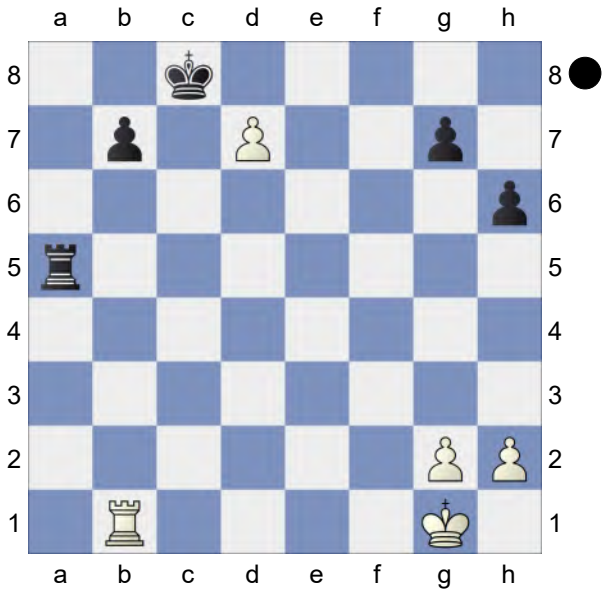
11...Nxd3= 12.Qxd3 Be7 13.a4 0-0 14.Rd1 Rc8 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Be1 Rfd8 17.Rab1 Bc4 18.Nxc4 Qxc4 19.Rb2 d5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Qxc4 Rxc4 22.exd5 e4 23.c3 f5 24.Re2 Kf7 25.f3 a5 26.fxe4



e5 is the strong threat. **26...fxe4 27.bxa5** Black must now prevent Rb2. **27...Rxa4 28.Bf2 Bf6 29.Bb6 Rd7 30.Rc2** Threatens to win with c4. **30...Rc4 31.Kf2 Ke7 32.Ke3** Hoping for Bd4. **32...Bg5+ 33.Ke2 Bf6 34.Rb2** 0.01/22

[34.h3± 0.40/24]

34...Rxc3 The position is equal. **35.Rb4 Rc2+ 36.Kf1 Kd6 37.Rxe4 Rf7 38.Re6+ Kd7** ...Bd4+ would now be deadly. **39.Kg1 Re7 40.Rxe7+ Bxe7** Endgame. KRB-KRB **41.Bd4 Bc5 42.Bxc5 Rxc5** KR-KR **43.Rb1 Kc8 44.d6 Rxa5** Strongly threatening ...b5. **45.d7+**



Decoy **45...Kxd7 46.Rxb7+ Ke6 47.Rxg7 Kf6** Prevents Rg6+.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

B22

□ **Artemiev,Vladislav** **2701**

■ **Zemlyanskii,Ivan** **2543**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.4) 12.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.Qa4+ Nbd7 5.Qb3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...b6N**

[8...Nb6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nbxd5 11.Rd1 Qd6 12.Bf3 Bg4 13.Nd2 Rad8 14.Nc4 Qb8 15.Re1 h6 16.Ne5 Bxf3 17.Ndxf3 e6 18.c4

Ne7 19.Bd2 Nd7 20.Bc3 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Nxe5 Nc6 ½-½ Andersen,M (2604)-Pechac,J (2633) Deutschland 156/42 2023]

9.Bb5 -0.36/22

[White should play 9.a4± 0.49/22]

9...Bb7!∓ 10.Bc6 Bxc6 11.dxc6 Nb8 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qc7 Prevents Bf4 **14.Qc4** The position is equal. **14...Rc8 15.Rd1 Nxc6**

[15...h6 is interesting. 16.Nd2 a6 17.Nf1 e5]

16.Qxc6 Qxc6 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.a4 e6 19.Na3 Nd5 20.Nc2 a6 21.Ne3 Nc7 22.Nc2 Nd5 23.Be3 Rac8 24.Kf1 Be5 25.h3 Kg7 26.Bd2 h5 27.Ne3 Ne7 28.Be1 R6c7 29.Ra3 Bf4 30.Nc2 Nd5 31.h4 Bd6 32.Raa1 Be7 33.g3 g5 34.hxg5 Bxg5 35.Rd4 Bf6 36.Re4 Rc4 37.f3 Kg6 38.Bf2 b5 39.axb5 axb5 40.Na3 Ra8 Hoping for ...Rxe4. **41.Nc2 Rxa1+ 42.Nxa1 Rc8 43.Nc2 Ra8 44.Nb4 Ra1+ 45.Kg2 Ne7 46.Nd3 Nd5** Repels Rb4.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

C77

□ **Idani,Pouya** **2603**
■ **Tabatabaei,M. Amin** **2695**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.5) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C77: Ruy Lopez: 3...a6 4 Ba4 Nf6, unusual lines

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Hoping for axb5. **7...Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.Nc3 0-0**

[9...d6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Bg4 13.h4 Rg8 14.hxg5 hxg5 15.Ne2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Bb6 17.c3 Ke7 18.Qd2 Rh8 19.0-0-0 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 Qg8 21.d4 b4 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Ba4 Rd8 24.Qc2 1-0 (82) Furrer,M (2635)-Deslandes,P (2766) 89/184 Wijk aan Zee 2004 (8)]

10.0-0 d6N

[10...h6 11.h3 d6 12.Nd5 Be6 13.c3 Bxd5 14.exd5 Ne7 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qd7 17.Ne2 Rfe8 18.Ng3 Nf5 19.Kh2 Nh4 20.Qd3 Re7 21.Bd2 Bb6 22.Rac1 Rbe8 23.Bc2 Ng6 24.Bb1 Re5 25.c4 0-1 (74) Zhurova,A (2269)-Mkrtchyan,M (2334) The Game has begun U20 Girls 2022 (9)]

11.Be3 -0.22/22

[⌓11.Bg5 0.19/26]

11...Bg4= 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nd4 Dodges Ne2 **14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Ra2 c6 16.Ne2 Bb6 17.Raa1 g6 18.Kh1 Kg7 19.Qg3 d5 20.Qxe5 Re8 21.Qc3 dxe4 22.dxe4 Rxe4 23.Ng3 b4**

[23...Re7 simplifies 24.Rad1 Qc7 25.Rd3 Qe5]

24.Qxc6 Qe8 0.00/27

[24...Rc8∓ -0.40/21 should be considered. 25.Qb7 Re7]

25.Qxe8 The position is equal. **25...Rexe8 26.Rad1 h5**

(Diagram)

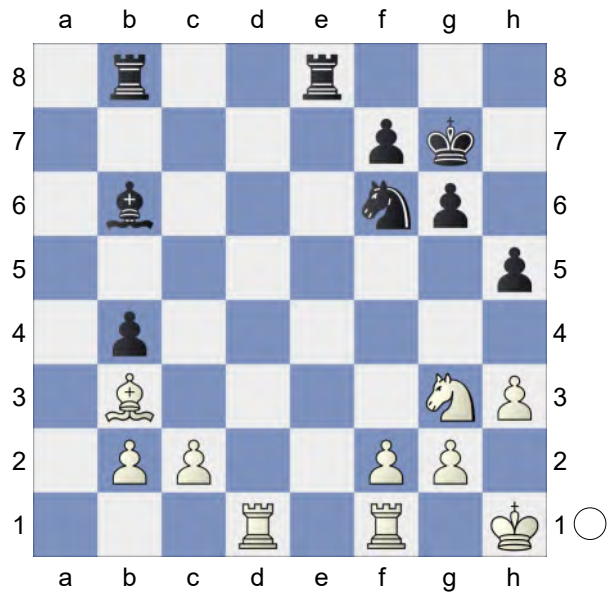
White must now prevent ...h4. **27.f3 Rbd8 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Ne4 h4 30.Nxf6 Kxf6 31.c3 bxc3 32.bxc3 Rd3 33.Rd1 Rxd1+**

[33...Rxc3? too greedy. 34.Rd6+ Ke7 35.Rxb6+-]

34.Bxd1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½



B90

□ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**
■ **Vokhidov,Shamsiddin** **2681**
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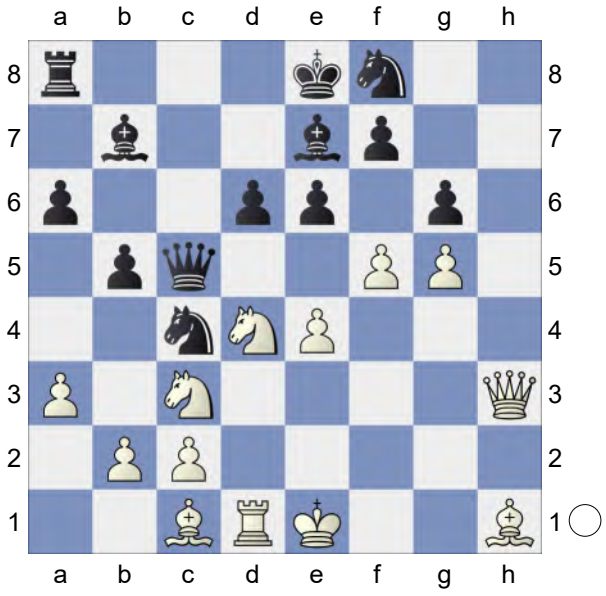
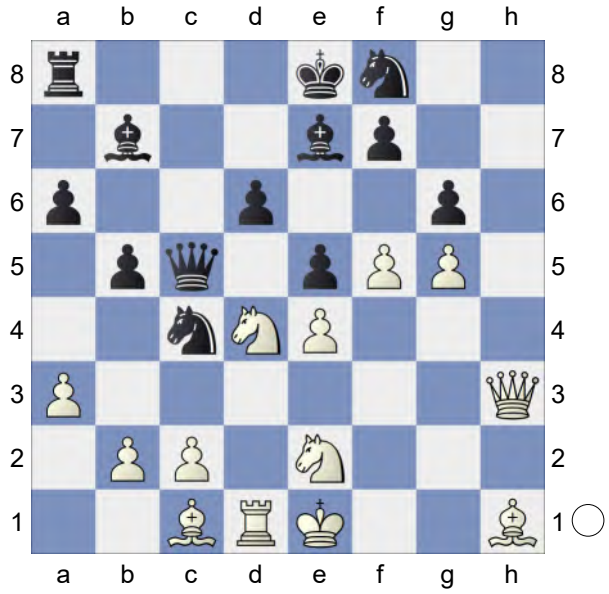
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Nb3 e6
[6...Nc6 7.Be3 e6 8.g4 h6 9.h4 *(9.Qe2 b5 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.f4 b4 12.Na4 Rb8 13.Bg2 e5* 6.Qf3,6-Rare Lines Full Theory MODERN CHESS 2023 *)* 9...b5 10.Bg2 Ne5 11.g5 Nfd7 12.f4 Nc4 13.Qe2 Nxb2 14.e5 Rb8 15.g6 Nc4 16.gxf7+ Kxf7 17.Ba7 Rb7 18.Bd4 Ndb6 19.0-0 d5 20.Rae1 b4 21.Nxd5 1-0 (39) 5.f3 c6 6. ♕ d2 b5 (2724)-C 10/13 (2655) VCC15 VCC 2003 (8.2)]
7.g4N
[7.a4 Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.f4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Na5 14.Nxa5 bxa5 28) 6.h4,6-6.Nb3 e6 7.a4 #2]
7...b5! 8.a3 Bb7 The position is equal.
9.Bg2 Be7 10.g5 Nfd7 11.f4 h6 0.82/21
[11...Nc6= -0.22/21]
12.h4 0.39/23
[White should try 12.Qh5± 0.82/21]
12...hxg5 13.hxg5 Rxh1+ 14.Bxh1 Qb6 0.88/20 Dodges Be3
[14...Nc6± 0.43/21]
15.Qf3!± Qg1+ 16.Ke2! Hoping for Be3. **16...Qb6 17.Be3 Qc7 18.Qh3 g6 19.f5** White is more active. **19...Ne5 20.Rd1**
[20.fxe6 Qc4+ 21.Kf2 Qxe6 22.Qh8+ Kd7]
20...Nbd7 21.Nd4 0.16/19
[21.Kd2± 0.65/22]
21...Nf8!= 22.Ke1 0.00/21
[22.Bg2± 0.45/19]
22...Nc4 0.36/18
[22...Rc8= 0.00/21]
23.Bc1±
[23.fxe6? Nxb2 24.Bd2 *(24.exf7+? Kxf7 25.Bd2 Nxd1-+)* 24...Nxd1 25.exf7+ Kxf7 26.Kxd1 Qc5-+]
23...Qc5 0.85/21
[23...Rc8± 0.43/22]



24.Nce2!±
[Much worse is 24.fxe6?! fxe6 25.Nce2 Bc8=]
24...e5



25.Nb3 0.03/23
[25.fxg6!± 0.78/22 fxg6 26.Ne6]
25...Qb6= 26.f6 Bd8 27.Rd3 -0.55/23
[27.Nc3= 0.00/22]
27...Bc8 -0.16/22
[27...b4∓ -0.55/23]
28.Qh2 -0.55/21
[28.Qg3= -0.16/22 feels stronger.]
28...b4!∓ 29.axb4 Qxb4+ 30.Nc3 a5 -0.01/21
[30...Be6∓ -0.71/25 Strongly threatening ...a5. 31.Bg2 Bb6]
31.Nd2!↑ White is pushing. **31...Nxb2** 0.43/19
[31...Nxd2= -0.01/21 was preferrable. 32.Qxd2 Be6]
32.Bxb2± Qxb2 4.02/19 A mistake that costs the game.
[32...Ba6± 1.12/22 is a better defense. 33.Rh3 Qxb2]
33.Nc4+- Qa1+ 34.Kd2 Ra6 35.Nb5 d5 36.Ncd6+ A dynamic duo of knights.
[Weaker is 36.Nxe5 Qa4+-]
[36.Qxe5+ Qxe5 37.Nxe5 Nd7 38.Nxd7 *(38.Rxd5 Nxe5 39.Rxe5+ Be6±)* 38...Bxd7 39.Rxd5 Bxb5 40.Re5+ *(40.Rxb5 a4=)* 40...Kd7 41.Rxb5 Bc7=]
36...Kd7 37.Qh3+ Skewer **37...Ne6 38.exd5** Pin.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

B50
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
■ **Daneshvar,Bardiya** **2600**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.7) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

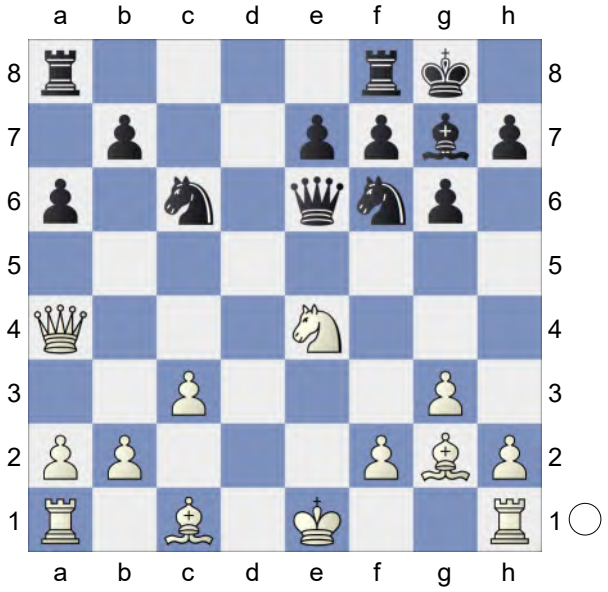
B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6N
[3...Nf6 4.g3 *(4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd5 Nh5 10.Rd1 Bg4 11.c3 Rc8 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 e6 14.Nf4 Ne5 15.Qe3 Nxf4 16.Qxf4 Qb6 17.Qe3 Qc6 18.Qxa7 Qxe4* 1-0 (64) Sokolovsky,Y (2532)-Bronstein,O (2439) Jerusalem op rapid 2024 (9)*)* 4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 Nc6 8.Re1 e5 9.a3 Nd4 10.h3 h6 11.Nd2 Kh7 12.b4 b6 13.Bb2 Be6 14.Nd5 Rc8 15.c3 Nc6 16.c4 Nd4 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.a4 0-1 (45) Mamedov,R (2646)-Sarana,A (2668) Speed Chess Q1 blitz 2022 (3) Nxd5 19.exd5 Bf5 20.Qb3 a5 21.c5 bxc5 22.b5 Ra8 23.Nc4 Qe7 24.Qc2 Rfb8 25.Qd2 Qd8 26.Rab1 h5 27.Red1 Bh6 28.Qe1 Bc8 29.b6 Ba6 30.Nxa5 Rxb6 31.Nc6 Qc7 32.Qe2 Re8 33.Qc2 0-1 (45) Mendez Fortes,E (2646)-Sivenkov,O (2668) 61/550 Tilburg 1994 (3)]
4.g3 g6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 0.07/19

[6.Nxd4± 0.47/24 was preferrable. Bg7 7.Bg2]

6...Nf6= 7.e5 Nc6 8.Qa4 dxe5 0.42/18

[8...Ng4!= -0.20/24]

9.Nxe5± Bd7 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.Bg2 Qe6+ 12.Ne4 Bg7 13.c3 0-0



14.Qb3! Nd5

[14...Qd7 15.Nxf6+]

15.0-0! Nc5! would now be deadly.

[15.Qxb7? Rfb8-+ *(15...Nxc3 16.Qb3∓; 15...Na5 16.Qxd5* Remove Defender, Decoy *Qxd5 17.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *Bxf6 18.Bxd5±; 15...Nxc3 16.Qb3∓; 15...Na5 16.Qxd5* Remove Defender, Decoy *Qxd5 17.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *Bxf6 18.Bxd5+-)*]

15...Na5

(Diagram)

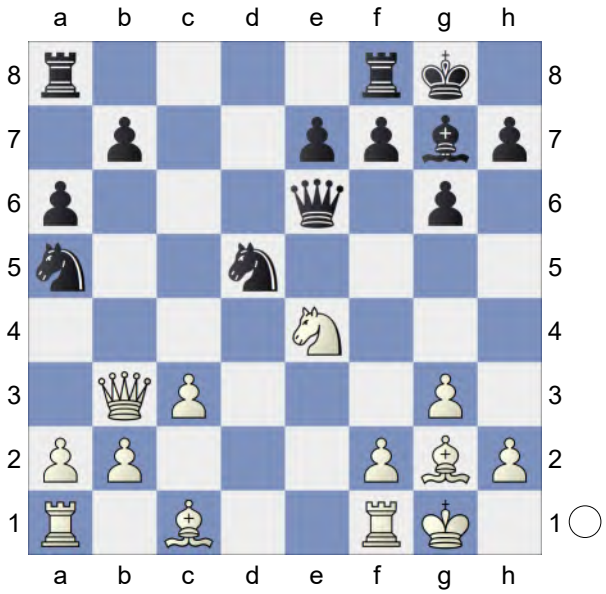
16.Nc5 Double Attack **16...Nxb3 17.Nxe6 Nxc1** 1.15/22

[⌓17...Nxa1 0.79/25 18.Nxf8 Nxc3]

18.Nxf8±

[18.Bxd5 Ne2+ *(18...fxe6 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Raxc1±)* 19.Kg2 fxe6∓]

18...Nxc3 19.bxc3 Ne2+ 20.Kh1 Kxf8



21.Rab1 Nxc3 22.Rxb7 Rd8 23.a3 0.17/21

[23.Rb2!± 1.32/26]

23...Bd4 0.82/23

[23...Bf6= 0.17/21]

24.Rb4 0.28/21

[24.f4± 0.82/23]

24...Kg7 0.81/26

[24...Bf6!= 0.28/21 keeps the balance.]

25.Rc4 Bf6 26.a4 Rd2 27.Bf3! Inhibits Nd1. **27...Ra2 28.Bc6! a5 29.Rc1 Ne2 30.R1c2 Ra1+ 31.Kg2 Nd4 32.Rc1 Ra2 33.Ba8** 0.07/24

[33.Be4!± 1.18/21]

33...h5 0.63/25

[33...Nf5!= 0.07/24]

34.h4↑ White has good play. **34...Nf5** 0.95/26

[34...Rd2± 0.49/26 feels stronger.]

35.R1c2! Ra3 36.Bc6! Nd4 37.R2c3 Ra1 38.Be4 Re1 2.31/29

[38...Ra2± 1.30/26 39.Re3 e6]

39.Re3!+- Ra1 40.Rd3 e5 3.26/24

[40...Ne2± 1.35/20 41.Bf3 Nc3 42.Rdxc3 *(42.Rcxc3 Bxc3 43.Rxc3 Rxa4+-)* 42...Bxc3]

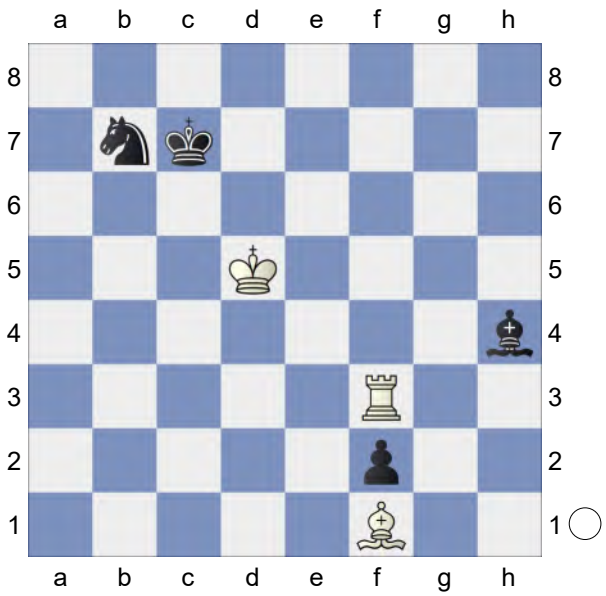
41.Bd5 1.94/23

[⌓41.Rc7 3.26/24]
41...Be7 42.Rdc3 Bd6 2.43/22 Prevents Rc7.
[42...Nf5± 1.57/22 43.Rf3 Re1]
43.Rc1 Rxc1 44.Rxc1 Endgame. KRB-KBN **44...f5?** 3.85/24
[44...Nf5 2.33/23 was called for. 45.Be4 Ne7]
45.f3 g5? 5.17/23
[45...Bb4 3.15/22 46.Rc4 Ne2 47.Rc7+ Kh6]
46.hxg5 Kg6 47.Rb1 2.20/25
[⌓47.f4 4.90/25]
47...Bb4? 4.49/28
[47...Kxg5 2.20/25 is a better defense. 48.Rb6 Bb4]
48.Rh1 2.15/24
[⌓48.f4 4.49/28]
48...Bd2 49.Bc4? 1.18/24
[49.Rd1+- 2.98/26 has better winning chances. Bxg5 50.Kh3]
49...Bxg5 2.80/24
[49...f4± 1.18/24 might work better. 50.gxf4 Bxf4]
50.Bb5 f4 51.Bd3+
[51.gxf4?! Bxf4 52.Be8+ Kf6 53.Rxh5 *(53.Bxh5 Ke6+-)* 53...Ke7+-]
51...Kf6 52.gxf4 Bxf4 53.Rxh5 Ke6 54.Rh8 Kd6 55.Rc8 Bd2 56.Kf2 Kd7 57.Rc4 Ke6 58.Bh7 Kd6 59.Be4 Ke6 60.Rc5 Bb4 61.Rc1 Bd2 62.Rc5 Bb4 63.Rd5 Nb3 64.Rd8 Ke7 65.Rg8 Nc5 66.Bc6 Ne6 2.95/24
[⌓66...Kf6 1.86/30 67.Ke3 Be1 68.Rf8+ Kg5]
67.Ke3 Nc5 68.Rg6 Kf7 69.Rh6 Ke7 2.95/27
[69...Kg7± 1.54/24]
70.Bb5 Ba3 aiming for ...Bc1+. **71.Rc6 Bc1+ 72.Kf2 Ba3 73.Kg3** Black must now prevent Kg4. **73...Ne6 74.Ra6 Bb4 75.Kg4 Nd4 76.Bc4 Bd2 77.Rb6 Kd7 78.Bd5 Kc7 79.Ra6 Kd7 80.Kh5 Ne2 81.Be4 Ke7 82.Kg6 Nd4 83.Bd5 Be1 84.Ra7+ Kd6 85.Be4** Kf6 is the strong threat. **85...Ke6** 2.52/26
[85...Bc3± 1.24/22 86.Rf7 Kc5]
86.Rc7 Bd2 87.Rf7 Bb4 88.Bf5+ 0.75/28
[88.Rb7+- 1.84/25]
88...Kd5± 89.Rd7+ 0.51/26
[89.Be4+± 1.17/23 Ke6 90.Rh7]
89...Bd6 1.73/25
[89...Kc4± 0.51/26]
90.Ra7 0.93/18
[White should try 90.Be4++- 1.73/25 Ke6 91.Ra7]
90...Bb4 91.Bg4 0.53/24
[91.Be4+± 0.95/22 Ke6 92.Ra6+ Ke7 93.Bd5]
91...Nb3 1.19/25
[91...Bc3± 0.53/24]
92.Kf6 0.34/21
[92.Rd7+± 1.19/25 Bd6 93.Bf5]
92...Nc5± 93.Kf5 Nxa4 94.Rd7+ Bd6 95.f4 Nb6 96.Bf3+ Kc5 97.Ra7 exf4 98.Rxa5+ Kb4 99.Ra6 Nc4 100.Be2 Strongly threatening Bxc4. **100...Ne3+ 101.Ke4 Kc5 102.Ra4 Bc7 103.Ra1 Kc6 104.Rc1+ Kd7 105.Bb5+ Kd8 106.Rh1** Black should prevent Rh7. **106...Kc8** 0.48/27
[106...Ke7!= 0.12/30 might be stronger.]
107.Bc6 Bd6 1.88/24
[107...Kb8!± 0.47/24]
108.Rh7+- Kb8 109.Kd4 0.79/23
[109.Rb7++- 1.64/28 Kc8 110.Rh7]
109...Kc8 1.80/23
[109...Nf5+± 0.79/23 110.Kd5 Ba3]
110.Rf7 Kb8 111.Rd7 1.48/23
[111.Bb5+- 1.87/26]
111...Kc8± 112.Ke4
[112.Rxd6 Nf5+ 113.Ke4 Nxd6+ 114.Kxf4 Nf7=]

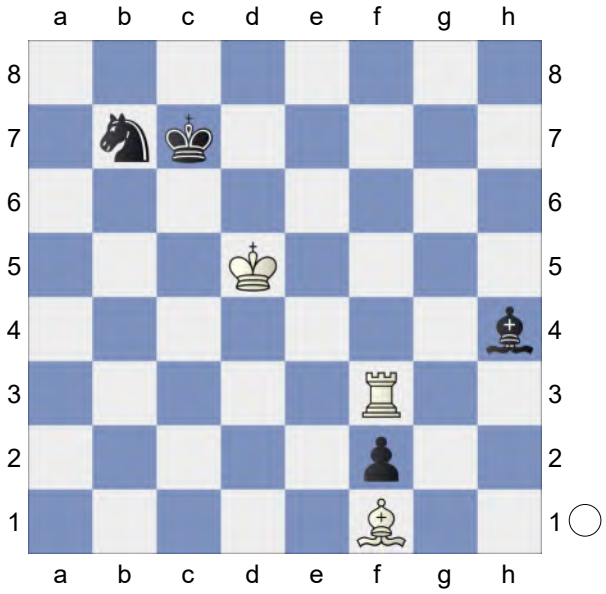
112...Bc7 113.Rg7 0.69/26
[113.Rh7!± 1.36/26]
113...Bd6 1.89/28
[113...Kb8± 0.69/26]
114.Kd3 Kb8 115.Rh7 0.31/24
[115.Rb7+± 1.53/27 Kc8 116.Rg7]
115...Be5 1.78/23
[115...Nf5!± 0.31/24]
116.Ke4+- Bd6 117.Kd4 0.79/23
[117.Rb7++- 1.62/25 is more deadly. Kc8 118.Rg7]
117...Kc8 1.51/28
[⌓117...Nf5+ 0.79/23 118.Kd3 Bc7]
118.Rd7 Bb4 119.Ke4 0.87/23
[Better is 119.Rf7 1.34/28]
119...Nc4± 120.Rd4
[120.Kxf4 Na5 121.Bb5 Nc4=]
120...Na5! 121.Bd5 0.23/23
[Of course not 121.Rxb4?! Nxc6 122.Rb1 Kd7=]
[121.Ba4± 0.97/26 Bc5 122.Rd5]
121...Bd6 1.20/25
[121...Bc5= 0.23/23 remains equal.]
122.Be6+! Kc7 123.Kd5! Repels Bc5. White is more active. **123...f3 124.Rd3** 0.46/30
[124.Ra4± 1.20/24]
124...f2 0.97/29
[Black should play 124...Bb4!± 0.46/30]
125.Rf3 0.38/30
[125.Rc3+!± 0.97/29 Kb7 126.Rf3]
125...Bg3 1.20/33 **126.Bh3 Bh4 127.Bf1** Hoping for Rc3+. **127...Nb7?** 2.50/26
[127...Kb6± 0.92/28]

(Diagram)

128.Rh3 1.37/24
[128.Rc3+!+- 2.50/26 Kb8 129.Kc6 Na5+ 130.Kd7]
128...Bg5 129.Rf3 Bh4 2.01/25



[129...Na5± 0.91/28]



130.Ke4? 0.15/29
[130.Rc3+!+- 2.01/25 Kb8 131.Kc6 Na5+ 132.Kd7]
130...Nc5+ 131.Kf4 Nd7 132.Kf5 Kd6 133.Rd3+ Ke7 134.Rd2 Bg3 135.Re2+ Kd6 136.Kg4 Be5 137.Rxf2 Nc5 138.Kf5
[Much less strong is 138.Rf5?! Ne4±]
138...Bc3 Repels Rd2+ **139.Rc2 Ba5 140.Bc4 Na4 141.Ra2 Nb6! 142.Bf7 Bc3 143.Ke4**

[143.Ra6 Bd4 144.Ke4 Bg1=]
143...Nd7 144.Ra3 Nc5+ 145.Kf5 Bb2 146.Ra2 Bc3 147.Rc2 Bg7 148.Rg2 Bc3 149.Rg6+ Ke7 150.Bd5 Bd4 151.Rg4 Bh8 152.Rg6 Bd4 153.Kf4 Kd7 154.Kf3 Ke7 155.Ke2 Kd7 156.Kd2 Ke7 The position is equal. **157.Kc2 Bf6 158.Rh6 Bd4 159.Kb1 Nd3 160.Re6+ Kd7 161.Re4 Bf6 162.Ka2 Nc5 163.Re2 Kd6 164.Bc4 Bc3 165.Ka3 Ba5 166.Re6+ Nxe6 167.Bxe6 Kxe6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.35
½-½

C83

□ **Abdisalimov,Abdimalik** **2536**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2668**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.8) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Be7 10.Nbd2 Nc5 11.Bc2 d4 12.Nb3 d3 13.Nxc5
[13.Bb1 seems wilder. Nxb3 14.axb3 Bf5 15.b4]
13...dxc2 The position is equal. **14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Be3 Rd5 17.Rac1 Nxe5 18.Nxe5**
[Much worse is 18.Rxc2 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bd6∓]
18...Rxe5 19.Rxc2 Kf7 20.Rd1N
[20.c4 b4 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Bxd8 23.Kf1 Bg5 24.Bd4 *(24.Ba7 Rf5 25.Ke2 Ke8 26.Kd3 Kd7 27.f3 c5 28.Re2 Be7 29.Bb8 a5 30.Ke4 Kc6 31.Be5 g6 32.g4 Rf8 33.Rd2 a4 34.Bg3 h5 35.Rd3 hxg4 36.fxg4 Rf1 37.b3 a3 38.Rd2 g5* ½-½ (46) Comp Fritz6 (2530)-Potter,R (2550) Werfen op 1993*)* 24...Ra5 25.b3 Bf6 26.Be3 Bg5 27.Ba7 Ra3 28.Bb8 Bd8 29.Ba7 a5 30.Bc5 Be7 14.g4 hg4 15. ♗f6 ♗f6-Herzog,A (ol) 121/114 2014]
20...Rd8 21.Rxd8 Bxd8= Endgame. KRB-KRB **22.Kf1 Bg5 23.Bxg5 Rxg5** KR-KR **24.Rd2 Ke7** Against Rd7+ **25.Rd1 Rf5 26.Rd2 Rg5 27.Rd1 Rf5 28.Rd2 Rg5 29.Rd1 Rf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

B07

□ **Galaviz Medina,Sion Radamantys**
■ **Narayanan,S.L.** **2647**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.9) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

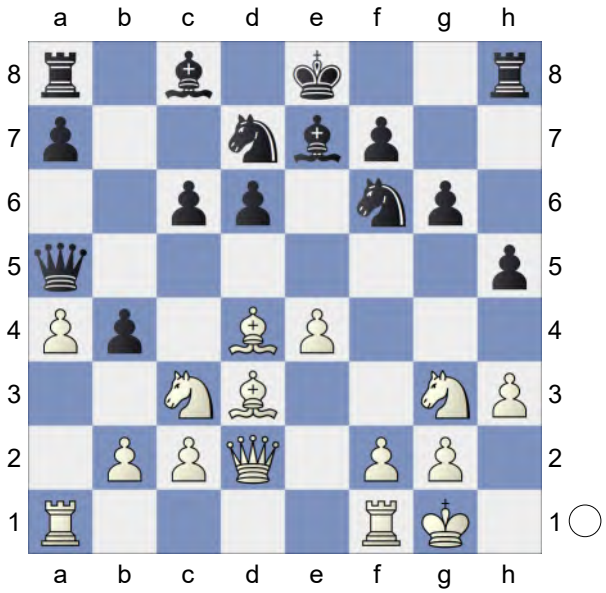
B07: Pirc Defence: Miscellaneous Systems
Mokry,K: 'Inf 53/120' **1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3**
[3.Bd3 c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.0-0 e6 6.Nbd2 d5 7.c3 Be7 8.Re1 dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Nd7 11.h3 Bh5 12.Qe2 Nf6 13.Bf4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Qd5 15.Qxd5 cxd5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Ne5 Be4 0-1 (48) Daniel,J (1847)-Prie,E (2053) Rohde op 12th 2012 (2)]
3...e5N
[3...c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Qe2 e6 7.g4 Bg6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxf6 *(9.h4 h5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Bh3 hxg4 12.Bxg4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.h5 Bh7 15.Rg1 Nc6 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.Bh3 Qf4+ 18.Kb1 Bf5 19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Ne1 0-0-0 21.Rh1 Rdg8 22.Rd3 Rg4 23.h6 Kb8* 1-0 (64)

Hebden,M (2530)-Adams,M (2685) Hastings 9697 1996 (1)) 9...Bxf6 10.h4 h5 11.g5 Be7 12.0-0-0 Nd7 13.Bh3 d5 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Qa5 16.exd5 cxd5 17.f4 0-0 18.f5 0-1 (47) Epishin,V (2615)-Mokry,K (2525) Wien 53/120 1991 exf5 19.Rxd5 Qb4 20.Bg2 Rfe8 21.Kb1 Bf8 22.Qf2 a6 23.Rhd1 Rac8 24.Ne2 f4 25.R1d2 Rxe5 26.Nc3 Bc5 27.a3 Bxf2 28.axb4 Re1+ 29.Ka2 Bxh4 30.Ra5 Rc7 31.Rc5 Rxc5 32.bxc5 Re5 33.b4 1-0 (43) Tal,M-Unzicker,W Stockholms Schackforbund-03 1960/61 (3)]

4.Nge2 c6 5.h3 h5 6.a4 Be7 7.Be3 Qa5 8.Qd2 White is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.Ng3 g6** Inhibits Nf5. **10.Bd3 exd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.0-0**

[12.axb5? is the wrong capture. Qxa1+ 13.Ke2 Qa5 *(13...Qxb2 14.Rb1±)* 14.bxc6 Ne5-+]

12...b4



Hoping for ...h4! **13.Nd1! c5 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.Ne3 h4** 0.97/20

[15...Bb7± 0.40/21]

16.Ne2± Bb7 17.Nf4 Kf8 18.Rae1 0.61/20

[Better is 18.Bc4± 0.97/21]

18...Qc7 19.Nc4 0.21/23

[19.Bc4± 0.93/20]

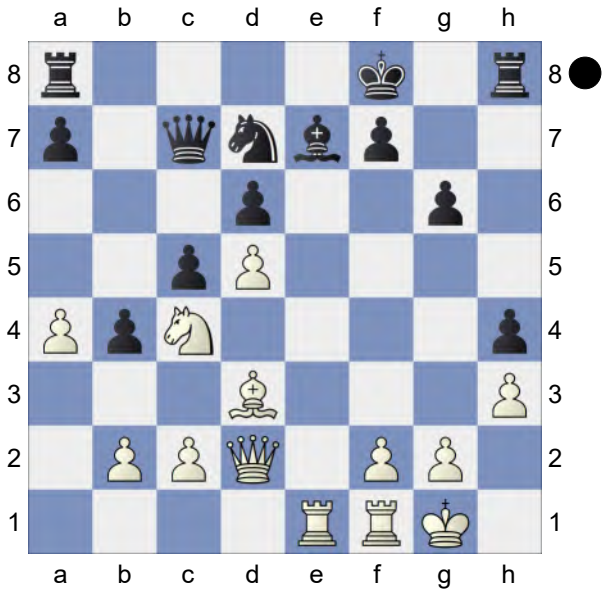
19...Nd7 0.79/19

[19...Re8= 0.21/23 remains equal.]

20.Nd5 0.01/20 White is much more active.

[20.Ne3± 0.79/19]

20...Bxd5= 21.exd5



Qf4 is the strong threat. **21...Nb6** 0.50/23 Black is weak on the light squares

[21...Ne5!= 0.02/22 should be considered.]

22.Nxb6 0.00/25

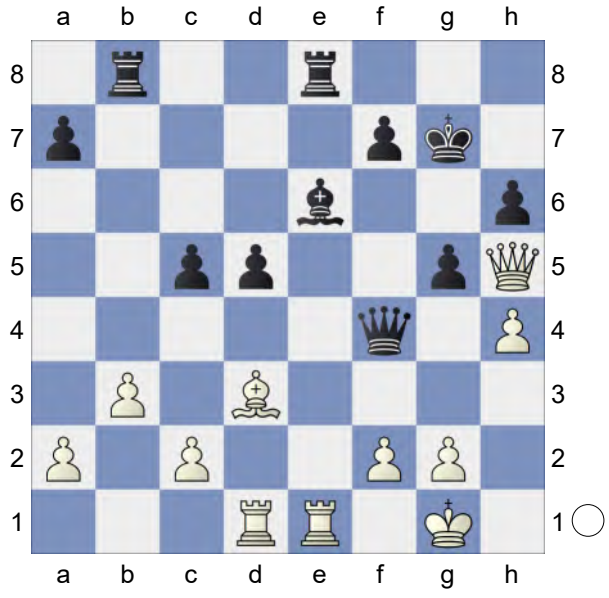
[22.Ne3!± 0.50/23]

22...axb6 23.Qf4 Repels Bf6 **23...Kg7 24.b3 Rh5 25.Qe4 Re5 26.Qc4 Rh8 27.f4 Rxe1 28.Rxe1 Bf6 29.Qe4 Bc3 30.Qe7** The position is equal. **30...Qxe7 31.Rxe7 Rh5 32.Kf2 Rxd5 33.Rxf7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

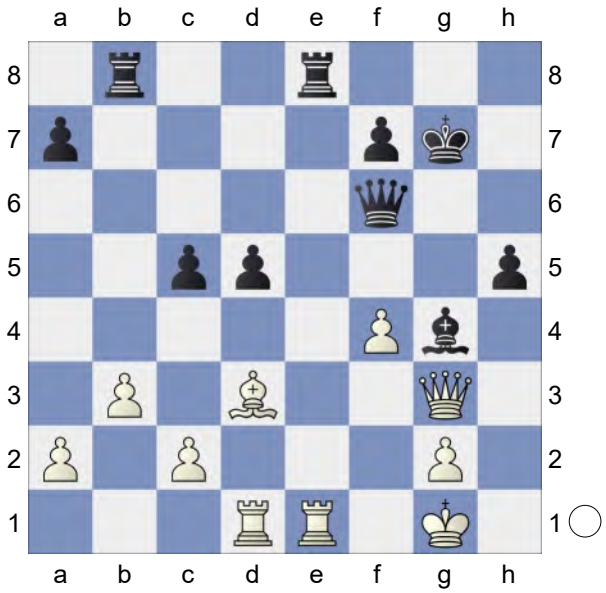
½-½

C47
□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
■ **Nguyen,Ngoc Truong Son** **2646**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.10) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3 Wards off Bg4 **10...c6 11.Qf3 Rb8 12.Bf4** White has an edge. **12...Bd6 13.b3 Be6 14.Ne2 Re8 15.Rad1 c5** 0.40/23
[15...Bxf4= 0.00/22 is more appropriate. 16.Nxf4 Qa5]
16.Rfe1 h6 17.Bxd6N
[17.c4 d4 18.Ng3 a5 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.Bxf5 g6 22.Bc2 Kg7 23.Qd3 Qb6 24.a3 a4 25.bxa4 Qa5 26.Kf1 Nd7 27.Qg3 Qa6 28.Kg1 Qxc4 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Bb3 Qe2 31.Qc7 Rb8 0-1 (34) Van Foreest,L (2535)-Spyropoulos,N (2403) 2020 (9.9)]
17...Qxd6 18.Nf4 g5 19.Nh5 Nxh5 20.Qxh5 Kg7 21.h4 Qf4



And now ...Bg4 would win. **22.hxg5 Qxg5 23.Qh2** Re5 is the strong threat. **23...Bg4 24.f4 Qf6** 0.47/26
[24...Qh5!= 0.09/25 25.Qxh5 Bxh5 26.Rxe8 Rxe8]
25.Qg3± h5



26.Re5! Rxe5 27.fxe5 Qg5 Strongly threatening ...h4. **28.Rf1** Hoping for e6! **28...h4 29.Qf4** 0.00/32
[29.Qf2± 0.47/29 Rf8 30.Qf4 *(30.Qxc5 h3±)*]
29...Qxf4= 30.Rxf4 Rb4 31.c4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

A07
□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Srihari,L R** **2484**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.11)
[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems
1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.d4
[4.0-0 Nf6 *(4...Nd7 5.d3 Ngf6 6.c4 e6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.e4 N5f6 9.Nc3*

Be7 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qc2 c5 12.Rfd1 Nh5 13.Be3 e5 14.a4 a6 15.Qb3 Nhf6 16.Bh3 Bd6 17.Nh4 Nb8 18.Nf5 g6 19.Nxd6 1-0 (39) Jones,G (2640)-Wadsworth,M (2456) 110th ch-GBR 2024 (4.2)*)* 5.b3 g6 6.Bb2 Bg7 7.c4 dxc4 8.bxc4 c5 9.d3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.a4 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Bxb7 Rab8 15.Bf3 Ne8 16.Ra3 a5 17.Rb3 Nc7 18.Qb1 Qe6 0-1 (44) Ferri,S (2756)-Pires,A (2700) Julius Baer Rapid Div 2 L 2023 (2)]

4...e6 5.0-0 Nd7 6.a4N

[6.Nbd2 Ngf6 7.b3 c5 8.e3 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.c4 Rc7 13.Rc1 Qa8 14.Qe2 dxc4 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.bxc4 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rcc8 18.Nd3 Bf8 19.Nf3 Qa6 20.Nfe5 Nxe5 ½-½ (40) Efimenko,Z (2643)-Mikhalevski,V (2572) Montreal 6th 2005 (2)]

[6.c4 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 Ngf6 9.Rd1 b5 10.Qd3 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Be3 Qb6 13.Bd4 0-0 14.Nc3 e5 15.Bxc5 Nxc5 16.Qd6 Qxd6 17.Rxd6 b4 18.Nd1 e4 19.Ne5 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 0-1 (28) Crittenden,R (2538)-Ballin,A (2531) Izhevsk Corporation Cup-A 4th 2012 (4) 21.Kf1 b3 22.Ne3 Nd5 23.N5c4 Nxe3+ 24.Nxe3 Rd2 25.Nd1 bxa2 26.Ke1 Bd5 27.Rc1 g6 28.Nc3 Nb3 0-1 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2538)-Mastrovasilis,A (2531) GRE-ch 70th Lamia 2021 (4)]

6...a6 7.Ne5 Bd6 8.Nxd7 Qxd7 9.c4 Nf6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.a5 0.00/21

[11.Bg5± 0.43/23]

11...Bb4 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Na2 Threatens to win with Nxb4. **13...bxa5**

[13...Bxa5 14.b4±]

14.Nxb4 axb4 15.Ra5 Repels Qb5

15...Rfd8 0.12/22

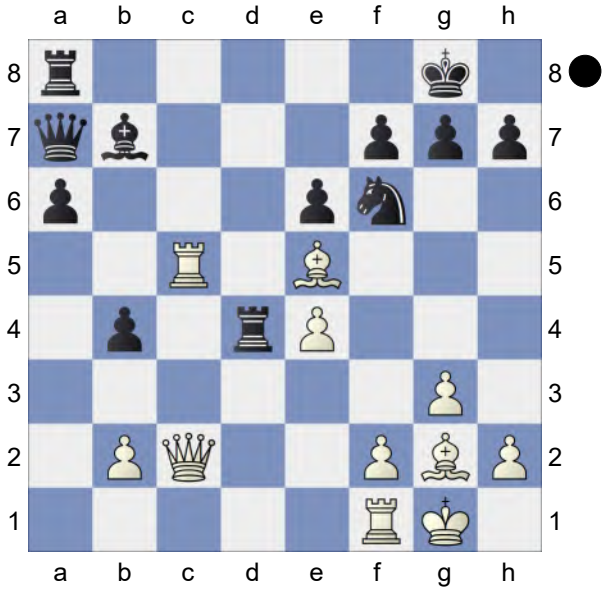
[15...Bc6∓ -0.38/20]

16.Qc2 White has compensation.

16...Qd6 17.Rc5 Qb6 18.e4 -0.25/22

[⌓18.Bg5 0.11/22 f6 19.Bd2]

18...Nf6= Discovered Attack **19.Bf4 Rxd4 20.Bxc7 Qa7 21.Be5**



Rd2 Deflection **22.Qc1 Rad8**

[22...Nxe4? 23.Bxe4 Bxe4 24.Rc7+-]

23.Bc7 R8d7

[23...Nxe4?! 24.Bxe4 Bxe4 25.Bxd8 Rxd8 26.Rc8±]

24.Ba5 aiming for Rc8+! **24...h6**

[24...Bxe4? 25.Rc8++- *(25.Bxb4 R2d4+-; 25.Bxb4 R2d4+-)*]

[24...Nxe4? 25.Bxe4 f5 26.Qc4+- *(26.Bxb4 fxe4 27.Bxd2 Rxd2+-)*]

25.Rc4 -1.79/23 Now White is beyond hope.

[25.Bxb4∓ -0.51/22 R2d4 26.Ba5]

25...Ng4-+ 26.Rxb4 Rxf2

[26...Nxf2? 27.Bb6 Qa8 28.Bxf2+- *(28.Rxf2? Rd1+ 29.Rf1 Rxc1-+)*]

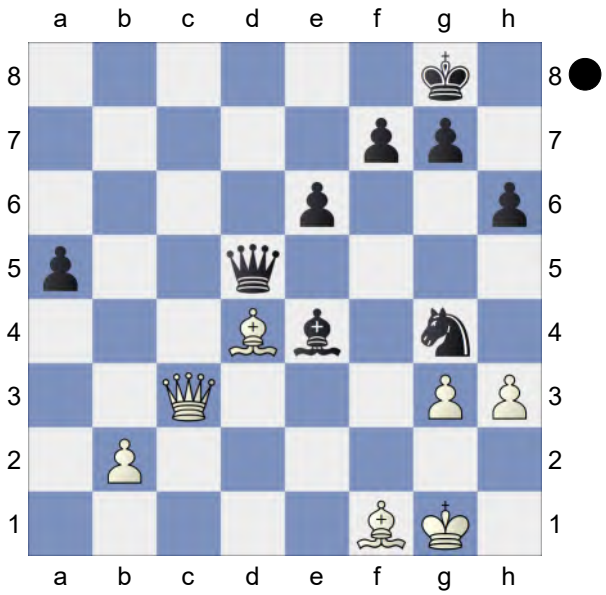
27.Bb6 Rxf1+ 28.Bxf1 Qa8↑ Keeping White busy. **29.Rd4 Rxd4 30.Bxd4 Bxe4** ...Ne5! would now be deadly. **31.Qc4 a5** -1.41/22

[31...Bb7-+ -1.89/25 White must now prevent ...Qd8. 32.Bh3 h5]

32.Qc3 -2.10/21

[32.Bc3∓ -1.41/22 might work better.]

32...Qd5 ...e5 is the strong threat. **33.h3**



Nf6 Deflection **34.Bxf6** -3.56/19

[⌓34.Qc5 -2.40/19]

34...gxf6 35.Qxf6 Endgame. KQB-KQB **35...Qd2 36.g4?** -4.24/27

[36.Qf2 -2.48/24 Qd6 37.Kh2]

36...Qe3+ 37.Qf2 Qg5 38.Qd4 Qf4 (-> ...Qg3+) **39.Bg2 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qc7+ 41.Kg1 Bg6** -1.95/21

[⌓41...Bxg2 -3.43/23 42.Kxg2 Qb7+ 43.Kf2 Qb4]

42.Kf2 -2.94/22 Dodges Qg3+

[⌓42.Qe3 -1.95/21]

42...h5 43.Bf3? -5.64/20

[43.gxh5 -2.13/19 is more resistant. Bxh5 44.h4]

43...h4 44.Ke3 e5 45.Qd2 Qb6+ 46.Ke2 e4 47.Bg2 Kh7 -2.37/20

[⌓47...Qb5+ -5.86/22 48.Kd1 Qe5]

48.Qc1? -6.84/22

[48.Qc3 -2.37/20]

48...Qb3 Strongly threatening ...Qg3. **49.Qd2 Qg3 50.Kd1 e3 51.Qe2 Qd6+ 52.Ke1 Qd4** Hoping for ...Bd3. **53.Bf1 a4** -10.16/19

Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/Black=0.29 (precise)

[⌓53...Qb4+ -#18/15 54.Kd1 Qd4+ 55.Ke1 a4 *(55...Qb4+* leads to mate. *56.Kd1 Qd4+ 57.Ke1)* 56.Qh2 Qb4+ 57.Kd1 Be4 58.Bc4 Qxc4 *(58...Bf3+ 59.Kc1 Be4 60.Kd1 Qxc4 61.Qe2 Qd4+ 62.Ke1 Bd3 63.g5 Bxe2 64.Kxe2 Qd2+ 65.Kf3 e2 66.Kg4 e1Q 67.g6+ fxg6 68.Kf3 Qee2#)* 59.Qe2 Qd4+ 60.Ke1 Bd3 61.g5 Bxe2 62.Kxe2 Qd2+ *(62...Qxb2+* gets mated. *63.Kxe3 a3 64.Kf4 Qd4+ 65.Kf5 a2 66.g6+ fxg6+ 67.Ke6 a1Q 68.Ke7 Qe1+ 69.Kf8 Qg7#)* 63.Kf3 e2 *(63...Qxb2* is a self mate. *64.Kxe3 a3 65.Kf4 a2 66.Ke4 a1Q 67.g6+ Kxg6 68.Kd5 Qd4+ 69.Kc6 Qa8+ 70.Kc7 Qdd8#)* 64.Kg4 e1Q *(64...e1B 65.Kf3 Qd3+ 66.Kg2 Qe2+ 67.Kg1 Qf2+ 68.Kh1 Qf1+ 69.Kh2 Bg3#)* 65.g6+ fxg6 66.Kf3 Qee2#]

0-1

C01

□ **Madaminov,Mukhiddin** **2501**

■ **Ivanchuk,Vasyl** **2630**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.12)

[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Qe2+ Be7

[6...Qe7 7.Qxe7+ Bxe7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 c6 10.Nbd2 Bg4 11.Rfe1 Re8 12.Ne5 Bh5 13.h3 Nbd7 14.g4 Bg6 15.g5 Nxe5 16.gxf6 Nxd3 17.fxe7 Nxf4 0-1 Novik,M (2375)-Ivanov,A (2068) Titled 1st Nov Late 2023 (3)]

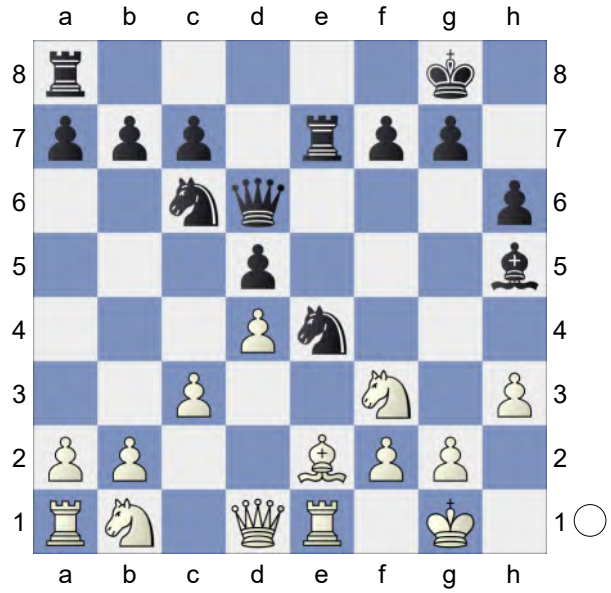
7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5N

[8.Re1 Re8 *(8...Nc6 9.c3 Re8 10.Bg5 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nbd2 a6 13.Qf1 Bg6 14.Re3 Nh5 15.Rae1 Qd7 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Rxe7 Nxe7 18.Ne5 Qd6 19.Ndf3 Nf4 20.Nxg6 hxg6 21.Bc2 Qf6 22.h4 Nf5 23.g3* 1-0 (41) Trkaljanov,V (2682)-Wirsching,A (2595) Bled op 21st 2000 (5) *Ne6 24.Qd3 Nd6 25.Ne5 Nf8 26.Ng4 Qd8 27.Kg2 Qd7 28.Qf3 Re8 29.Ne5 Qb5 30.b3 Qa5 31.a4 c6 32.h5 gxh5 33.Qxh5 f6 34.Nc4 Qc7 35.Rxe8 Nxe8 36.Qxe8 dxc4 37.bxc4 Qd7 38.Qxd7* (41) Drygalov,A-Gong,D Part 5 Chapter 3 *Nxd7 39.c5 b5 40.Bf5 Nb8 41.a5* Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game 16*)* 9.Bg5 Bd7 10.Qd1 h6 11.Bh4 Nc6 12.c3 Nh5 13.Bg3 Nxg3 14.hxg3 Bg4 15.Nbd2 Qd6 16.Nf1 Be6 17.Qc2 Bf6 18.Bh7+ Kf8 19.Bf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 g6 21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.gxf4 Rxe1 (55) Chapter-Games Chapter 4 Game 17]

8...Nc6 9.Re1 h6 10.Bh4 Bg4 11.c3 Re8! 12.Qd1 Ne4 13.Bxe7 -0.34/24

[13.Bg3!= 0.15/25]

13...Rxe7∓ 14.h3 Bh5 15.Be2 Qd6



...Rae8 would now be deadly. **16.Nbd2! f5 17.Nxe4 fxe4 18.Nd2 Bxe2** -0.12/20

[18...Bg6!∓ -0.57/22 is more appropriate.]

19.Rxe2= The position is equal. **19...Rf8 20.f3! exf3 21.Nxf3 Nd8**

[21...Qg3 keeps more tension. 22.Nh2 Rf4 23.Qe1 Qg5]

22.Rxe7 Qxe7 23.Ne5 Nf7 24.Nxf7

[24.Ng4 simplifies h5 25.Nh2 Nd6 26.Qd2]

24...Qe3+ 25.Kh2 Rxf7 Endgame. KQR-KQR **26.Qe1 Qf4+ 27.Kg1 c6 28.Qe2 Qg5 29.Qe6 Qf6 30.Qxf6 Rxf6 31.Re1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

C48

□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**

■ **Pranav,V** **2621**

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[Kitty Kat]

C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4

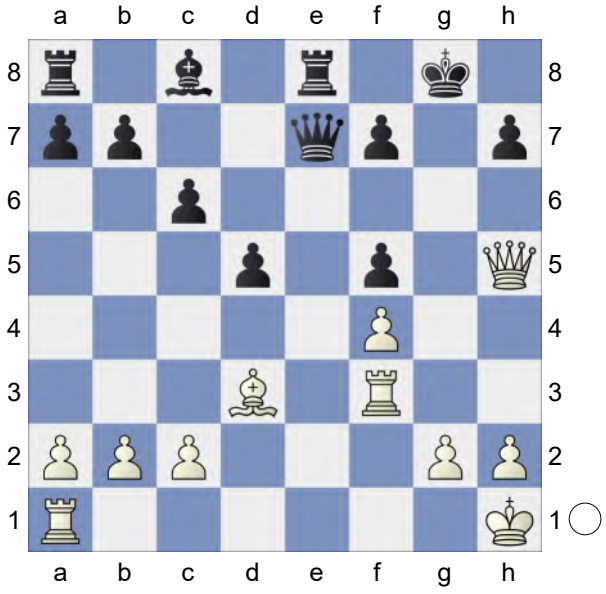
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bd6 8.dxe5 Bxe5 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Bg5

[10.Nb5!?]

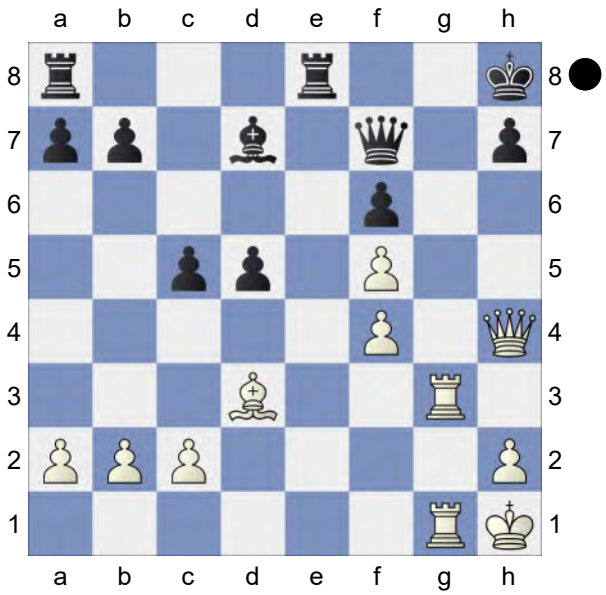
10...c6 11.Kh1 f4 is the strong threat.

[11.Qf3 d6 12.h3 Be6 13.Rad1 Qa5 14.Bd2 Rad8 15.a3 Qb6 16.b3 h6 17.g4 Qc7 18.Rfe1 d5 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Ne4 Nf4 21.Bf1 Bd5 22.c4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Ne6 24.Bg2 Qd6 25.Rde1 Bh2+ ½-½ (43) Garv,R (2402)-Risky Lion Model Game #2: Dav,A (2536) POL-ch 55th Ksiaz 1998 (4.1)]

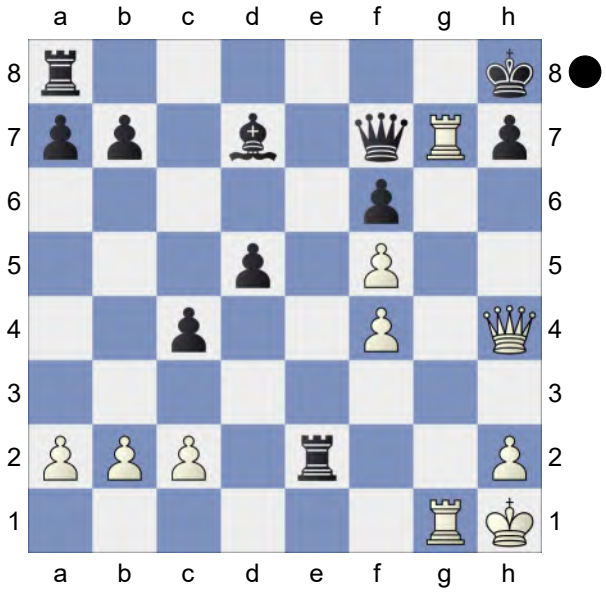
11...Qc7N 2.14/21
[11...h6= -0.07/20 and Black is okay. 12.Bh4 Qa5 *(12...Qc7)*]
[11...Qa5 12.f4 Bxc3 13.e5 Bxe5 14.fxe5 Rxe5 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qg4+ Rg5 17.Qh4 h5 18.Rxf6 Qe5 19.Qf2 d6 20.Rxf7 Be6 21.Rf1 Bd5 22.Rf8+ Kg7 23.Qf7+ Bxf7 24.R1xf7+ Kh6 25.Rh7# 1-0 Ebert,L (2433)-Tugarin,A (2481) 42/259 Nikea 1986 (8.3)]
12.f4!+- Bxc3 13.e5! d5 3.01/23
[13...Bxb2 14.exf6 gxf6 *(14...Bxa1? 15.Qh5+-)* 15.Rb1 *(15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5+ Kg8+-)* 15...fxg5 16.Rxb2±]
[⌓13...d6 1.89/21]
14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qh5 f5 17.Rf3? 0.16/25
[17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Qe7=]
[17.Qg5++- 2.97/24 Kf8 18.Rae1 *(18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Re4±)*]
17...Qe7=



18.g4! aiming for Rg1. **18...f6**
[18...Bd7 19.Rg1]
19.gxf5 -0.53/25
[Don't play 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.Qxf5 Qe4 21.Qxe4 Rxe4∓]
[19.g5± 0.32/24 Qf7 20.Qh3]
19...Bd7 20.Qh4 -0.89/27
[20.Rg1+∓ -0.46/24 Kh8 21.Rg4]
20...Kh8∓ 21.Rg1 c5 And now ...Bc6 would win. **22.Re3** Deflection **22...Qf7 23.Reg3**



c4 -0.45/21
[23...Rg8!∓ -0.91/22 24.Rxg8+ Rxg8 25.Rxg8+ Kxg8 26.Qg3+ Kf8]
24.Be2? -4.96/23 **Rxe2-+ 25.Rg7**



Bxf5 (-> ...Be4+) **26.Rxf7 Be4+ 27.Rg2 Rxg2 28.Rxh7+** -6.21/21
[28.Rxf6? Rgg8#]
[⌓28.Qxh7+ -4.41/20 Bxh7 29.Kxg2

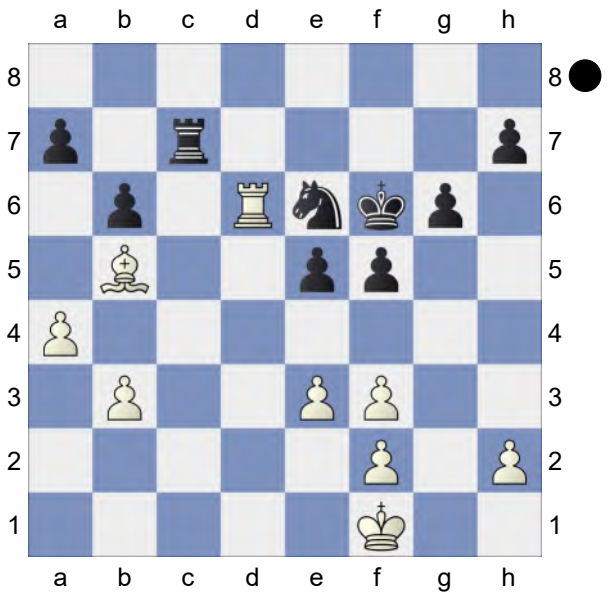
Bxc2 30.Rxb7]
28...Kg8! 29.Rh8+ -9.54/31
[⌓29.Re7 -5.05/17 Rg4+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(29...Rxc2+? too greedy. 30.Kg1+-)* 30.Rxe4 Rxh4 31.Rd4]
29...Kf7 30.Rh7+ Rg7#
Weighted Error Value: White=1.13/ Black=0.32
0-1

D26
□ **Kazhgaleyev,Murtas** **2488**
■ **Paravyan,David** **2620**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.14)
[Kitty Kat]

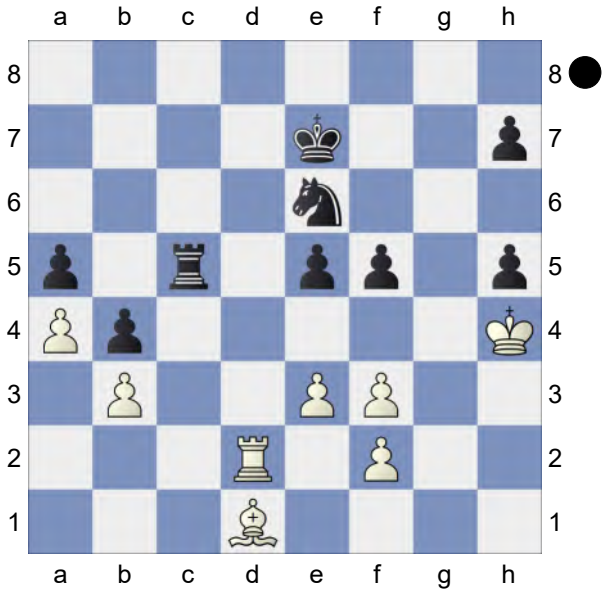
D26: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3 e6 5 Bxc5 c5 sidelines
1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bxc4 e6 5.Nf3 c5 6.0-0 Qc7N
[6...a6
A) 7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bf4 Nf6 12.Rc1 0-0 13.Na4 *(13.a3 b6* 22) 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 7.Be2-6.O-O a6 7.Be2 cxd4 #1*)* 13...Nd5 14.Bg3 Bd6 15.Bd3 Nce7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Be4 Rb8 18.Rfe1 Bb7 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Bxb7 Nxa2 21.Qxa2 Rxb7 0-1 (110) C 06/32 (2809)-Deslandes,P (2807) GER-ITA email 2012 (2);
B) 7.Bb3 Be7 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Qe2 cxd4 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 Nd5 13.Qf3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bd6 15.c4 Qf6 16.Qxf6 gxf6 17.c5 Be7 18.Be3 Rd8 19.d5 Bd7 20.d6 Bf8 21.f4 1-0 (37) Grasser,J (2625)-Motyl,T (2455) (ch) 91/(266) 2003 (1)]
[6...Nc6 7.Nc3 *(7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2 0-0 9.dxc5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Ne4 11.Nd4 Nxc5 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Nc3 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Nxa6 15.Rd7 Bf6 16.Na4 Bxb2 17.Nxb2 Nb4 18.Kf1 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Ke2 Kf8 21.Nc4 c5* ½-½ (55) Goodwin,B (2640)-Comp Chess (2287) 39/167 Varna 1985 (14)*)* 7...cxd4 8.exd4 Be7 9.Bg5 0-0 10.Re1 Nb4 11.a3 Nbd5 12.Qd3 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Rad1 Rc8 15.Ba2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Nd5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.c4 Ba8 20.d5 Rfd8 21.d6 0-1 (30) Aadit,B (1945)-Yurovskich,O (2328) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (2)]
7.b3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 White is slightly better. **9.Bb2 Nc6 10.Nd2 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.Rc1 Ba3 13.Rc2** Threatens to win with Bxf6.
13...e5 14.Ba1 Qe7 15.Nf3 Bd6 16.Qe2 -0.08/23
[16.Nh4± 0.44/24 g6 17.Nf3]
16...0-0= 17.Rd1 Be4 18.Rcc1 Ba3 19.Bb2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Rfd8 22.Bf1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc8 24.Qd2 g6 25.a4 Kg7 26.Bc4 b6 27.Kg2 Rc7 28.Qd8 Ng8 29.Kf1 Qxd8 30.Rxd8 Endgame. KRB-KRN
30...Ne7 31.Ke2 Kf6 32.Kf1 Nc6 33.Rf8 Rd7 34.Rc8 Ne7 35.Ra8 Nf5 36.Ke2 Kg5 37.Re8 f6 38.Rf8 Nd6 39.Be6 Re7 40.Bd5 f5 41.Rd8 Ne8 42.Bc6 Nc7 43.Kf1 Ne6 44.Rd5 Rc7 45.Bb5 Kf6 46.Rd6

(Diagram)

Bc4 would now be deadly. **46...Ke7 47.Rd5 a6 48.Bc4**
[48.Bxa6 Rc1+ 49.Kg2 Nc7 50.Rxe5+ Kf6∓]
48...Rc5 49.Rd2 b5 50.Be2 Rc1+



51.Kg2 Nc7 52.h4 -0.40/22
[52.Rb2= -0.02/26]
52...Rc3 0.00/25
[52...Rb1∓ -0.40/22]
53.Bd1 -0.45/21
[53.Rb2= 0.00/25]
53...b4∓ 54.Kg3 a5 55.h5 -1.12/22
gxh5∓ 56.Kh4 Ne6 57.Rd5 Rc5 -0.47/27
[57...Rc1∓ -1.07/26]
58.Rd2? -2.05/24
[58.Rxc5∓ -0.47/27 Nxc5 59.Bc2]



58...f4!-+ 59.Kxh5 fxe3 -0.23/20
[59...Rc3∓ -1.48/21 60.exf4 Nxf4+ 61.Kg5 Ne6+ 62.Kf5 Nd4+ 63.Ke4 h5 *(63...Nxb3 64.Bxb3 Rxb3 65.Rd5=)*]
60.fxe3= Rc3 61.Rd5 Rxe3 62.Rxa5 Nd4 ...Re1! is the strong threat. **63.f4! exf4** Strongly threatening ...f3! **64.Rd5! Rh3+ 65.Kg4 Rd3 66.Be2?** -5.61/27
[66.Bc2!= -0.15/20 and White has nothing to worry. Rd2 *(66...Nxc2? 67.Rxd3 f3 68.Rxf3+-)* 67.Bxh7]
66...Rg3+-+
[66...Nxe2 67.Rxd3 h5+ 68.Kxh5+-]
67.Kh4 Nxe2 KRN-KR **68.Re5+ Kd6 69.Rxe2 Rxb3** KR-KR **70.Kg4 f3 71.Rh2 Ra3 72.Rxh7 b3**
[72...Rxa4 73.Kxf3 Ra2 74.Rh8]
73.Kg3 Kc5
[Worse is 73...Rxa4 74.Rb7=]
74.Rb7 Kc4 Hoping for ...Kc3.
[Inferior is 74...Rxa4 75.Rxb3 Re4 76.Kxf3=]
75.Kxf3 b2+ 76.Ke4 Rb3 77.Rc7+ Kb4 78.Rb7+ Ka3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

B23
□ **Pranesh,M** **2582**
■ **Ayush,Sharma** **2466**
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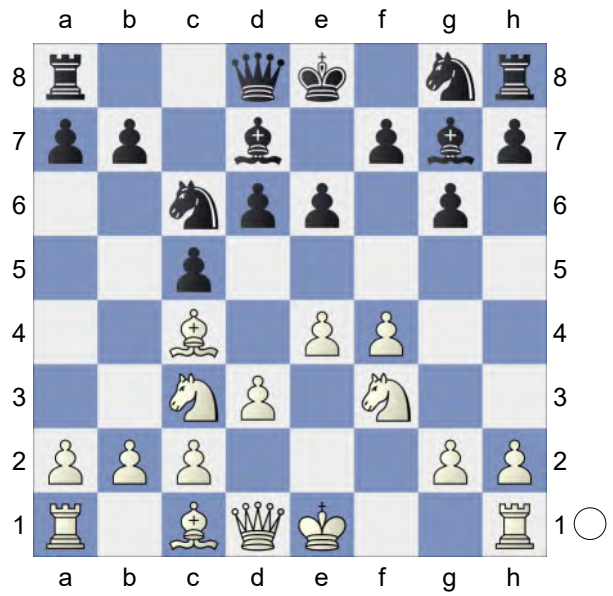
[Kitty Kat]

B23: Closed Sicilian: Lines without g3
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.d3 e6

(Diagram)

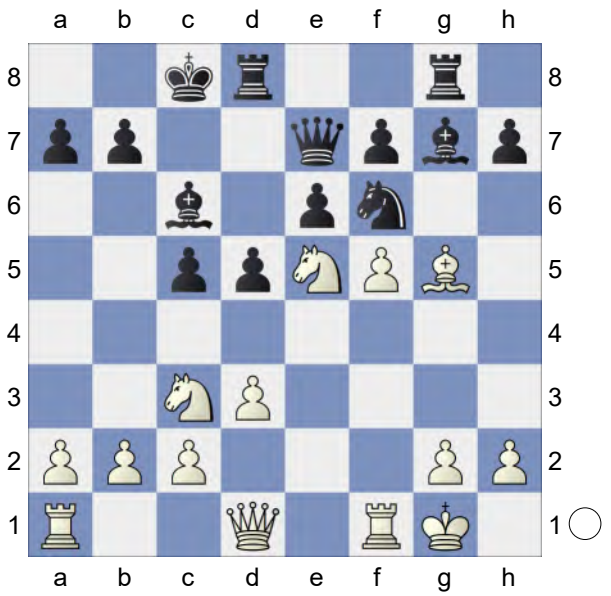
8.f5! The position is equal. **8...gxf5**



9.exf5 d5 10.Bb5 Nf6 0.61/20
[Black should play 10...Nge7= 0.07/21 11.Bg5 f6 12.fxe6 Bxe6 13.Bf4 Ng6 14.Bg3 0-0 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.0-0 f5 17.Na4 f4 18.Bf2 c4 19.Bd4 Bxd4+ 20.Nxd4 Qf6 21.Nxe6 Qxe6 22.dxc4 dxc4 23.Qe1 Qf5 24.Qc3 Ne5 25.Rae1 Rae8 ½-½ (52) Kobo,O (2549)-Vignesh,N (2497) La Roda op 49th 2023 (9)]
11.0-0± Qe7N
[11...0-0 12.Qe1 Nd4 13.Bxd7 Nxd7 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Nxd5 Rxf1+ 18.Kxf1 Nc5 19.Qf5 Qh4 20.Nf4 Re8 21.Bd2 Qxh2 22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Kxe1 Qh4+ 24.Kd1 Qe7 25.Bb4 b6 26.Qc8+ 1-0 (59) Kadric,D (2553)-Blackman,J (2265) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (1.36)]
12.Bg5 0-0-0 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.Ne5 White is more active. **14...Rhg8** 1.78/19
[14...Rde8± 1.11/21]

(Diagram)

15.Qf3!+- Nxc6 is the strong threat.



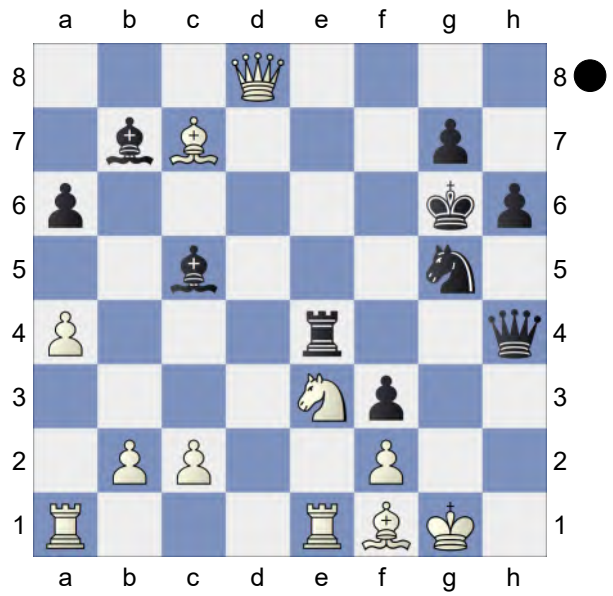
15...Rdf8 16.Rae1 Bh8 17.Bh4 Qc7 2.13/19
[17...Qe8± 1.60/18 might work better. 18.Bg3 a6]
18.Qh3
[18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Qh3 Qd7]
18...Bd7 19.Nxf7 Remove Defender, Decoy **19...Rxf7?** 3.97/20
[19...exf5 1.99/17 was worth a try. 20.Nxh8 Qb6 21.Rxf5 c4+ 22.d4 Rxh8]
20.fxe6 Rgf8 21.Nxd5
[Weaker is 21.exd7+ Qxd7 22.Qxd7+ Kxd7+-]
21...Nxd5 8.64/26
[⌓21...Qd6 4.00/22 22.Bxf6 *(22.exd7+ Qxd7 23.Qxd7+ Kxd7+-)* 22...Qxd5]
22.Rxf7 Pin
[22.exd7+ Qxd7 23.Rxf7 Bd4+ 24.Rf2 Qxh3 25.gxh3 Nf4±]
22...Bd4+ 23.Kh1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.51
1-0

C88
□ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar 2578**
■ **Shuvalova,Polina 2504**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.16) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

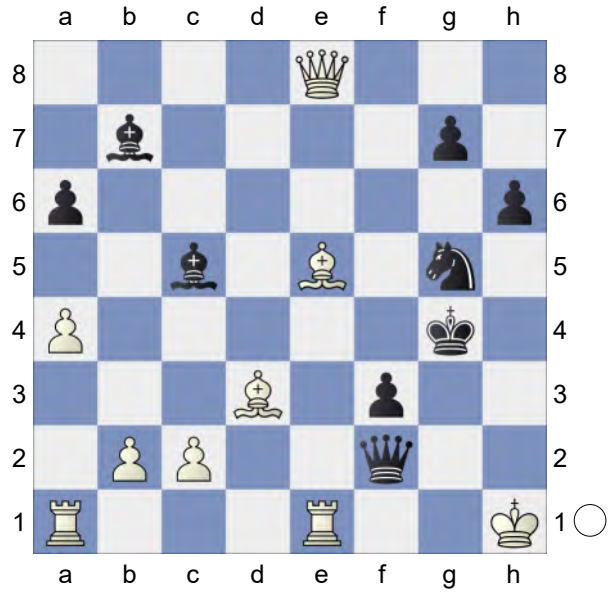
C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems
The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world.
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 (50) Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1) *)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ (37) Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak rapid 2016 (1)]
6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N
[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]
8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Nf1 h6 12.Ne3 Bf8 13.Bd2 White is slightly better. **13...Ne7 14.g4 Nh7 15.h4 Ng6 16.Nf5 c5 17.g5 c4 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.Bxc4 d5 20.exd5** -1.23/20
[20.Bxd5± 0.37/20 was forced to keep a grip. Bxd5 21.exd5]
20...Qc8!∓ 21.Ne3 e4 22.h5? -2.89/21
[22.Nd4∓ -1.23/20 Nxh4 23.Qh5 hxg5 24.Red1]
22...exf3-+
[22...Nxg5 23.Nxg5 Ne5 24.Nxe4 Nxc4 25.Ng3-+]
[22...Nf4 23.g6 fxg6 24.Nh4∓]
23.hxg6 Nxg5→ Black wants a kill.
24.gxf7+ Kxf7 25.d6+ Kg6 And now ... Rxe3! would win. Black has strong compensation. **26.Ba5** d7 would now be deadly. **26...Qh3**
[26...Rxe3 27.Qd4 Re4 28.Rxe4 Nxe4 *(28...Bxe4 29.d7=)* 29.d7∓]
27.Bf1 Qh4 -1.55/17
[27...Qh5-+ -2.77/21 28.d7 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Qg4+ 30.Kh2 Bc5 *(30...Qh4+ 31.Kg1=)*]
28.d7? -3.98/20
[28.Bc7∓ -1.55/17 Re4 29.Ra3]
28...Re4 Strongly threatening ...Bc5!
29.d8Q -5.70/29
[29.d8B? Bc5 *(29...Rxa4? 30.Rxa4 Qxa4 31.Nc4+-)* 30.Bac7 Bxe3 *(30...Rxa4? 31.Rxa4 Qxa4 32.Bxg5+-)* 31.Qd6+ Kh7-+]
[29.Qd3 -4.06/21 was worth a try. Bc5 30.Bc7 Nh3+ 31.Bxh3 Qxh3 32.Qf1 Qxd7 33.Bg3]
29...Rxd8 30.Qxd8 Bc5 31.Bc7

(Diagram)

Rg4+?? 5.20/20 32.Nxg4+- Qxg4+ 33.Kh1 Qh4+ 7.48/23
[⌓33...Bc6 4.73/19 34.Qd3+ *(34.Bxa6? Qg2#)* 34...Ne4]
34.Bh2 Qxf2 35.Qe8+ Kf6 36.Qe5+ Kg6 37.Qe8+ Kf6 (-> ...Qg2+!) **38.Be5+ Kf5 39.Bd3+**
[39.Bxg7? Qg1#]



39...Kg4



40.Rg1+ 0.00/51
[40.Bxg7? Qh4#]
[Only move: 40.Qd7+!+- 6.33/31 Kh5 41.Rg1 *(41.Qxb7? Qg2#; 41.Bg6+ Kxg6 42.Qd3+ Kh5 43.Rg1 Qh4+ 44.Bh2 Bxg1 45.Rxg1 f2+* Discovered Attack (Check) *46.Rg2 Qg4* Pin *)* 41...Qh4+ 42.Bh2 f2+ 43.Rg2 *(43.Qxb7 fxg1Q+ 44.Rxg1 Bxg1+-)* 43...Bxg2+ 44.Kxg2 Qg4+ 45.Qxg4+ Kxg4 46.Bxa6]
40...Qg2+!= The position is equal.
41.Rxg2+ fxg2+ 42.Kh2 Threatening mate with Qd7+. **42...Nf3+ 43.Kxg2 Nd2+ 44.Kh2** White threatens Qg6+ and mate. **44...Nf3+ 45.Kg2** Qe6+ would kill now. **45...Nd2+** What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.34
½-½

E42
□ **Chanda,Sandipan** **2480**
■ **Lodici,Lorenzo** **2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.17)
[Kitty Kat]

E42: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...c5 5 Ne2
Kotov,A: 'Inf 12/582' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nge2 Ne4 6.Bd2**
[6.Qc2!? cxd4 7.exd4 Nxc3 *(7...d5 8.a3 Nxc3 9.Nxc3 Be7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Nc6 12.Nxe7 Nxd4 13.Qc3 Qxe7+ 14.Be3 Ne6 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0* E 42/01 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008*)* 8.bxc3= *(8.Nxc3 Nc6 9.Be3 d5 10.c5 e5 11.Bb5 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.0-0 e4 14.f3 Ba6 15.Rf2 Bd3 16.Qc1 exf3 17.Rxf3 Qd7 18.Bh6 Bg6 19.Bf4 Rfe8 20.a3 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Re2 22.Re3 Rc2* 0-1 (35) Kobayashi,A-Saeed,S (2390) World U20-ch22 1983 (1) *)*]
6...Nxd2 7.Qxd2 cxd4 8.exd4 White is slightly better. **8...0-0N**
[8...b6 9.a3 Be7 10.g3 Bb7 11.d5 d6 12.Bg2 e5 13.f4 Nd7 14.0-0 0-0 15.f5 a5 16.a4 Bg5 17.Qd1 Be3+ 18.Kh1 Nf6 19.Qd3 Bc5 20.h3 Qe7 21.Be4 Rac8 22.b3 Ba6 23.Rad1 1-0 (55) Mail,W-Rausch,W Germany

ch-7 final 6062 1960]
[8...d5 9.a3 Be7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nf4 0-0 12.Nfxd5 Bg5 13.f4 Re8+ 14.Be2 Bh4+ 15.Kf1 Nc6 16.Rd1 Be6 17.Bf3 Na5 18.g3 Nc4 19.Qf2 Be7 20.Kg2 Bf8 21.Rhe1 Rc8 22.Ne3 Nxe3+ 23.Rxe3 1-0 (60) 3. ♗g5 h6 4. ♗h4 31846-Gazola,V 27/157 Dubna 1979 Qd7 24.h4 Red8 25.Kh2 Bb3 26.Rd2 Rc7 27.Bg2 Be6 28.Qe1 Rdc8 29.d5 Rd8 30.d6 Rcc8 31.f5 Bxf5 32.Re7 Re8 33.Rxd7 Rxe1 34.Rxb7 Rd8 35.Rxa7 Rxd6 36.Rxd6 Bxd6 37.Ra8+ Bf8 38.a4 1-0 (60) Petrosian,T-Balashov,Y 12/582 Moscow 1971]

9.a3 Be7 10.g3 d6 11.Bg2 Nd7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Rac1 Rb8 14.f4 -0.23/22
[14.b4± 0.33/20]

14...Bd7 15.Kh1 Qa5 16.Qd3 Rfc8 17.d5 Qa6 18.dxe6 -0.91/24
[18.b3∓ -0.51/21 should be considered.]

18...fxe6 0.15/23
[Black should try 18...Bxe6∓ -0.91/24 19.Nb5 Bf8]

19.Nd4= Rxc4 0.55/24
[19...Qxc4= 0.15/21 20.Qd2 Qa6]

20.Rfe1 -0.19/21
[Better is 20.Rce1!± 0.55/24]

20...Ng4 21.Qe2 -0.72/19 Prevents Nf2+.
[21.Rc2!= -0.20/22 remains equal. Bf6 22.Nxe6 Rxc3 Discovered Attack 23.Qd5 *(23.Qxa6 bxa6 24.bxc3 Bxe6∓)*]

21...Rxd4∓ 22.Qxg4 Rd8↑ Black has good play. **23.Qh5** -0.96/21 White is on the road to losing.
[23.Rxe6 Qc4 *(23...Kh8 24.Rce1=)* 24.Rce1 Bf6 *(24...Bxe6 25.Rxe6 Bf8 26.a4-+)* 25.Bxb7 *(25.Bf1? Qc8-+)* 25...Bxe6 26.Qxe6+ Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Rd2-+]
[23.Ne4∓ -0.58/21]

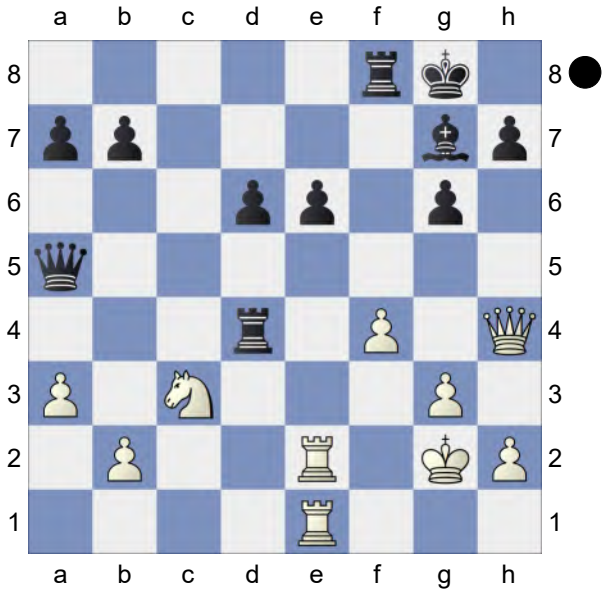
23...g6! 24.Qh6 Qa5 Prevents Nd5. **25.Rc2** -1.56/22
[⌓25.Qh3 -1.12/21]

25...Bf6 -0.99/20
[⌓25...Bf8 -1.56/22 26.Qh4 Re8]

26.Rce2 -1.78/22
[26.b4∓ -0.99/20 Qb6 *(26...Qxa3 27.f5∓)* 27.Ne4]

26...Rf8 27.Bh3 -2.43/21
[27.Ne4∓ -1.57/20 might work better.]

27...Bg7-+ 28.Qh4 Bc6+ 29.Bg2 Bxg2+ 30.Kxg2



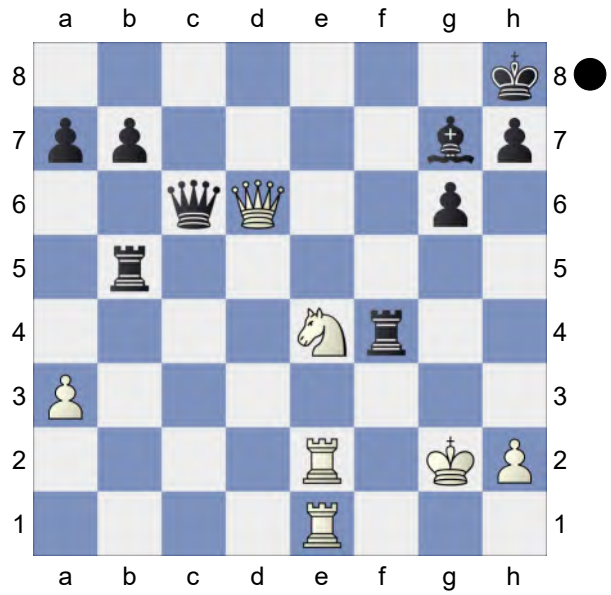
e5! 31.Qg5 Rf5 Deflection **32.Qe7 exf4 33.b4** -3.77/22
[⌓33.Rf2 -2.33/18]

33...Qb6 34.Qe6+ Kh8 -1.65/19
[⌓34...Rf7 -2.86/24 35.Rf2 Qc6+ 36.Ne4 Be5 37.gxf4 Rxe4]

35.gxf4 -4.20/21
[35.Qc8+ -1.65/19 Rf8 36.Re8 Qc6+ 37.Qxc6 bxc6 38.Rxf8+ Bxf8 39.Re8]

35...Rdxf4

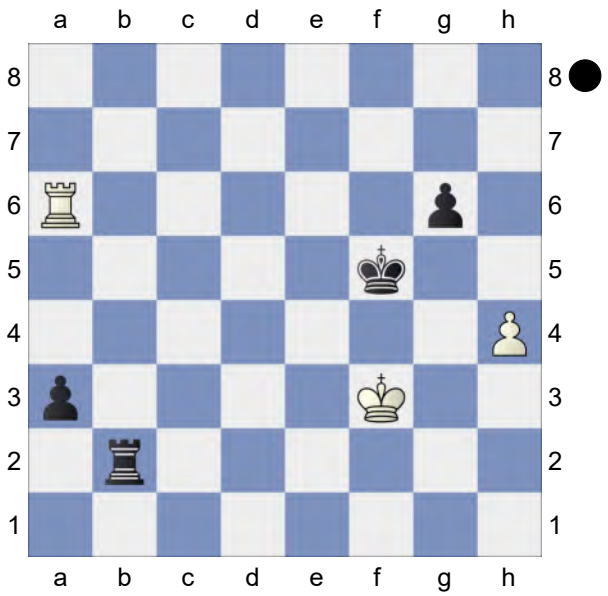
[35...Qc6+ 36.Ne4-+]
36.Ne4 Dodges Rf2+ **36...Qc6 37.b5 Rxb5** Strongly threatening ...Re5.
[37...Qxb5 38.Qxd6 h5 39.Kh3-+]
38.Qxd6



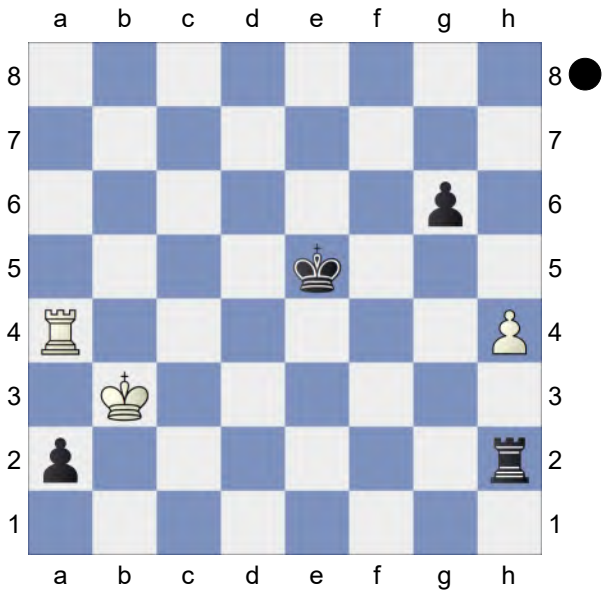
Rxe4 39.Qxc6 Threatening mate with Qc8+. **39...Rxe2+**
[39...bxc6 40.Rxe4 Bf8 41.a4±]
40.Rxe2 bxc6 Endgame. KRB-KR
[Weaker is 40...Rg5+ 41.Kh1 bxc6 42.Re8+-+]
41.Re8+ Bf8 42.Rxf8+ KR-KR. Black is clearly winning. **42...Kg7 43.Rc8 Ra5 44.Rxc6 Rxa3 45.Rc7+ Kh6 46.h4** -6.79/29
[⌓46.Rc5 -4.38/24 Ra2+ 47.Kg3]
46...a5 47.Ra7 a4 48.Ra5 Ra2+ 49.Kf3 a3 50.Kg3 Ra1 51.Kg2 Kg7 52.Ra7+ Kf6 53.Rxh7 Rb1 ...a2 is the strong threat. **54.Ra7 Rb3 55.Ra6+ Kf5 56.Kf2 Rb2+ 57.Kf3 Rb3+ 58.Kf2 Rb2+ 59.Kf3**

(Diagram)

a2! 60.Ra5+ Ke6 61.Ke4 Kd6 62.Kd4 Kc6 63.Kc4 Rh2 64.Kc3 Kb6
[64...Rxh4 65.Rxa2 Kd5 66.Rg2=]



65.Ra8 Kb5
[65...Rxh4 66.Rxa2 Rg4 67.Kd3=]
66.Kb3 Kc5 67.Kc3 Kd5 68.Ra4 Ke5 69.Kb3

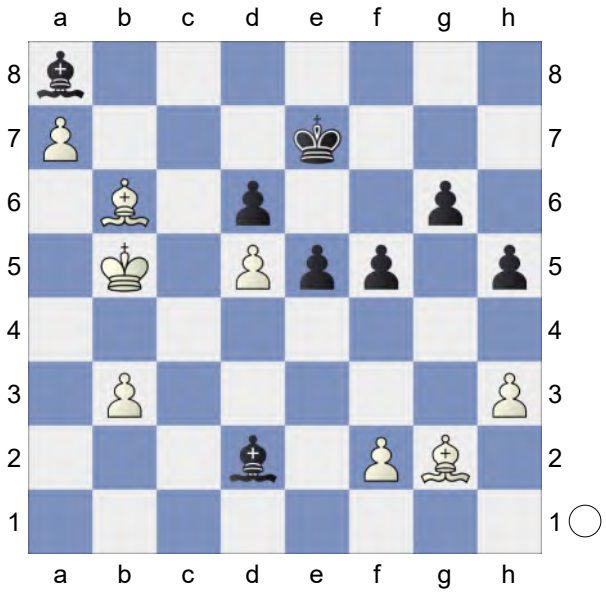


Rxh4!! Promotion **70.Rxa2 g5 71.Ra5+ Kf4 72.Kc3 Rh2 73.Kd3 g4 74.Ra8 Rf2 75.Rf8+ Kg3** Hoping for ...Rf3+. **76.Rg8 Kf3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

B90
□ **Uskov,Artem** 2430
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** 2703
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.18) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 h6
[6...e6 7.g4 d5 *(7...Be7 8.Be3 Nfd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.g5 0-0 11.Bg2 Nde5 12.Qe2 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Nc6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.f4 Na5 16.0-0 Rc8 17.f5 Nc4 18.Bd4 f6 19.g6 Qe8 20.Qh5 h6 21.b3 Na3 22.Rf2* 0-1 (40) Abdumalik,Z (2464)-Christiansen,J (2561) Capo d'Orso 140/76 2019*)* 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 b4 14.Be1 Ra7 15.c3 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.f5 Bd6 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qd3 Rh6 21.Rd1 1-0 (31) Smirin,I (2630)-Mista,A (2537) EU-ch 9th Plovdiv 2008 (7)]
7.Be3N
[7.g4 e6 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f4 Rb8 12.g5 hxg5 13.fxg5 Nh5 14.g6 Nhf6 15.gxf7+ Kxf7 16.Nxe6 Kxe6 17.Qd5+ Nxd5 18.exd5+ Ke5 19.Rae1 Bh4 20.Bh6+ Kd4 21.Re4+ 0-1 Chunga,J (2069)-Opitz,P (2087) corr GER-PER 2011]
7...e5 8.Nb3 Be7 White is slightly better. **9.g4 Nbd7 10.a4 b6 11.Nd2 Bb7 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.0-0 Nf8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Ng6 16.c4 h5** 0.90/21 **17.a5 b5** 1.21/21
[17...hxg4± 0.57/19 18.hxg4 *(18.axb6 gxh3 19.Be4 Bg5±; 18.Bxb6 Qd7=)* 18...bxa5]
18.cxb5!±
[18.gxh5?! Nh4=]
18...axb5 19.a6 Ba8 20.Qe2 Qd7 1.89/21
[20...0-0± 1.44/19]
21.Rfc1
[21.gxh5?! Nh4±]
21...0-0 22.Be4 1.21/21
[22.gxh5 Nh4±]
[22.Rxc8+- 1.78/20 Rxc8 23.Be4 *(23.gxh5 Nh4±)*]
22...Nh4? 2.87/23
[22...Rxc1+± 1.21/21 was called for. 23.Rxc1 hxg4]
23.Nf3+-
[23.gxh5 f5 24.Rxc8 Rxc8=]
23...g6 24.Nxh4 Bxh4 Black is weak on the light squares **25.Kh2 Kg7 26.a7 Rc4 27.Rxc4 bxc4 28.Rc1** 1.44/17
[28.Qxc4 hxg4 29.Rc1 Rh8±]
[28.gxh5+- 3.25/21 f5 29.Bh1]
28...Rh8? 3.48/23
[28...hxg4± 1.44/17 29.hxg4 *(29.Rxc4 f5±; 29.Qxg4 Qxg4 30.hxg4 f5+-)* 29...Rh8]
29.g5
[29.Rxc4 hxg4 30.Bg2 f5±]
29...Qe7 30.Qd2
[30.Rxc4 Bxg5 31.Bb6 Bf4+ 32.Kg2 Rf8+-]
30...Rc8 31.b3? 0.72/21
[31.Rc3+- 3.52/23 has better winning chances.]
31...c3± 32.Rxc3 Rxc3 33.Qxc3 Bxg5 34.Bb6! Qf6 1.31/26
[Black should play 34...Qd7 0.94/24]
35.Kg1↑ White has strong initiative. White is more active. **35...Qf4 36.Bg2** 1.12/21
[36.Qc4!+- 1.84/23]
36...Qd2 37.Qxd2 Bxd2 Endgame. KBB-KBB **38.Kf1!** And now Ke2 would win. **38...f5** 1.47/27 Black is on the road to losing.

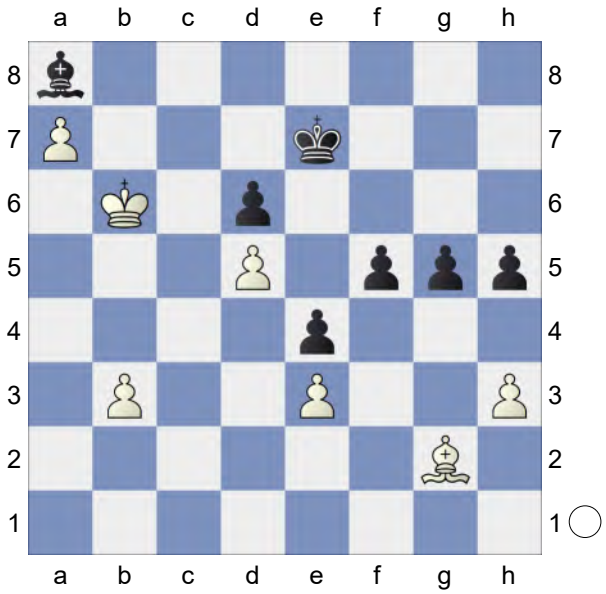
[38...Bb7!± 0.39/28]
39.Ke2 Bb4 40.Kd3 Kf7 2.75/24
[40...Be1± 1.54/25]
41.Kc4+- Bd2 42.Kb5 1.26/21
[42.Bf3+- 2.16/23]
42...Ke7? 3.39/26
[42...Be1± 1.26/21 was worth a try.]



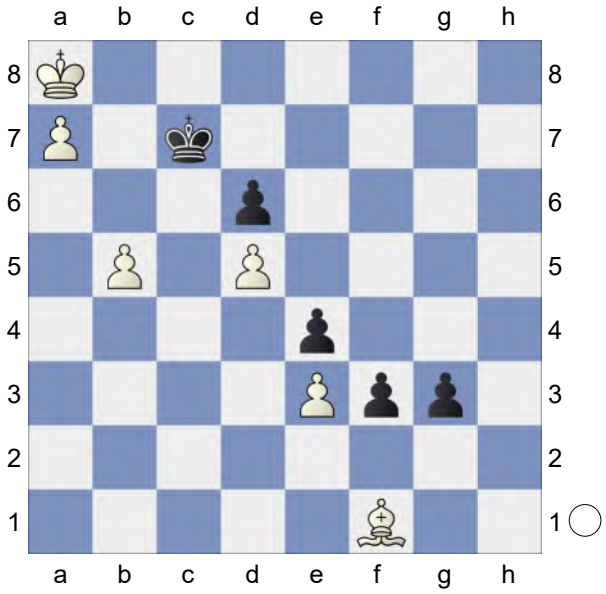
43.Be3? 1.23/24
[43.Ba5!+- 3.39/26 is the precise move to win. Bh6 44.Kb6]
43...Bxe3 5.83/19
[43...Be1± 1.23/24 is a better chance.]
44.fxe3± KB-KB **44...e4 45.Kb6 g5**

(Diagram)

46.Kc7! g4 47.hxg4 hxg4 48.Kb8
[48.b4 f4 49.Kb8 *(49.exf4? e3-+; 49.Bxe4? fxe3 50.Bd3 g3-+)* 49...f3+-]
48...Kd8 49.Kxa8+- Kb7 would kill now. KB-KP **49...Kc7 50.b4 f4 51.b5**
[51.exf4 e3 52.Bf1 g3∓]
[51.Bxe4 fxe3 52.b5 e2 53.b6+ Kxb6=]
51...f3 52.Bf1 Threatens to win with



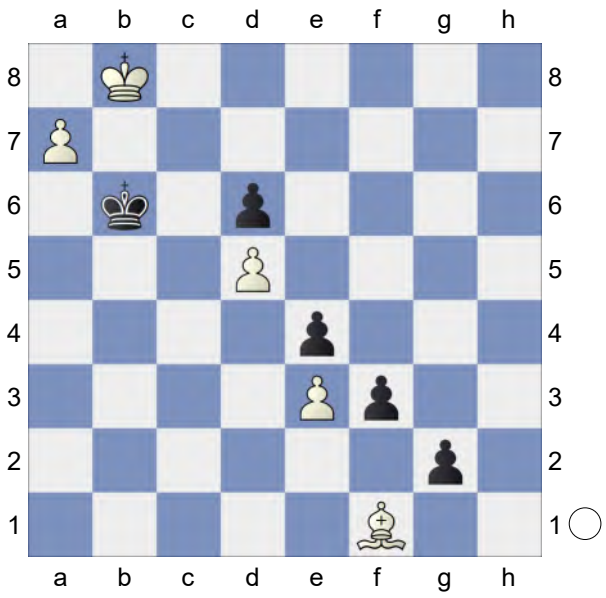
b6+! **52...g3**



53.b6+! Kxb6 Strongly threatening ...g2.
54.Kb8 g2

(Diagram)

55.Ba6! Decoy, Promotion **55...g1Q**
56.a8Q Intending Qc6+ and mate.
[56.a8R? gets mated. Qg7 *(56...Qxe3? 57.Ra7-+; 56...Qxe3? 57.Bc4-+)*]
56...Qg8+ 57.Bc8 Threatening mate with Qc6+. **57...Qd8** 16.21/23



[⌓57...f2 4.24/18 58.Qa3 f1Q *(58...f1B? is the wrong capture. 59.Qb4+ Bb5 60.Qxd6+ Ka5 61.Qa3+ Ba4 62.d6+-)* 59.Qa7+ *(59.Qa6+ Qxa6=)* 59...Kb5 60.Qa6+ Skewer, Double Attack Kb4 61.Qxf1 Qxd5]

58.Qc6+ Ka5 59.Qc7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.46

1-0

C85

□ **Martirosyan,Haik M.** **2656**

■ **Mammadzada,Gunay** **2421**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.19)

[Kitty Kat]

C85: Closed Ruy Lopez: Deferred Exchange Variation

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Nd7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nc3N

[9.Nbd2 f6 10.Re1 Nc5 11.h3 Ne6 12.Nb3 a5 13.a4 c5 14.c3 b6 15.d4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Re2 exd4 18.Nfxd4 c5 19.Nb5 Ba6 20.Qd5 Qxd5 21.exd5 Bxb5 22.axb5 Nc7 23.Rd1 Rad8 0-1 (43) Mossong,H (2159)-Sonntag,H (2369) Luxembourg-chT 1415 2014 (8) 24.d6 Nxb5 25.Bf4 Rf7 26.Rd5 Rfd7 27.Nd2 Nd4 28.Re7 Bxd2 29.Bxd2 Rxd6 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.Rxd6 Re6 32.Rd7 Kf8 33.Rb7 Rc6 34.Kf1 Nf5 35.Bf4 Nd6 36.Rd7 Nc4 37.b3 Ne5 38.Rb7 h5 0-1 (43) 15 Re1 Black stops e3-e4 (2159)-Stavrianakis,I (2369) 35/527 Plovdiv 1983 (8)]

9...Re8 10.Ne2 The position is equal.

10...Bf8 11.Nd2 a5 12.h3 -0.14/20

[⌓12.a4 0.25/21]

12...Bc5 0.28/26

[12...a4 -0.14/20 is superior.]

13.Bxc5 Nxc5 14.f4 exf4 15.Rxf4 Ne6 16.Rf2 Qg5 17.Nf3 Qe3 18.Qf1 f6 19.Kh1 Ng5 20.Nh4 a4 21.Re1 Ra5 22.Ng1 Qd4 23.c3 Qd6 24.g4 -0.46/21

[24.Nhf3= 0.00/22]

24...Rd8 0.01/20

[24...Be6∓ -0.46/21 is more appropriate.]

25.Re3!= Be6 0.39/24

[25...Nf7= -0.10/20]

26.a3 Qd7 27.Nf5! c5 28.Ne2 Ra6 29.Nf4 g6 Repels Nh5 **30.Ng3** White is more active. **30...Nf7 31.c4** 0.00/23

[31.Kg1!± 0.58/22]

31...Qe7 0.50/20

[31...Ne5= 0.00/23]

32.Re1 -0.24/22

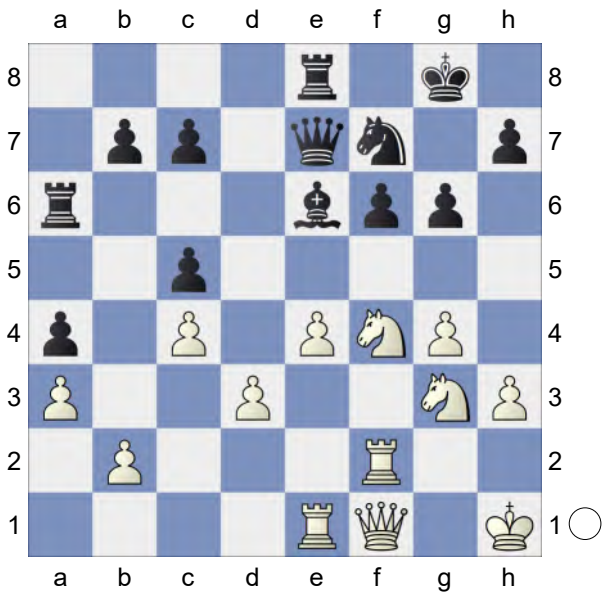
[32.Nd5 Bxd5 33.cxd5 Rb6∓ *(33...Rxd5 34.exd5 Qxe3 35.Ne4=)*]

[32.Rfe2± 0.50/20]

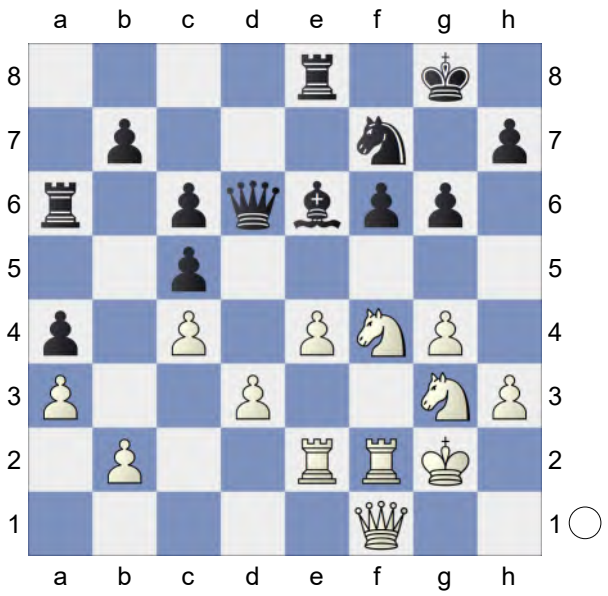
32...Re8 1.01/19

[32...Ne5= -0.24/22 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

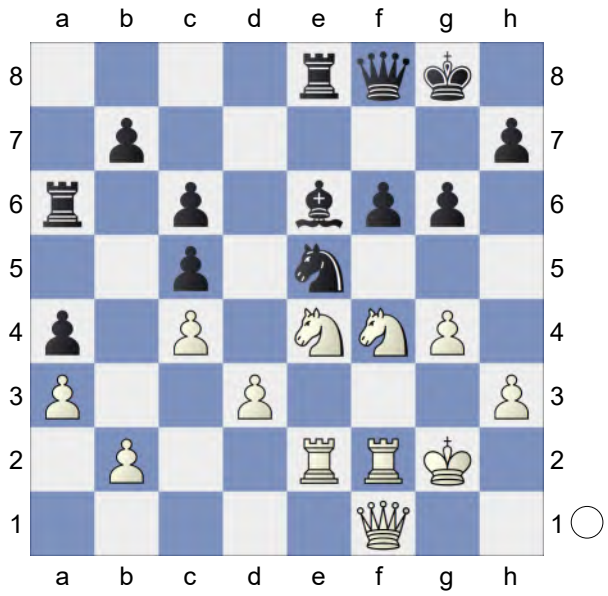


33.Ree2!± Qd6 Against Nd5 **34.Kg2** 0.17/20
[34.e5!± 0.58/22 deserves consideration. Nxe5 *(34...fxe5 35.Ne4±)* 35.Ne4]
34...c6? 3.28/23
[34...Qd4= 0.17/20]



A mistake that costs the game. **35.e5!+- Qf8**
[35...Nxe5? too greedy. 36.Ne4 Qd8 37.Nh5+- *(37.Nxc5 Bf7+-)*]
[35...fxe5 36.Ne4]

36.Ne4 Nxe5? 6.18/19
[36...fxe5 3.57/21 37.Nf6+ Kg7 38.Rxe5 *(38.Nxe8+ Qxe8 39.Nxe6+ Qxe6+-)* 38...Nxe5]



37.Nh5! White is clearly winning.
37...Nxd3
[37...f5 38.Nef6+]
38.Nhxf6+ Kh8 39.Nxe8 A dynamic duo of knights. **39...Nxf2 40.Rxf2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

C07
□ **Begmuratov,Khumoyun** **2416**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2612**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.20)
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5
White is rated around 2065 and Black is the promising junior I mentioned in the notes to the first game of the last chapter
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Ngf3 Bxc5 7.Bc4

Qd8

[7...Qc6 8.0-0 *(8.Qe2 0-0 9.Nb3 Nbd7 10.Nxc5 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.c3 b6 13.Ba6 Bxa6 14.Qxa6 Nd5 15.Qd3 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.Bxd4 e5 19.Be3 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Rfd8 21.Ke2 Kf8 22.Rhd1 Ke7* ½-½ (32) Rorrer,G (2332)-Wang,E (2308) New York Winter GM-C 2023 (7)*)* 8...0-0 9.Qe2 a6 10.a4 Nbd7 11.Nb3 Bd6 12.Rd1 Nb6 13.Bd3 Nbd5 14.Na5 Qc7 15.Nc4 Be7 16.a5 Bd7 17.Nce5 Nb4 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Bc4 Bf6 20.g3 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.c3 ½-½ (38) Adams,M (2716)-Ivanchuk,V (2714) 75/133 Linares 1999]

8.0-0 0-0 9.a4N -0.18/22

[9.Qe2± 0.31/19 Nc6 *(9...Be7 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Ndf3 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qb6 13.Rd1 Rd8 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.Bc5 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Bxc5 17.Rd8+ Bf8 18.g4 Qb6 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.g5 Nd5 21.Re8 Qxe5 22.Qa3 Qe1+ 23.Kg2 Qb4 Chapter Egoism-Redpath,N)* 10.c3 Qc7 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bg5 Nd5 C 07/11 1997]

9...b6 0.19/27

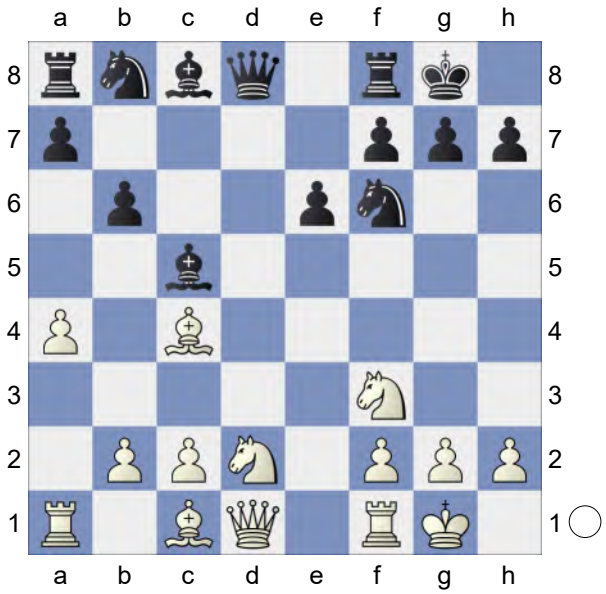
[9...Qc7 -0.18/22 was preferrable.]

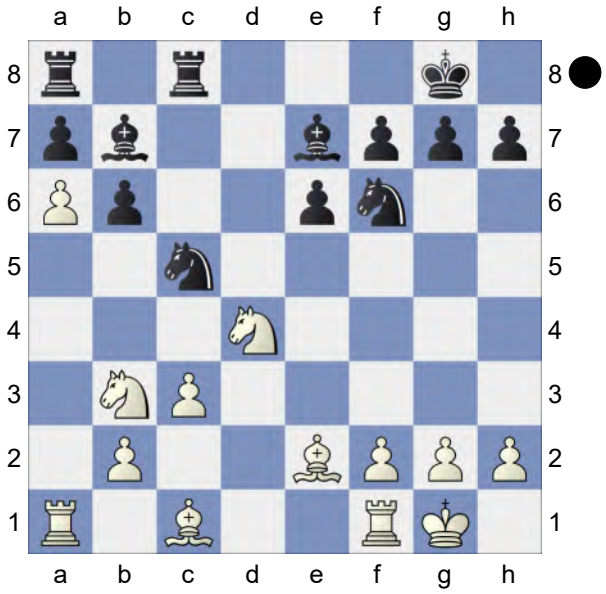
(Diagram)

10.a5! Bb7 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Nfd4 Rc8 14.Be2 Na6 15.c3 Nc5 16.a6

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening Nxc5. **16...Bd5 17.Nxc5 bxc5 18.Nb5 c4 19.Bf4** Hoping for Nc7. **19...Rc5 20.Nc7 Rc8**





21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Be5 Rb5 23.Rfb1 Bd8 24.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **24...Bb6 25.Bxb6 Rxb6 26.Bf3**

[Don't blunder 26.Ra4? Nxc3 27.bxc3 Rxb1+-+]

26...Rcb8 27.Rd1 The position is equal. **27...Rxb2 28.Bxd5 exd5 29.Rxd5=** Endgame. KRR-KRR **29...Rb1+ 30.Rd1 Rxa1 31.Rxa1** KR-KR **31...Rb3 32.Kf1 Rxc3 33.Ra4 g6 34.Rb4 Ra3** Black wants to play ...c3. **35.Rxc4 Rxa6 36.Rc8+ Kg7 37.g3 h5 38.h4 Kf6 39.Kg2 Rd6 40.Rc7 a5 41.Ra7**

Repels Ra6 **41...Rd5 42.f3 g5 43.hxg5+ Rxg5 44.Ra6+ Kg7 45.Kh3 Rf5 46.Kh4 f6 47.Ra7+ Kg6 48.Kh3 Rc5 49.Ra8 Kg5 50.Ra6 Rb5 51.Ra7 Kf5 52.Kh4 Ke6 53.Ra6+ Ke7 54.Ra7+ Ke6 55.Ra6+ Kf7 56.Ra7+ Kg6 57.Kh3 Kg5 58.Ra6 Rd5 59.Ra8 Kf5 60.Kh4 Kg6 61.Kh3 Rf5 62.Ra7 Rxf3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

D37
□ **Panda,Sambit** **2381**
■ **Sankalp,Gupta** **2545**
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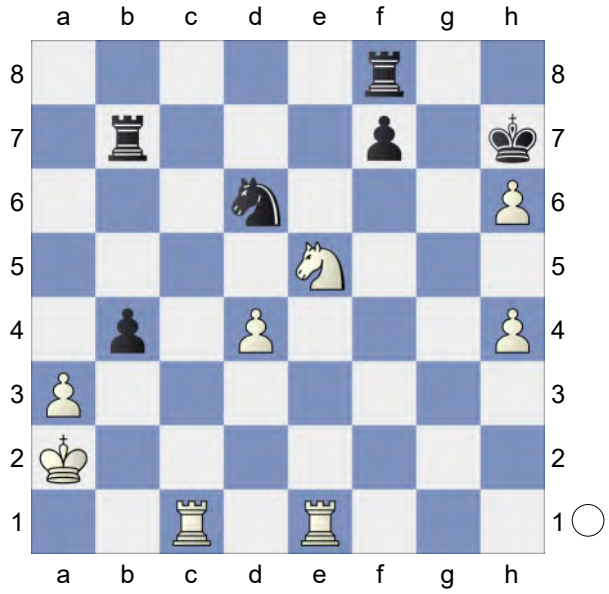
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5
[6.g3 Be7 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.Rd1 Nb6 11.Ne5 Be6 12.Qc2 h6 13.b3 Re8 14.Bb2 Bd6 15.h3 Rc8 16.Nf3 Rc7 17.a4 a5 18.e3 Qc8 19.Kh2 Bf5 20.Qe2 Rce7 0-1 (43) 12.Rad1 Bd7 13.Nf3 (2243)-Voelkl,S (2600) Dragons ChessPub Guide 2020 (8)]
6...Be6 7.Bxf6N 0.19/23
[7.e3± 0.57/20 is more appropriate. Nbd7 8.h3 Bd6 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Qd2 h6 *(11...0-0 12.Rfe1 h6 13.Bf4 Rfe8 14.Rac1 Rad8 15.b3 Qb8 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.Qb2 g6 18.Nd2 Nh5 19.Na4 Ng7 20.b4 Nf6 21.Nc5 Re7 22.a4 Bf5 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 Rb8 25.Rb1 Ree8 26.Rec1* 1-0 (48) Le,Q (2709)-Duda,J (2760) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2022 (5) *)* 12.Bf4 g5 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Qc2 Rg8 15.Ne2 h5 16.Ng3 g4 17.hxg4 hxg4 18.Nh4 Rh8 19.Nhf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 0-0-0 21.Qc5 Qxc5 22.dxc5 0-1 (47) Edouard,R (2551)-Cornette,M (2551) FRA-ch 95th Albi 2022 (2.2)]
7...Qxf6= 8.Qb3 The position is equal.
8...Ra7 9.h4 Qd8 1.10/22
[9...Bd6= 0.20/22]
10.g3 0.22/22
[10.Ng5± 1.10/22]
10...c5 0.70/24
[10...c6= 0.22/22]
11.0-0-0 0.04/20
[Better is 11.dxc5± 0.70/24 Bxc5 12.Ng5]
11...c4 12.Qc2 Bb4 13.Bg2 h6 0.49/25
[13...Bxc3= -0.14/19 14.bxc3 h6]
14.Ne5 aiming for Qa4+. **14...0-0 15.e4 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 b5 17.f4 Qd6 18.f5 Bc8 19.g4 b4 20.Qe3 b3** 1.11/21
21.axb3
[21.Kb1 seems wilder. Rc7 22.exd5 c3 23.bxc3 Nd7 24.axb3 Qa3 25.c4]
21...cxb3 22.Qxb3 0.27/21
[White should try 22.exd5± 0.76/19 a5 23.Kb1 *(23.Qxb3 Rb7±)*]
22...dxe4! 23.Bxe4 Nd7 24.Qa3 Rc7+
[24...Qxa3 simplifies 25.bxa3 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Rc7+]
25.Kb1 Qxa3 26.bxa3 Rc1 is the strong threat. **26...Nf6** 1.05/22
[26...Nxe5= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 27.dxe5 Re7]
27.Bd3!± Bd7 1.90/20
[27...h5± 0.91/22]
28.Rc1+-
[28.Bxa6 Nxg4 29.Nxd7 Rxd7∓]
28...Rb7+ 29.Ka2 Hoping for g5!
29...Bb5 30.Bxb5 axb5 31.g5 Ne4 32.Rhe1 Nd6 33.f6 b4 2.33/23

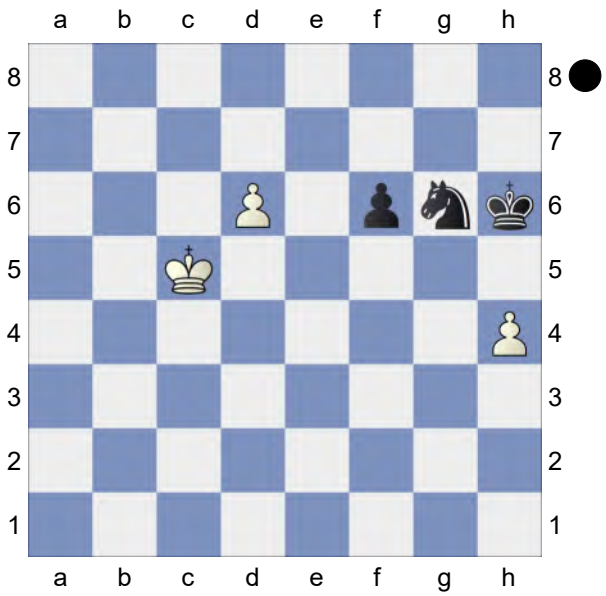
[33...Ra8± 1.48/22 was necessary.]
34.fxg7 1.27/21
[34.a4!+- 2.33/23]
34...Kxg7± 35.gxh6+ Kh7!



36.Rb1? 0.00/27
[36.a4!+- 1.67/22]
36...Ra8= 37.Re3 f6 38.Nc6 Nc4 39.Rxb4? -4.23/22 Now White is beyond hope.
[39.Rg3= 0.03/23 and White is okay.]
39...Rxb4-+ Pin **40.Re7+ Kxh6 41.Nxb4 Rxa3+** Endgame. KRN-KRN **42.Kb1 Rb3+ 43.Kc2 Rxb4** KRN-KR **44.Kc3 Nb6** White must now prevent ... Nd5+. **45.Kxb4** -118.35/20 KR-KN
[⌓45.Re8 -4.47/21 Nd5+ 46.Kd3]
45...Nd5+ 46.Kc5 Nxe7 KN-KPP **47.d5 Ng6** Strongly threatening ...Kh5! **48.d6**

(Diagram)

Nf8!
[48...Nxh4? 49.d7+-]
49.Kd5 Kh5 Threatens to win with ... Kg4! **50.Ke4 Kg4**
[Inferior is 50...Kxh4 51.Kf5=]
51.Ke3 f5 (-> ...f4+)
[Worse is 51...Kxh4 52.Kf4=]



52.h5 Kxh5 -#44/28
Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
[52...f4+-+ -28.11/24 53.Ke2 Kxh5 54.Kf3 Kg5 55.Kf2 Kg4 56.Kg2 f3+ 57.Kg1 Kg3 58.Kf1 f2 *(58...Nd7* is a self mate. *59.Kg1 Nf8 60.Kf1 f2 61.d7 Nxd7 62.Ke2 Kg2 63.Kd3 f1Q+ 64.Kd4 Qb5 65.Kc3 Qc5+ 66.Kb3 Qd4 67.Kc2 Nc5 68.Kc1 Qc3+ 69.Kd1 Ne4 70.Ke2 Qd2#)* 59.Ke2 Kg2 60.Kd3 f1Q+ *(60...f1B+? 61.Ke4-+)* 61.Kd4 Qb5 62.d7 Nxd7 63.Kc3 Ne5 64.Kd4 Kf3 65.Kc3 Qc4+ 66.Kb2 Nd3+ 67.Ka3 Qc3+ 68.Ka4 Qb4#]
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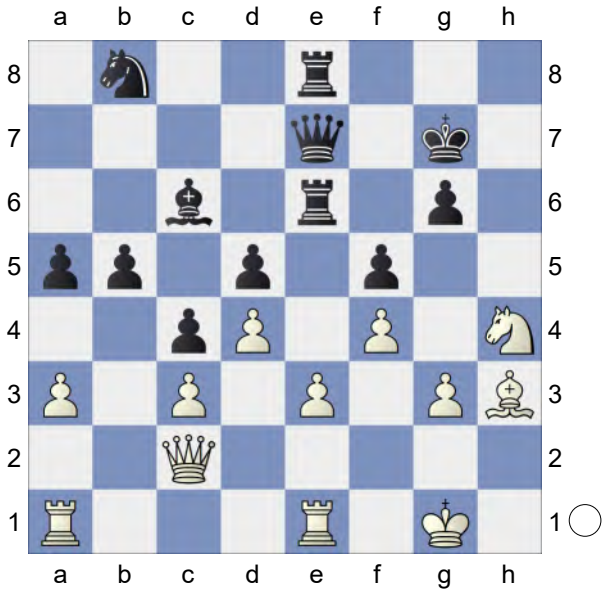
E17

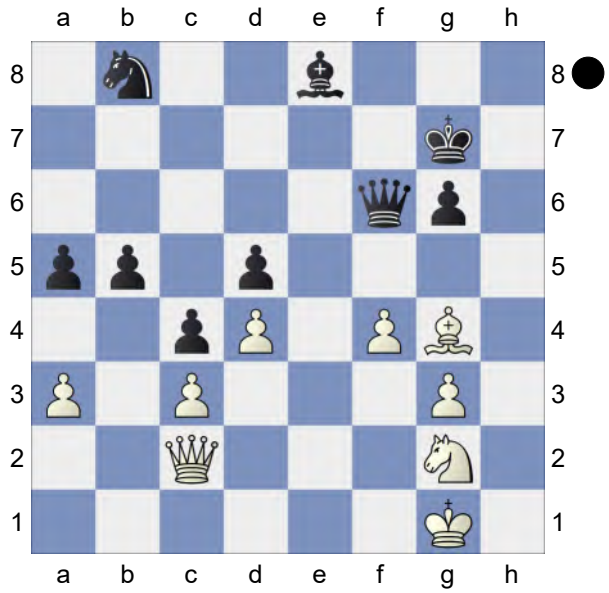
□ **Abdurakhmonov,Mukhammadali**
■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2535**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.22)
[Kitty Kat]

E17: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7
Damljanovic,B: 'Inf 109/343' **1.d4 Nf6**

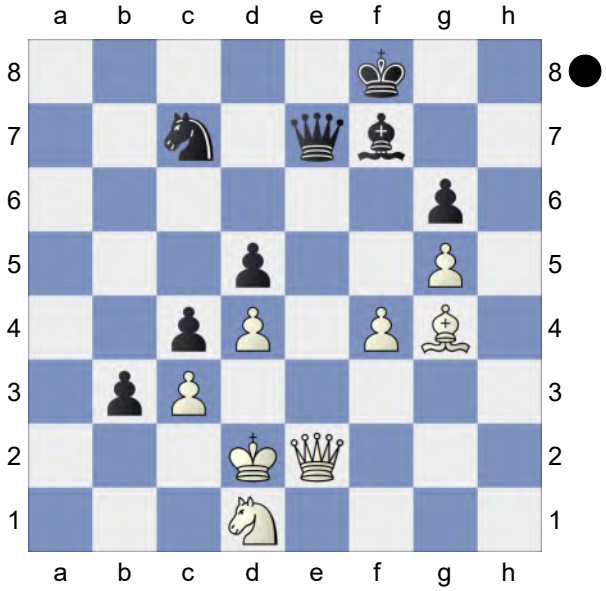
2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 a5 8.Qc2N
[8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Nxe4 *(9.Qc2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Ra7 11.h4 d6 12.Ng5 Bxg5 13.hxg5 Nd7 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.Kg2 c5 16.Qe4 Ra7 17.Rh1 Qa8 18.d5 h6 19.gxh6 exd5 20.cxd5 Nf6 21.Qf3 Qxd5 22.Qxd5 Nxd5 23.hxg7 Rfa8* 1-0 (45) Svane,R (2629)-Lodici,L (2556) Bundesliga 2425 2024 (1.3)*; 9.Bd2 f5 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Be4 12.Qa4 Bf6 13.Rad1 Qe8 14.Bf1 d6 15.Qxe8 Rxe8 16.Nd2 Bb7 17.e4 Na6 18.a3 Rad8 19.f4 g6 20.Bg2 Bg7 21.Bf3 Nb8 22.Kf2 Ba8 23.b4 axb4* ½-½ (38) Warlick,J (2749)-Carmeille,L (2590) A) 4...b6*)* 9...Bxe4 10.d5 Na6 11.Nd4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Bb4 13.Bd2 e5 14.Bxb4 axb4 15.Nc2 Qe7 16.d6 cxd6 17.Qd2 Qe6 18.Ne3 E 17/16 Chess Informant ECO E4 2008]
[8.a3 Na6 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 f5 12.Bf4 Bf6 13.Rad1 Nc5 14.Be5 Ne4 15.Qc2 d6 16.Nd2 Bg5 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.gxf4 Qh4 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Qxe4 Rae8 22.e3 e5 ½-½ (37) Kramnik,V (2790)-Ponomariov,R (2734) 109/343 Dortmund 2010]
[8.Bf4 Na6 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Nd2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nb8 13.e4 d6 14.Nf3 a4 15.e5 Ra5 16.Qe2 Nc6 17.Rad1 dxe5 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qa8+ 20.Qe4 Qxe4+ 21.Rxe4 Bd6 22.Nc6 Raa8 (33) Chapter Best-Game Chapter Best 4]
8...Na6 9.Nc3 d5 White has an edge. **10.cxd5 exd5** 0.69/20
[10...Nb4= 0.22/22 11.Qb3 Nbxd5]
11.Bg5 White is more active. **11...Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qb3 Rad8 14.Rac1 Rfe8 15.a3 Rd6 16.e3 c5 17.Ne5 c4 18.Qc2 Nxc3 19.bxc3 f6 20.Nf3 b5 21.Rb1** -0.01/21
[21.e4± 0.46/23]
21...Bc6 0.43/23
[21...Rb6= -0.01/21]
22.h4 0.00/20
[22.e4± 0.43/23 deserves consideration. Re6 *(22...dxe4 23.Nd2±)* 23.exd5 Bxd5 24.Rxe6 Bxe6 25.Rxb5]
22...g6 23.h5 Kg7 0.84/22
[23...Qe4= 0.13/23 remains equal. 24.Qxe4 Rxe4]
24.Nh4↑ White is on the roll. **24...f5 25.Bh3** 0.18/25
[25.Nf3± 0.66/23]
25...Rf6= 26.Ra1
[26.hxg6!? hxg6 27.Nf3± *(27.Bxf5 gxf5 28.Nxf5+ Rxf5=)*]
26...Nb8 27.f4
[27.hxg6 looks sharper. hxg6 28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Nxf5+ gxf5 30.Qxf5 Nd7 31.f3]
27...Re6? 2.31/23
[27...Nd7= -0.03/20 and Black is okay.]
28.hxg6+- Remove Defender **28...hxg6**



29.Bxf5! Double Attack **29...Rxe3 30.Ng2** -0.15/24
[30.Rxe3+- 1.62/26 Qxe3+ 31.Kg2]
30...Rxe1+= 31.Rxe1 Qf6 32.Rxe8 -0.50/19
[White should try 32.Bg4= 0.00/22]
32...Bxe8∓ 33.Bg4 -0.79/25
[33.Qe2∓ -0.43/24 Bf7 34.Bc2]



33...b4!∓ 34.axb4 axb4 35.Ne3 -1.14/23
[35.Qe2∓ -0.49/23 Bf7 36.cxb4]
35...b3 36.Qb2 Qa6 White must now prevent ...Nd7. **37.Qe2 Bf7 38.Nd1** Qe5+ is the strong threat. **38...Qf6 39.Qe3 Na6** -0.35/27
[39...Nc6∓ -0.73/26]
40.Bf3 -0.75/26
[40.Kf2∓ -0.35/27]
40...Nc7 41.Kf2 Kf8 42.Ke1 -0.78/24
[42.Qe5= -0.27/25 Qxe5 43.fxe5]
42...Qb6 And now ...b2 would win.
43.Qe2 Qa5 -0.22/23
[43...Kg8∓ -0.67/24 is more appropriate.]
44.g4 -0.66/23
[44.Qe5= -0.22/23]
44...Qa2 0.00/23
[44...Nb5∓ -0.66/23 45.Qh2 Qb6 *(45...Nxd4?* perishes. *46.Qh8+ Ke7 47.Qxd4+-; 45...Nxc3 46.Qd2±)* 46.Qh8+ Ke7 47.Qe5+ Qe6]
45.g5 -1.49/24
[45.Qe5= 0.00/23 Qa5 *(45...b2 46.Qd6+ Ke8 47.f5=)* 46.Qh8+ Ke7 47.Qe5+ Kd8 48.Qf6+ Ke8 49.Qe5+ Be6 50.f5]
45...Qa3 0.00/21
[45...Qc2∓ -1.49/24 aiming for ...Ne8. 46.Kf1 *(46.Qxc2? bxc2 47.Kd2 cxd1B-+)* 46...Qc1]
46.Bg4 -1.27/24
[46.Qe5= 0.00/21 was the only way to keep the balance. Qe7 47.Kd2]
46...Qe7 -0.43/27
[46...Kg8∓ -1.27/24 47.f5 Qd6 48.fxg6 Bxg6]
47.Kd2 -1.35/28
[White should play 47.Qe5!∓ -0.43/27]

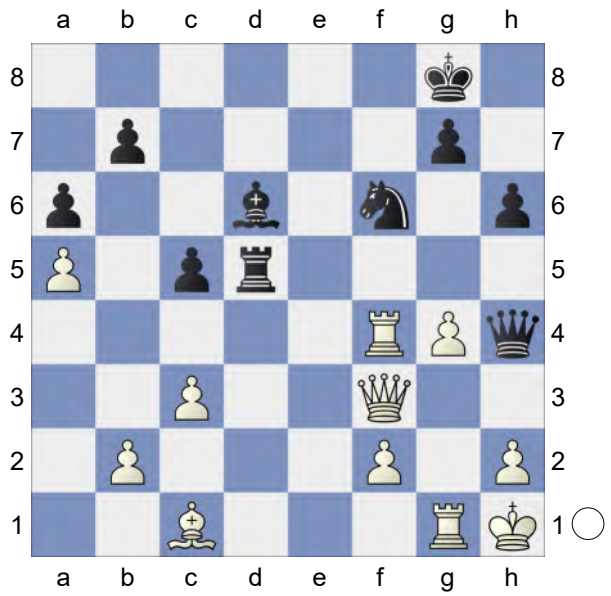


47...Qxe2+! 48.Bxe2 Endgame. KBN-KBN **48...Ne6 49.Ke3 Ng7 50.Kd2 Ne6 51.Ke3 Ke7 52.Bg4 Ng7** -0.53/35
[52...Kd6∓ -0.99/37 53.Be2 Be8]
53.Kd2!∓ Be6 54.Bf3 Nh5 0.01/25
[54...Nf5∓ -0.51/30]

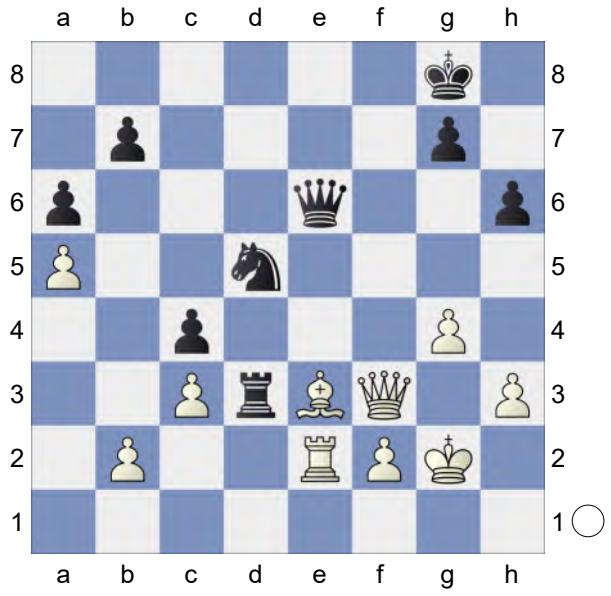
55.f5!= Deflection. The position is equal. **55...Bxf5 56.Bxd5 Be6 57.Bxe6 Kxe6 58.Ne3 Ng3 59.Nxc4 Ne4+ 60.Kd3 Nxg5 61.Nd2 b2 62.Kc2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
½-½

B40
□ **Aitbayev,Aslan** **2369**
■ **Harutyunyan,Tigran K.** **2524**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.23)
[Kitty Kat]

B40: Sicilian: 2...e6, Unusual lines
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6
[4...g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 h6 11.Nc3 a6 12.h4 Nf5 13.Bf4 Qb6 14.Na4 Qa7 15.Be3 Nxe3 16.Rxe3 Ne7 17.Rc1 Nf5 18.Rec3 Bd7 19.Nc5 1-0 (33) Khamatgaleev,A (2480)-11.♗e3 ♖e8 12.♗f3 (1856) 125/114 2015 (3)]
5.Qe2N
[5.d3 d5 *(5...g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Re1 d5 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.c3 a5 10.e5 Nd7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.b3 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Rb1 Qc5 18.Nf3 e5 19.Be3 Qd6 20.Rbd1* 0-1 (33) Giri,A-Svidler,P Norway Chess blitz 2nd 2014 (8)*; 5...d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.d4 e5 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qxd8 Bxd8 12.Be3 b6 13.Ne1 Be6* 4. The Anti Sicilians-Anti Sicilian*)* 6.Nbd2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Ne4 b6 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2 0-0 12.Qc1 e5 13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Nc3 Nde7 15.h4 Qd7 16.Re1 Rae8 17.Nh2 Bh3 18.Bh1 Nd4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 0-1 (65) Tagelsir,A (2236)-Yilmaz,M (2633) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.1)]
5...e5 6.0-0 Be7 7.c3 0-0 8.Na3 Re8 9.d3 h6 Repels Bg5 **10.Nc4 Bf8 11.Ne3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Nd2 Qd8 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Be4 Qd7 17.a4 Rad8 18.a5** -0.80/24
[18.Re1= -0.26/22]
18...Bh3 19.Re1 f5 20.Bh1 a6
[20...Qxd3 21.Qxd3 Rxd3 22.a6+-]
21.Ne3 f4
[21...Qxd3? 22.Qh5+-]
22.Nc4 Bg4
[22...Qxd3 23.Qxd3 Rxd3 24.Bxf4+- *(24.gxf4 e4=)*]
23.Qc2 Bf5
[23...Qxd3? loses. 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.Bxf4+- *(25.gxf4 Bh3±)*]
24.Be4 Bxe4 25.dxe4 Qg4 -0.14/20
[25...Bd6∓ -0.62/22]
26.Kg2= f3+ 27.Kh1! Nb8 0.57/23
[27...Kh7= 0.06/25]
28.Ne3± Qe6 29.Nd5 Threatens to win with Qd1. **29...Qh3** 1.08/23
[29...Qg4± 0.65/21]
30.Rg1± Rxd5 1.63/26 **31.exd5** 0.81/20
[31.Qb3!+- 1.63/26 and White stays clearly on top.]
31...e4 32.Ra4 -0.10/21
[32.Bf4± 0.85/23 And now Bxb8 would win. Nd7 33.g4]
32...Re5? 3.30/23
[32...Qf5= -0.10/21 and Black is okay.]
33.g4!+-
[33.Rxe4 gets mated. Rh5 34.Rh4 Rxh4 35.gxh4 Bd6]
33...Nd7 aiming for ...Nf6. **34.Rxe4 Rxd5 35.Rf4 Bd6** Hoping for ...Nf6! **36.Qe4! Nf6 37.Qxf3 Qh4**
(Diagram)



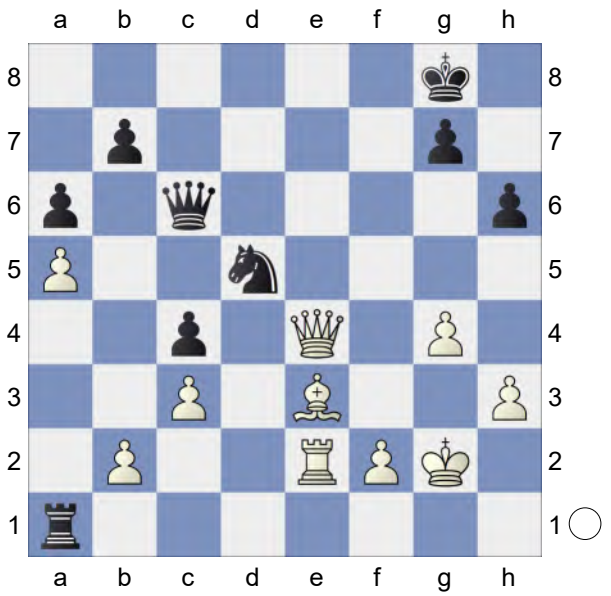
38.h3! Bxf4 39.Bxf4 Rg3 is the strong threat. **39...c4** 2.52/24
[⩲39...h5 1.74/24]
40.Kg2 Rd3 41.Be3!
[41.Qxb7? Qxh3#]
41...Nd5 42.Re1 Qe7 Prevents Qe4
43.Re2 Qe6



44.Bc1! Qc6 (-> ...Nf4+!) **45.Qe4 Rd1 46.Be3 Ra1**

(Diagram)

47.Kh2? 0.10/20



[47.f3!+- 1.67/23]
47...Nxe3!= 48.Rxe3 Qe6+ would now be deadly. **48...Rxa5 49.Qxc6 bxc6** Endgame. KR-KR **50.Re6 Rc5 51.Kg3 Kf7 52.Re4 a5** The position is equal. **53.Kf3 Rb5 54.Rxc4 Rxb2 55.Rxc6 a4 56.Ra6 Rc2 57.Rxa4 Rxc3+ 58.Kg2 g5 59.Ra5 Kg6 60.f3 Rc1 61.h4 gxh4 62.Rh5 Rc2+ 63.Kh3 Rf2 64.Rf5 h5** Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

A15
□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
■ **Shyaam Nikhil P** **2445**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.24)
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6)
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6
[2...g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 c5 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxg7 Kxg7 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Qc2 Na6 11.Qb2 Kg8

12.Nc3 Qa5 13.Rfc1 Rb8 14.a3 Be6 15.Rab1 Rfc8 16.b4 Qd8 17.b5 ½-½ (18) Raupp,T (2330)-Herbrechtsmeier,C (2305) Baden-ch Zell 1993 (9)]

3.g3N

[3.e3 Bb7 4.b3 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 c5 *(7...d6 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Qc2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 e5 11.d4* 1c) Queen's Indian: ...Bb7 Li-Queen's Indian Without ...e6: Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 8.Nc3 d6 9.d4 cxd4 *(9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Nd7 12.d5* 1c) Queen's Indian: ...Bb7 Li-Queen's Indian Without ...e6: Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 10.Nxd4 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Bf3 1c) Queen's Indian: ...Bb7 Li-Queen's Indian Without ...e6: Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

3...Bb7 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d4 0-0 7.d5 Ne4 Repels Nc3 **8.Qc2 f5 9.Bf4** 0.24/18

[9.Ng5± 0.66/21]

9...c6!= White has an edge. **10.Nfd2 cxd5 11.cxd5 Bxd5 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 fxe4 14.Qxe4**

(Diagram)

Qd5+ is the strong threat. **14...Nc6** 0.54/21

[14...d5!= 0.12/23 15.Qe6+ Rf7]

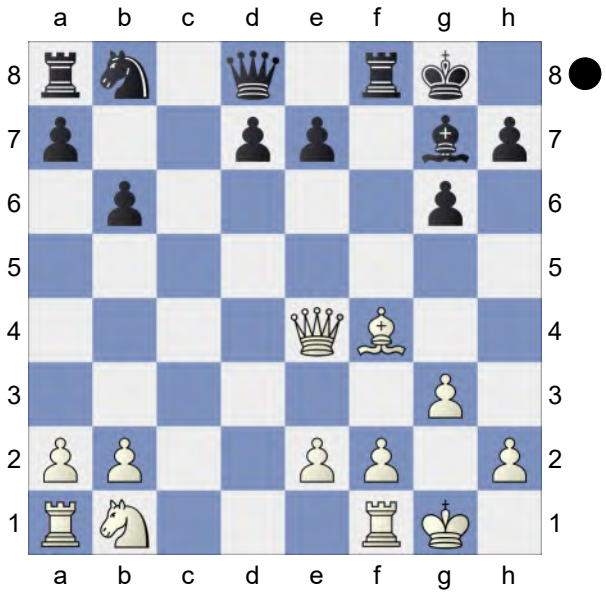
15.Nc3± Bxc3 16.Qc4+! e6 1.06/23

[16...d5± 0.67/25 17.Qxc6 *(17.Qxc3 Rc8±)* 17...Bxb2]

17.Qxc3± Qf6 18.Qxf6 Rxf6 19.Rfd1 d5 20.Bg5 Rf7 21.Rac1 Ne5 22.Bf4 Nd7 23.Bd6 g5 24.g4 Kg7 1.12/25

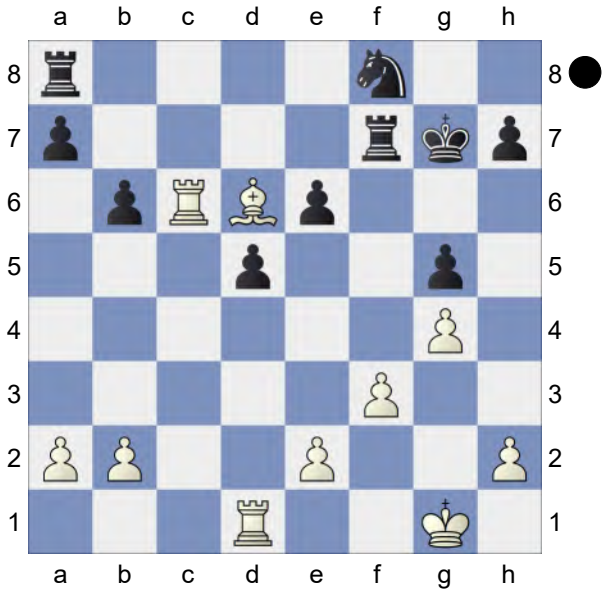
[24...Nf8± 0.57/25]

25.f3 0.61/23



[Better is 25.Rd3± 1.12/25]

25...Nf8± 26.Rc6



Bxf8+ would now be deadly. **26...Ng6 27.Rdc1 Rd8 28.Bg3 Re7 29.Kf2 e5 30.Rc7**

[30.h4!?]

30...Rdd7 31.Rxd7 Rxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.Ke3 Kf7 33.Rc6 Ke7 34.Kd3 Rd6 35.Rc8 Rd8 36.Rc7+ Rd7 37.Rc6 Rd6 38.Rc7+ Rd7** The position is equal. **39.Rc6 Rd6 40.Rc8 Rd8**

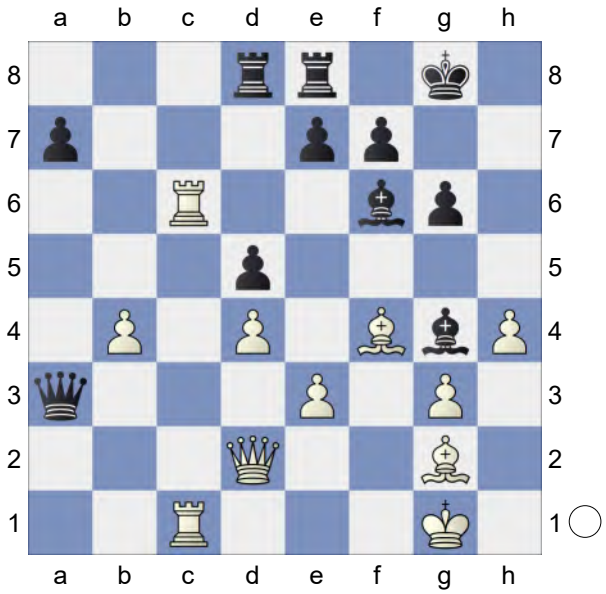
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08

(flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

D79

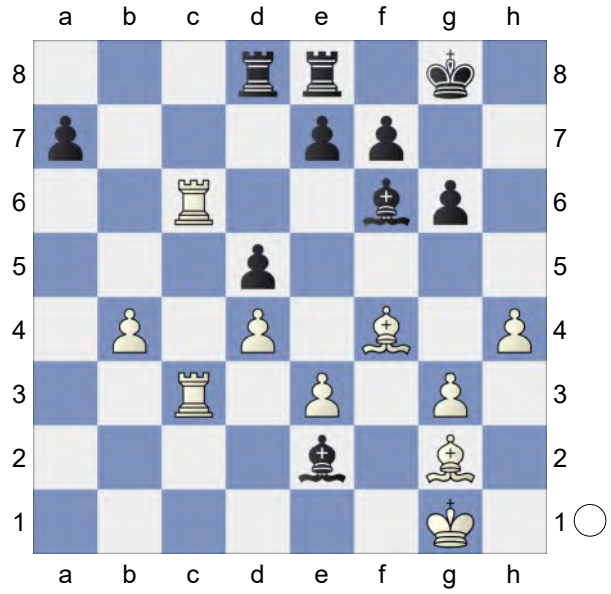
□ **Xu,Zhihang** 2511
■ **Nazari,Arad** 2401
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.25)
[Kitty Kat]

D79: Fianchetto Grünfeld: Symmetrical Variation (6 0-0 c6 7 cxd5 cxd5)
Dautov,R: 'Inf 67/(535)'One of the most unbelievable games I have seen in a long time. It is very hard to understand what was going on all the time, with the material balance disrupted from the very beginning. **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6 7.cxd5N**
[7.b3 a5 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nxc3 *(9...a4 10.Nxa4 dxc4 11.Ne5 cxb3 12.axb3 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nd2 14.Re1 Be6 15.Nc5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Nxb3 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Qa3 Qb6 19.e3 Qa5 20.Rb1 Qxa3 21.Bxa3 Na5 22.Bb4 b6 23.Bxe7 Re8 24.Rxb6* 0-1 (41) Dautov,R (2625)-Tischbierek,R (2515) GER-ch Bremen 1998 (6) *Rxe7 25.Rxb8+ Kf7 26.f4 Rc7 27.Bf1 c5 28.Rb5 Nb7 29.Kf2 Ke7 30.h4 Kd7 31.Rb6 Nd8 32.Bc4 Ke7 33.Ra6 Rb7 34.Ke2 Rb2+ 35.Kd3 Rb7 36.Kc3 Kd7 37.g4 Ke7 38.e4 Rc7 39.Bb5* 1-0 (41) Dautov,R (2620)-Belotti,B (2380) Reggio Emilia 9596 38th 1995 (6)*)* 10.Bxc3 Nd7 *(10...b5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bd2 Bb7 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Rc7 Bc6 16.Qc2 Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rxc7 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxc6 Qxc6 20.Rxc6 Ra7 21.e3 b4 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bb5 Kg7 24.Rc8 Nf8 25.Ne1* ½-½ (43) 3.e5 ♗f5 4. ♘e2 e6_35829 (2580)-8. ♘e2 ♘c6 9.0-0 b6_66000 (2670) 32/119 Esbjerg 32/119 1981*)* 11.e3 Nf6 12.Ne5 Ne4 13.Be1 Qd6 14.f3 Nf6 15.Rc1 c5 16.g4 7. ...g6 and ...d5: Grünfeld-#055 Main line 6...c6 slow li]
7...cxd5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Ne5 Bf5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bf4 Nd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Na4 Against Qb6 **13...Re8 14.b3** The position is equal. **14...h5 15.Qd2 Bf6** 0.36/23
[15...h4= 0.00/24 deserves consideration.]
16.Nc5 Qb6 0.61/23
[16...h4= 0.23/24 was preferrable.]
17.b4± Ra8 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Rc5 h4 20.a3 0.30/22
[Better is 20.gxh4± 1.09/21 Strongly threatening h5! Bxh4 21.e4]
20...Kg7 0.95/18
[20...h3= 0.30/22 21.Bf3 e6]
21.h3
[21.Rfc1 keeps more tension. a5 22.b5 cxb5 23.Bxd5 Rac8 24.Bc7]
21...hxg3 22.fxg3 Kg8 23.h4 Bg4 24.Rfc1 Qa6 25.e3 Qxa3 26.Rxc6 Rad8



27.Qc3 0.24/19

[27.Bc7!± 1.25/20]
27...Qxc3!= 28.R1xc3 Be2 0.84/23
[28...Bg7= 0.19/20]



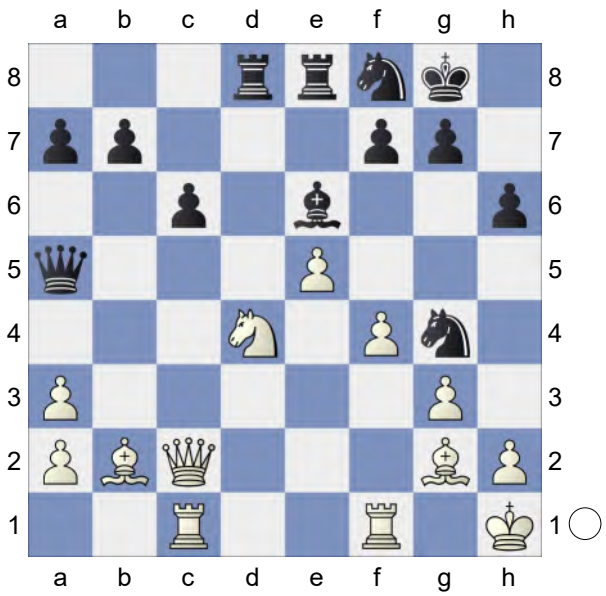
29.Kf2 0.39/25 White is more active.
[29.Ra3!± 0.84/23]
29...Bc4± 30.Ra3 e5 1.16/25
[30...a6± 0.46/25]
31.Rxf6± exf4 32.gxf4
[Don't do 32.Rxf4 Rd7±]
32...Re7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)
½-½

A13
□ **Saydaliev,Saidakbar** **2473**
■ **Omonov,Asrorjon** **2360**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.26)
[Kitty Kat]

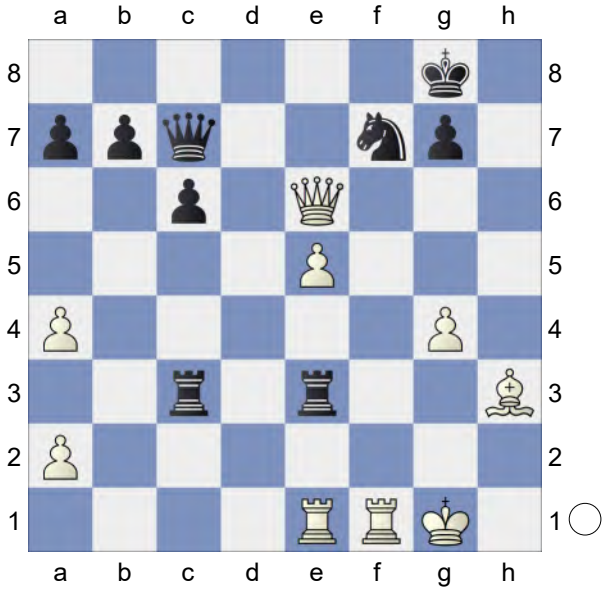
A13: English Opening: 1...e6
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5
[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 (26) Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely, L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]
4.Bg2 dxc4N
[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
[4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 d4 12.Rfe1 e5 13.e3 Qd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Re2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rxe2 17.Rxe2 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Kf1 ½-½ (39) Legendmike (2089)-Greecechess22 (2061) 1st Greek Chessfed Blitz FINAL Team Bat 2020]
5.0-0 Bd6 0.57/25
[5...Nbd7= 0.15/20]
6.Na3 Bxa3 7.bxa3 0-0 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...Nbd7 9.Bb2 Re8 10.Rac1 c6 11.Qxc4 e5 12.d3 h6 13.Qc2**
[13.a4 is more complex. e4 14.dxe4 Nxe4 15.Qd4]
13...Qc7 0.88/20
[13...Rb8± 0.48/24]
14.e4± Nf8 15.d4 exd4 16.Nxd4 Be6 17.Kh1 Qa5 0.94/20
[17...Rad8± 0.45/21]
18.f4 Rad8 19.e5 0.69/20
[Better is 19.Rfe1± 1.08/21]
19...Ng4±

(Diagram)

20.Rce1 0.28/21 Dodges Ne3
[20.Qe2!± 0.82/23 Black must now prevent Nxe6. Qb6 21.Nxe6 Nxe6 22.Rce1 *(22.f5 Ng5±)*]
20...h5!= 21.h3 Nh6 22.Nxe6 fxe6



23.Qb3 Qb6 24.Qc3 Nf5 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Nh6 0.97/20
[26...Ng3+!± 0.36/22 27.Qxg3 Qxb2]
27.Bh3 -0.22/25
[27.Bf3± 0.97/20]
27...Rd5 28.Bc1 Red8! And now ...Rd3 would win. **29.Be3 Qb5 30.Qc2** -0.95/20
[30.Bxa7? Rd3 31.Rc1 Rxc3-+]
[30.Kg1= -0.21/20 remains equal.]
30...Rd3∓ 31.a4 Qa5 -0.39/21
[31...Qb4∓ -1.18/22 Hoping for ...Rc3. 32.a5 Rc3]
32.Kg1∓ Rc3 -0.25/21 Black is more active.
[32...Qb4∓ -0.67/22 33.a5 Qxa5]
33.Qe4= Rdd3 34.f5! Nf7 0.38/25
[Black should play 34...Ra3∓ -0.33/22]
35.fxe6 0.00/30
[35.Bg2!± 0.38/25 is more appropriate. Qc7 36.a5 *(36.Bxa7 b6∓)*]
35...Nxe6 36.Qg6 Repels Nfg5 **36...Qc7** 1.44/23
[36...Neg5= 0.00/30 keeps the balance. 37.Bxg5 Nxg5 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qh5+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7 41.Qh5+ Kg8 42.Qe8+]
37.Qxe6±
[37.Bxa7? Rxh3 *(37...Nxe5 38.Qxe6+ Kh7 39.Rxe5+-)* 38.Qxe6 Rcg3+ 39.Kf2 Qa5-+ *(39...b6? 40.Rd1-+)*]
37...Rxe3



38.Rxe3 0.39/20
[38.Bg2!± 1.25/26 Rxe1 39.Rxe1]
38...Rxe3± 39.Qe8+ Deflection **39...Kh7** aiming for ...Qb6! **40.Rxf7** 0.00/31
[But not 40.Qxf7 Qxf7 41.Rxf7 Rxh3=]
[White should try 40.g5!± 0.52/25 Qxe5 *(40...Nxg5 41.Bf5+ g6 42.Qxg6+ Kh8 43.Qxg5; 40...Rxh3? 41.g6+* Decoy *Kxg6 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qxh3+ Nh6 44.Qd3+ Kg8 45.Qb3+ Kh7 46.e6+-)* 41.g6+ Decoy *(41.Qxf7? Rxh3 42.Qf5+ Qxf5-+)* 41...Kxg6 42.Qxf7+ Kh6 43.Bg2]
40...Qb6= (-> ...Re1+). Really sharp!
41.Kg2 Re2+! 42.Kh1? -#5/28
[42.Kf1= 0.00/27 Qe3 *(42...Rxa2?* too greedy. *43.Rxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qe6+ Kg7 46.Qxa2+-)* 43.Rxg7+ Decoy Kxg7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qe8+ Kg7

46.Qd7+ Kh8 47.Qd8+ Kg7 48.Qd7+ Kh8 49.Qd8+ Kh7 50.Qe7+ Kg8 51.Qe6+ Kh8 *(51...Kf8 52.Qc8+ Kg7 53.Qd7+=)* 52.Qc8+ Kg7 53.Qc7+ Kg8 54.Qc8+ Kg7 55.Qxb7+ Kg6 56.Qxc6+ Kh7 57.Qb7+ Kh8 58.Qc8+ Kg7 59.Qd7+ Kh8 60.Qc8+ Kg7 61.Qc7+ Kg6 62.Qd6+ Kg7 63.Qc7+ Kg6 64.Qd6+ Kh7 65.Qe7+ Kg8 66.Qd8+ Kf7 67.Qc7+ Kg6]

42...Qb1+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.23 (precise)

0-1

E90

□ **Goutham Krishna H** **2466**

■ **Ashraf,Artin** **2388**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.27)

[Kitty Kat]

E90: King's Indian: Classical: Early deviations and 6 h3

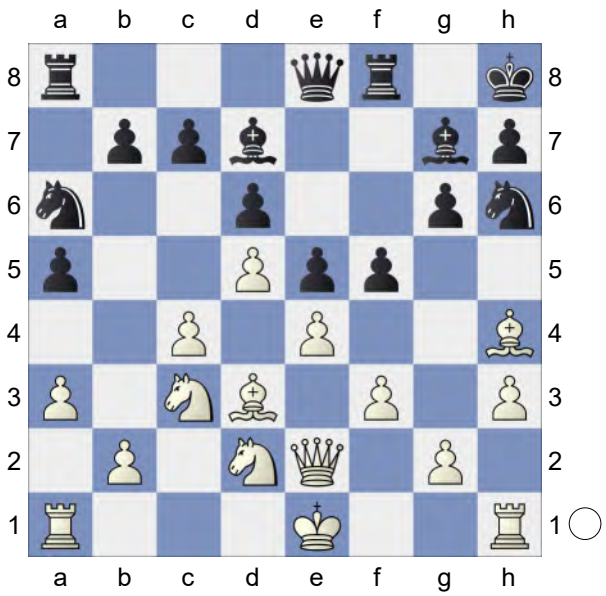
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 0-0 5.e4 d6N

[5...c6 6.Bd3 d5 7.e5 Ne8 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.h3 Nc6 10.0-0 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Be3 Nh5 13.Rc1 Kh8 14.Re1 5) King's Indian Defence-King's Indian Defence: 4...O-Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 Qe8 White is slightly better. **10.h3** Against f5 **10...Nh6 11.Nd2 a5 12.Bd3 Na6 13.f3 f5 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.a3 Kh8**

(Diagram)

16.g4! Nc5 17.Bc2 Ng8 18.0-0-0 Ne7 19.Nb3 0.96/21

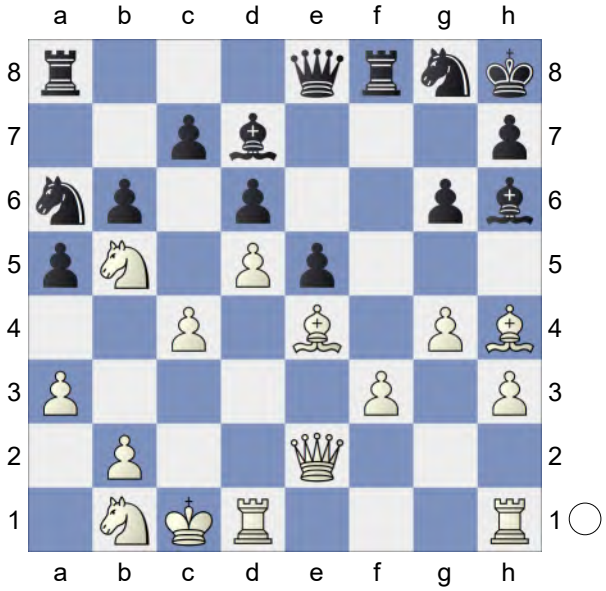


[White should play 19.Nb5 1.36/21]

19...b6 20.Nb5 Na6 21.Nd2 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **21...Ng8 22.Nb1** 0.84/24

[⌓22.Rdg1 1.38/20]

22...fxe4± 23.Bxe4 Bh6+



24.Kc2! Bxb5 25.cxb5 Nc5 26.Nc3 a4 27.Rhf1 Bf4 28.Bf2 Nf6 29.Qc4

[29.Bxc5 simplifies bxc5 30.Kb1 Qe7 31.Ka2]

29...Nfd7 30.Ne2 0.61/23

[30.Kb1± 1.05/22]

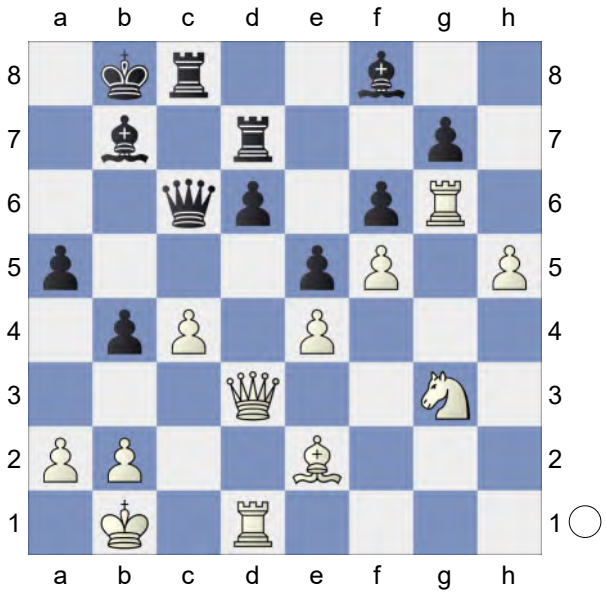
30...Qe7± 31.Kb1 Rf7 32.Bc2 0.00/24
[32.Rh1± 0.90/23]
32...Raf8 33.Qc3 -0.46/24
[33.h4= 0.12/22]
33...Bg5 -0.07/25
[33...Bh6∓ -0.46/24]
34.Bg1= Kg8 35.Ng3! Ra8 36.Ne4 Nxe4 37.fxe4 Black must now prevent Rxf7. **37...Nc5 38.Qc4 Raf8** 0.72/26
[38...Rf4= 0.14/24]
39.Qe2? -1.03/25
[39.Bxa4? perishes. Rxf1 40.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 41.Qxf1 Nxa4-+]
[39.Rxf7± 0.72/26 keeps the pressure on. Qxf7 40.Bxc5 *(40.Bxa4? Nxa4 41.Qxa4 Qf3-+)* 40...dxc5 41.Qxa4 *(41.Bxa4 Be7=)*]
39...Rxf1 -0.11/20
[Black should try 39...Nb3∓ -1.03/25 40.Rf2 Rxf2 41.Bxf2 Qf6]
40.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 41.Qxf1 Qf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

B48

□ **Garifullina,Leya** **2451**
■ **Nandhidhaa,P V** **2339**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.28)
[Kitty Kat]

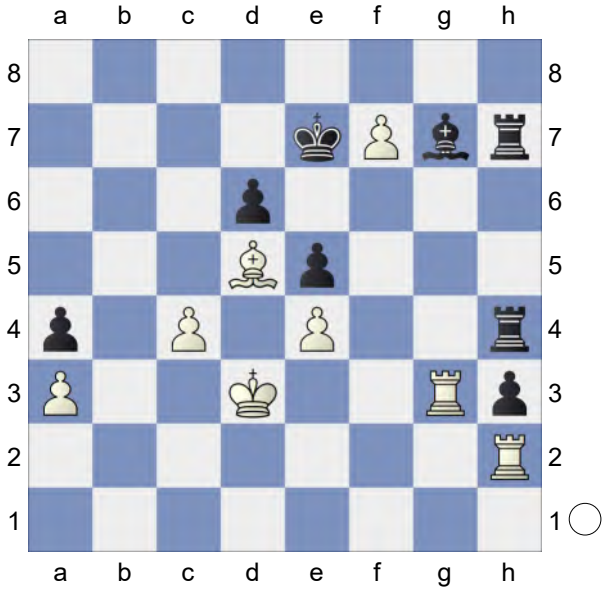
B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ (37) Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
6...a6 7.Qf3 h5 8.Qg3 d6 9.0-0-0 White is slightly better. **9...Nf6 10.f4 Bd7 11.Bd3 b5 12.Rhf1 Nxd4** 1.18/19
[12...h4± 0.37/21 13.Qf3 b4]
13.Bxd4± b4 14.Ne2 0.36/19
[14.e5!± 1.53/23 h4 15.Qf2 bxc3 16.exf6 cxb2+ 17.Kb1 *(17.Bxb2 gxf6 18.Bxf6 Rh6=)* 17...gxf6 18.Bxf6 *(18.Kxb2 Be7∓)*]
14...h4± 15.Qe1 e5 16.Bf2 a5 0.91/21
[16...h3± 0.35/21]
17.Kb1 0.29/23
[17.h3± 0.91/21]
17...Ng4 0.81/24
[17...h3= 0.29/23]
18.h3± Nxf2 19.Qxf2 Threatens to win with fxe5. **19...f6 20.c4** -0.34/24
[20.b3± 0.84/23]
20...Qa7 0.02/22
[20...a4∓ -0.34/24 is more appropriate.]
21.Qf3 -0.37/22
[21.Qe1= 0.02/22]
21...Be7∓ 22.f5 Bc6 23.g3 White is weak on the dark squares **23...hxg3** -0.21/21
[23...0-0-0∓ -0.57/22 is superior.]
24.Nxg3 -0.69/20
[24.Rg1= -0.21/21]
24...0-0-0 25.Qg4 Bf8 0.16/25

[Black should play 25...a4∓ -0.70/23]
26.h4 Qc5 27.Be2 Kb8 28.h5 Rc8 29.Qf3 -0.20/27
[29.Rd3± 0.37/23]
29...Bb7 0.38/23
[29...Be7= -0.20/27]
30.Rh1 Be7 31.Qd3 -0.18/23
[31.Nf1!± 0.37/23]
31...Qc6 32.Rh4 Rhd8 0.99/23
[32...Bd8= 0.15/20]
33.Rg4!± Bf8 34.Rg6 0.58/22
[White should try 34.Nf1± 0.99/21]
34...Rd7



35.h6 0.18/20 **gxh6= 36.Rxf6 Rg7** 0.82/20
[36...a4= 0.18/22 remains equal.]
37.Rg6±
[37.Rxh6? Rxg3 38.Qxg3 Bxh6-+]
37...Rcc7 38.Rf1 1.02/22
[38.Rxh6? Rxg3 39.Qxg3 Bxh6-+]
[⌓38.b3 1.41/24]
38...a4 1.74/22
[38...Rcf7± 1.02/22]
39.Nh5!+-
[39.Rxh6? Rxg3 40.Qxg3 Bxh6-+]
39...Rgf7 40.Nf6 Qc5 41.Nd5!
[41.Ne8 Rc8 42.Re6 *(42.Nxd6 Bxd6 43.Qxd6+ Qxd6=)* 42...Bc6±]
41...Bxd5 42.Qxd5
[42.exd5?! Rg7±]
42...Qe3 2.31/20
[42...Rg7 1.69/20 was worth a try. 43.Qxc5 *(43.Rxh6 Qxd5 44.cxd5 Rg2=)* 43...dxc5 44.Rxh6 Rh7]
43.Qd3 1.06/21
[43.Qb5++- 2.31/20 and White stays clearly on top. Kc8 44.Re6 Qxe4+ 45.Ka1]
43...Qxd3+± 44.Bxd3 Kb7 2.10/22
[44...Rg7± 0.91/22]
45.f6+- h5 46.Be2 1.08/21
[46.Bc2!+- 2.22/25 and the rest is easy.]
46...Rh7± 47.Rh1 0.95/23
[⌓47.Rg8 1.39/21 Rc8 48.f7]
47...h4 48.Bg4! Rh8 49.Be6 aiming for f7. **49...Rch7 50.f7** 0.66/19 White has more active pieces.
[50.Bd5+± 1.48/23 Kc7 51.Rh3]
50...h3± 51.Rh2 0.36/21
[51.Rg8± 0.75/21]
51...Kc7? 2.64/22
[Better is 51...Rg7± 0.36/21 52.Rxg7 Bxg7 53.Rxh3 *(53.Bxh3 Kb6=)* 53...Rxh3 54.Bxh3 Kc7]
52.Kc2? 0.19/19
[52.Rg8+- 2.64/22 Kd8 53.Bf5 *(53.Bxh3 Ke7=)*]
52...Kd8? 3.57/24
[52...Rg7= 0.19/19 and Black stays safe. 53.Rxg7 Bxg7]
53.Rg8!+- Ke7 54.Bd5 Rh6? 4.28/27
[54...Rh4 2.11/23 was called for. 55.Kd3 R8h5]
55.a3 bxa3 56.bxa3 R8h7 57.Rg3 2.41/22
[⌓57.Kc3 4.26/26]
57...Rh4? 4.41/26
[57...Rg7 2.41/22 58.Rhxh3 *(58.Rgxh3 Rgh7+-)* 58...Rxg3 59.Rxg3 Rh1]

58.Kd3 2.06/21
[⌓58.Kc3 4.41/26]
58...Bg7? 6.88/23
[58...Rg7 2.06/21 59.Rgxh3 Rxh3+ 60.Rxh3 Rg1]



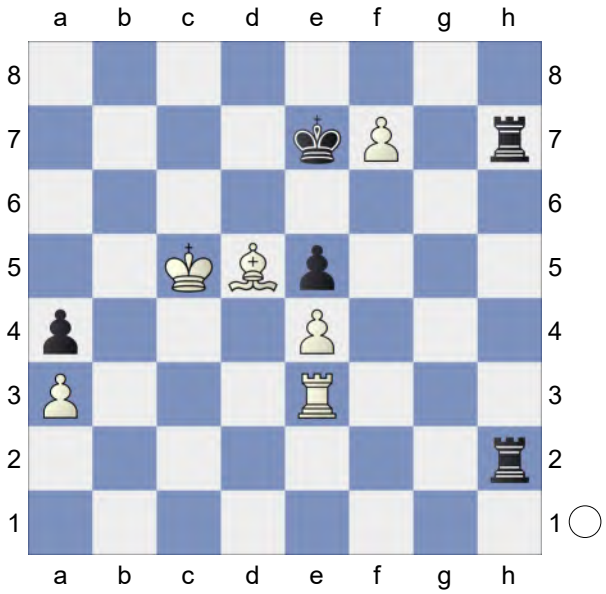
59.c5! And now cxd6+ would win.
59...dxc5
[59...Kf6 60.c6]
60.Kc4 Rb2! is the strong threat.
60...Bf8 61.Kxc5 Bh6? 6.06/26
[61...R4h5 3.70/22 62.Kb5 R5h6 63.Kxa4 Ra6+ 64.Kb3 Kd7]
62.Rgxh3? 2.19/20
[62.Rhxh3 Be3+ 63.Rxe3 Rxh3 64.Rxh3 Rxh3±]
[62.Rb2 6.06/26 White threatens Rb7+ and mate. Bf8 63.Rh2]
62...Be3+ 63.Rxe3 Threatening mate with Rf3! **63...Rxh2** Endgame.

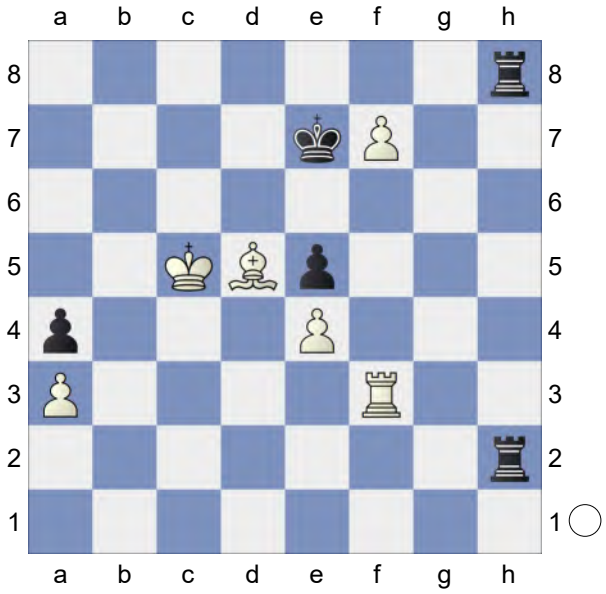
(Diagram)

KRR-KRB **64.Rf3! Rh8**

(Diagram)

65.Rf5? 0.03/26





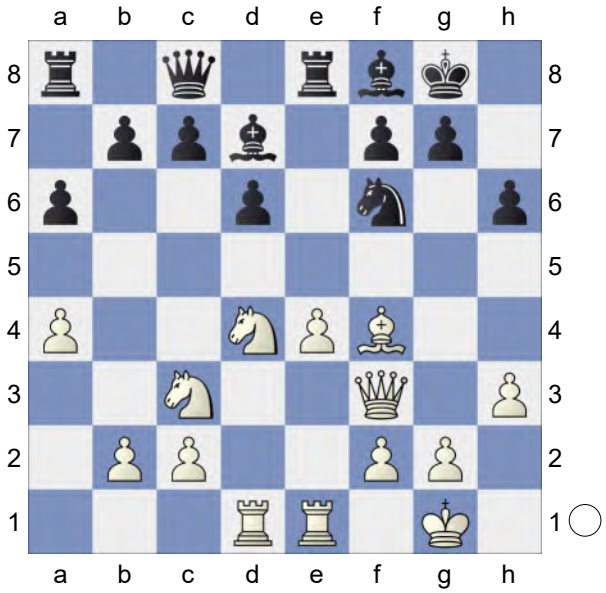
[Only move: 65.Kb5!+- 2.27/25]
65...Rc2+= The position is equal.
66.Kb6
[66.Kb5!? Rb8+□ 67.Kxa4=]
66...Rb8+! 67.Ka6 Rc3
[But not 67...Kf8? 68.Rh5 *(68.Rxe5 Rc3=)* 68...Rcc8 69.Rh8+ *(69.Rxe5 Rc3=)* 69...Ke7 70.Rxc8 Rxc8 71.Kb5+-]
68.Rxe5+ Kf8 69.Rg5 Intending Rg8+ and mate. **69...Ke7! 70.Rg8 Rf8** Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/

Black=0.51
½-½

C79

□ **Nigmatov,Ortik** **2447**
■ **Jani,Kushal R** **2326**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.29)
[Kitty Kat]

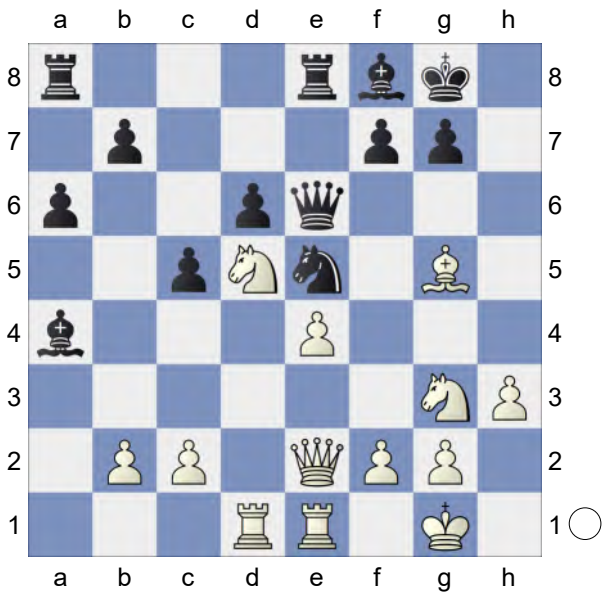
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1 Bd7 7.Bxc6N
[7.c3 g6 8.d4 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Nbd2
A) 10...exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.e5 Bxa4 13.Qxa4 Nfd5 14.Qb3 *(14.Ne4 dxe5 15.dxe5 c5 16.Nxc5 Qc7 17.a3 Qxc5 18.axb4 Qxb4* Quickstarter Guide A Ruy Lo-5.O-O d6 6.Re1 #13*)* 14...a5 15.a3 a4 16.Qc4 b5 17.Qxb5 Nc2 18.Qxd5 Nxa1 Quickstarter Guide A Ruy Lo-5.O-O d6 6.Re1 #14;
B) 10...Qe8 11.Bc2 Nh5 *(11...h6 12.Nf1 Nh5 13.Ng3 Nxg3 14.fxg3 Qe7 15.Be3 exd4 16.cxd4 Nb4 17.Bb3 c5 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.a3 Nc6 20.Rad1 cxd4 21.Nxd4 Ne5 22.Bd5 Rab8 23.g4 Rfc8 24.g5 h5 25.Rc1 Qd8 26.Ne2* 0-1 (40) 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2699)-Bd7 (2698) 2009 (7.1)*)* 12.Nf1 Qc8 13.Kh2 h6 14.Ne3 Nf4 15.Nd5 g5 16.Bxf4 gxf4 17.Ba4 b5 18.Bc2 Kh8 19.Nh4 exd4 20.Qh5 dxc3 21.bxc3 Qd8 ½-½ (83) Novikov,M (2238)-C 10/10 (2246) EU-chT (Men) 16th 2007 (11)]
7...Bxc6 8.d4 Be7 9.Nc3 exd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.h3 0-0 White is slightly better. **12.Qf3 h6 13.Bf4 Re8 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.a4 Bf8** 1.03/21
[15...Rb8± 0.37/20]



16.Bxh6!± Deflection. White is more active. **16...c5**
[16...b5 17.axb5]
17.Nde2 Bc6 18.Ng3 Nd7 2.10/21
[18...Re6± 1.30/23]
19.Bg5+- Ne5 20.Qe2 Qe6 21.Nd5 1.44/18
[21.f4+- 2.58/20]
21...Bxa4? 3.09/23
[21...Bxd5± 1.44/18 might work better. 22.Rxd5 Nd7]

(Diagram)

A mistake that costs the game. **22.Nc7** Excellent horsemanship. **22...Qg6 23.Bf4 Rac8 24.Nxe8 Rxe8 25.b3 Bd7 26.Qd2 Bc6 27.Kh2 Re6 28.f3 Qh7 29.Nf5 g6 30.Ne3 Bd7 31.Nd5 Bg7 32.Nc7 Re7 33.Bxe5 Bxe5+ 34.f4 Bd4 35.c3 Bg7 36.Qxd6 Qh4 37.Nd5 Bxh3 38.Qxe7 f6 39.Nxf6+** 10.12/17



[Weaker is 39.gxh3 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 Qg3+ 42.Kf1 *(42.Kh1 Qxh3+ 43.Kg1 Qg3+ 44.Kf1 Qf3+ 45.Kg1 Qg3+ 46.Kf1 Qf3+ 47.Kg1 Qg3+=)* 42...Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Qg3+ 44.Kf1 *(44.Kh1 Qf3+ 45.Kh2 Qf2+ 46.Kh1 Qf3+=)* 44...Qf3+ 45.Kg1=]
[⌓39.g3 #10/18 Bf8 40.Nxf6+ *(40.gxh4 Bxe7 41.Nxe7+ Kf7 42.Kxh3 Kxe7 43.f5 g5 44.e5 gxh4)* 40...Qxf6 41.Qxf6 Bg7 42.Qxg6 Kf8 43.Rd8+ *(43.Kxh3 Bd4 44.cxd4 cxd4 45.Rxd4 Ke7 46.Qg7+ Ke8 47.Qf6 b5 48.Rd8#)* 43...Ke7 44.Qe8+ *(44.Qxg7+ Kxd8 45.Rd1+ Ke8 46.Kxh3 a5 47.Qf6 b5 48.Rd8#)* 44...Kf6 45.Rd6+ Be6 46.Rxe6#]

39...Bxf6 40.Rd8#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.67

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E06

□ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**

■ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2466**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.30)

[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7

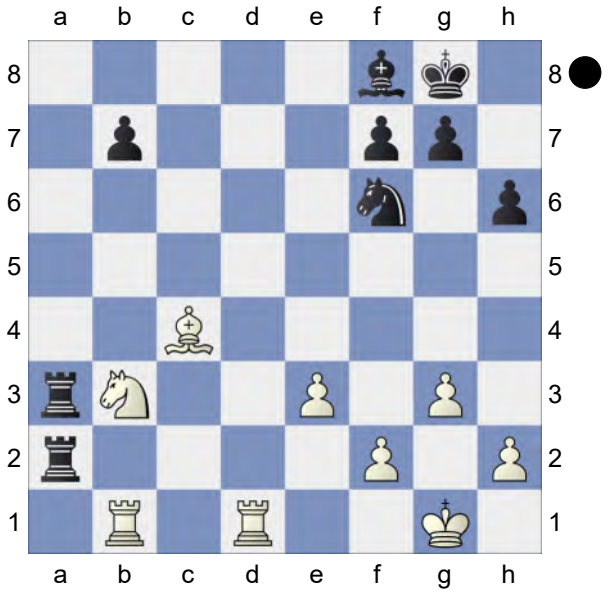
I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 h6N**

[11...a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]

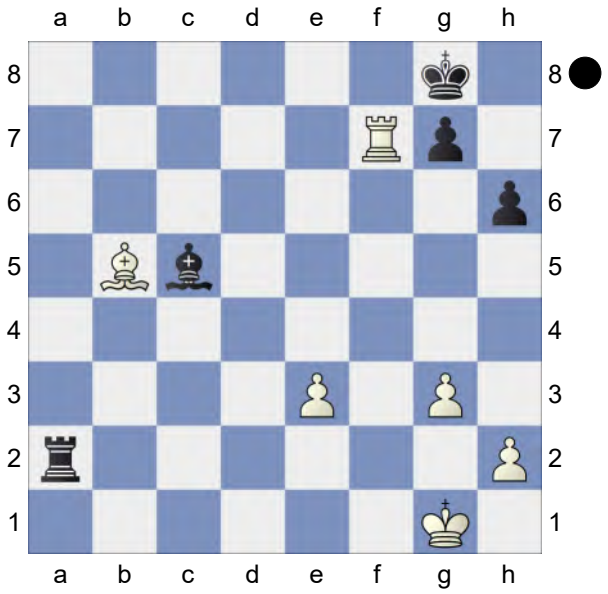
12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.b4 Bd5 The position is equal. **14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Qb3 c6 16.e3 Bd6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Qb6 19.Rab1 c5 20.dxc5 Bxc5 21.Rfd1 Ra3 22.Qc2 Rfa8 23.Nd4 Ra2 24.Qc3 R8a3**

[24...Ng4 with more complications. 25.Nf5 Bf8 26.Rb2 Qa5]

25.Nb3 Bf8 26.Bxd5 With the idea Qd3. **26...Qxb5 27.Qc4 Qxc4 28.Bxc4**



Black must now prevent Nd4. **28...b5 29.Bxb5 Ne4 30.Nc1 Nxf2 31.Nxa2 Nxd1 32.Rxd1 Rxa2 33.Rd7 Bc5 34.Rxf7**



Decoy **34...Bxe3+**

[34...Kxf7 35.Bc4+ Kf8 36.Bxa2]

[34...Kxf7!? 35.Bc4+□ Kf6 36.Bxa2 Bxe3+ 37.Kf1 Bd4=]

35.Kh1 Rxh2+ A balanced but interesting game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)

½-½

C01

□ **Prraneeth,Vuppala** **2461**

■ **Vantika,Agrawal** **2392**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.31)

[Kitty Kat]

C01: French: Exchange Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.0-0 Nbc6 7.c3 Bf5

[7...Bg4 8.Bg5 Qd7 9.Nbd2 f6 10.Bh4 Ng6 11.Bg3 Nf4 12.Bxf4 Bxf4 13.h3 Be6 14.Re1 0-0-0 15.Nb3 Bd6 16.Bb5 Rde8 17.Nc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5 a6 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.Nd4 Qd7 21.c6 bxc6 22.Qe2 0-1 (25) Andreikin,D (2729)-Ibarra Jerez,J (2557) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (4)]

8.Bxf5 Nxf5 9.Qb3N

[9.Re1+ Nfe7 10.Bg5 *(10.b3 0-0 11.Na3 Ng6 12.Nb5 Be7* 2) Abtauschvariante-2A | Abtauschvariante mit 4.L*)* 10...0-0 11.Nbd2 Qd7 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Ne5 Qf5 14.Nf1 f6 15.Ng3 Qc8 16.Nd3 c6 17.Qe2 Qd7 18.Rad1 Rae8 19.Ra1 Ra8 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.Ra1 Ra8 22.Rad1 ½-½ Divya,D (2389)-Balabayeva,K (2186) Asian Continental (Women) op 20th 2023 (9)]

9...b6 The position is equal. **10.Re1+**

[10.Qxd5? Bxh2+ 11.Kxh2 Qxd5-+]

10...Nce7 11.Kh1

[11.Qxd5? Bxh2+ 12.Kxh2 Qxd5-+]

11...c6 0.47/22

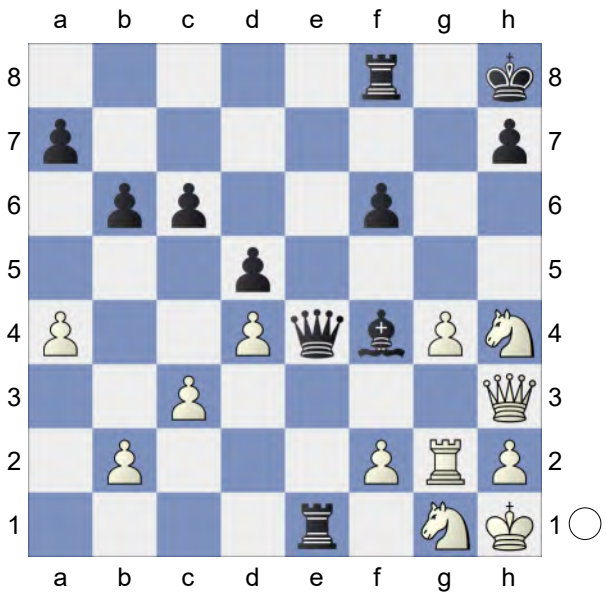
[11...0-0= -0.11/25]

12.a4 -0.20/24

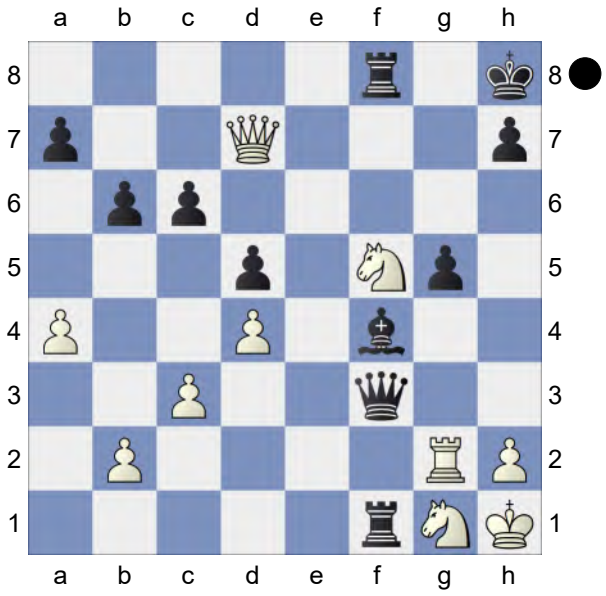
[12.g4± 0.47/22]

12...0-0 0.17/21
[⌓12...Bc7 -0.20/24]
13.Qc2 -0.42/26
[White should try 13.g4= 0.17/21]
13...Qd7∓ 14.g4 Nh6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Rg1 -0.73/23
[16.Nbd2∓ -0.37/23]
16...Kh8∓ 17.Qc1 Qe6 18.Qf1 -1.06/25 Black continues to play with concentration.
[18.Qe3∓ -0.61/22]
18...Ng6 Black is more active. **19.Nbd2 Rae8 20.Qh3** -1.78/23
[20.b4∓ -1.10/22]
20...Nf4-+ 21.Qh4 Qg6 22.Rae1 -2.68/20
[⌓22.g5 -1.65/22]
22...Nd3 23.Re3 f6 Threatens to win with ...Bf4.
[23...Nxb2 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.dxe5-+]
24.Rxd3 Qxd3 25.Qxh6 Re2 26.Rg2 -4.23/22
[26.Kg2 -2.55/23 was called for.]
26...Qg6 27.Qh3 Bf4 28.Nh4 Qc2 29.Ndf3 Qe4
[29...Qxb2 30.Ng6+ Kg8 31.Nxf4 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 Qxf2 33.g5 fxg5 34.Qe6+ Rf7 35.Qc8+ Rf8 36.Qe6+ Kh8 *(36...Rf7 37.Qe8+ Rf8* Pin *38.Qe6+=)* 37.Qe5+ Kg8 38.Qxg5+ Kh8 39.Qe5+ Kg8 40.Qg5+ Kh8 41.Qe5+ Kg8 42.Qg5+=]
[29...Rxf2 30.Rxf2 *(30.Ng6+ Qxg6 31.Rxf2 Re8∓)* 30...Qxf2 31.Ng6+ Kg8 32.Nxf4±]
30.Ng1 Re1
[30...Rxb2? too greedy. 31.f3 Qb1 32.Rxb2 Qxb2 33.Ng6+ Kg8 34.Nxf4+-]

(Diagram)



(-> ...Rxg1+!). White is weak on the dark squares **31.f3 Qb1** White must now prevent ...Be3. **32.Nf5 Qd1 33.Qh4 Rf1 34.g5 fxg5**
[34...Bxg5 35.Qg3±]
35.Qg4 Qd3
[Not 35...Qxa4 36.Ng3 Rxg1+ 37.Rxg1∓]
36.Ne7 Qe3 37.Qd7 -#8/21
[37.Nxc6-+ -4.11/21 Qe1 38.Ne5]
37...Qxf3 38.Nf5

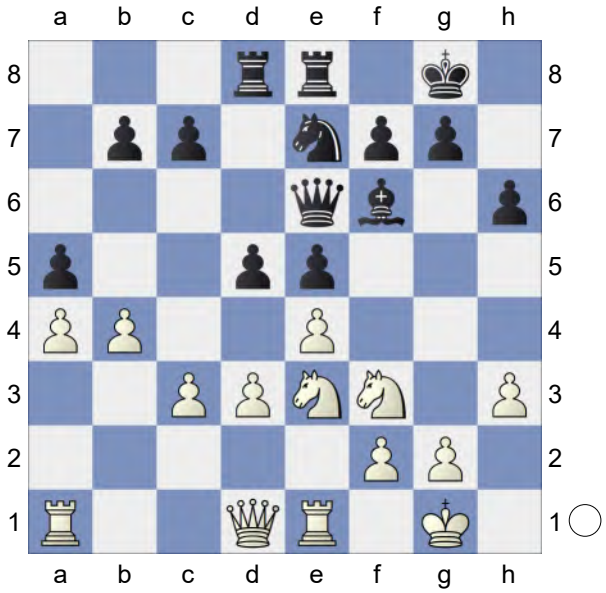


Rxg1+! Back Rank. Black mates.
39.Kxg1 Be3+ 40.Nxe3 Qxe3+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

C55
□ **Vaz,Ethan** **2378**
■ **Swayams,Mishra** **2456**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.32)
[Kitty Kat]

C55: Two Knights: 4 d3, 4 d4 exd4 5 e5 and Max Lange Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nb6 *(6...Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.d4 Nb6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 fxe5 13.Nc3 Bg4 14.Re1 Bh4 15.Be3 Bf5 16.Na4 Bxc2 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.Bc4+ Kh8 19.Bd5 Bd3 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Bd5* 0-1 (74) 3.c3 ♗g7 4. ♗g5_30545 (2123)-Hauge,L (2379) Cappelle op 25th 2009 (3)*)* 7.Bb5 Bd6 8.d4 e4 9.Re1 f5 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.c4 0-0 12.c5 exf3 13.cxb6 Qf7 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qxf3 axb6 16.Nc3 f4 17.Qxc6 Bd7 18.Qd5 Qxd5 19.Nxd5 1-0 (41) Rojas Keim,L (2680)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2738) Metz op 28th 2010 (5.5)]
5.0-0 0-0 6.Re1N
[6.Nc3 d6 7.a3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Nd4 10.Qd1 c6 11.f4 exf4 12.Rxf4 d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Ba2 Bc5 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Rf1 Ne6 17.g4 d4 18.Na4 Be7 19.g5 Nd7 20.Rxf7 Bd6 ½-½ (56) Edighoffer,H-Melton,R APCT King ch-1 1996]
6...d6 7.a4 Be6 8.Nbd2 a5 9.c3 Qd7 10.Bxe6 0.16/22
[10.Bb5± 0.52/22]
10...Qxe6= 11.Nc4 Rad8 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne3 Ne7 15.h3 Rfe8 16.b4 d5



...dxe4 would now be deadly. **17.Qc2 dxe4 18.dxe4 Ra8 19.Red1 c6 20.Qb2 Reb8 21.bxa5 Ng6 22.Nf5 Be7** Repels Rd6 **23.Nxe7+ Qxe7 24.Qb4 Qc7 25.Qb6 Rc8 26.Rab1 Rxa5** The position is equal. **27.Qxb7 Qxb7 28.Rxb7** And now Rdd7 would win. **28...Rxa4 29.Rdd7 Rf8 30.g3** Threatening Nd2. **30...Rxe4 31.h4 Rc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

B29
□ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
■ **Pham Tran Gia Phuc** **2445**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.33)
[Kitty Kat]

B29: Sicilian: 2 Nf3 Nf6 (Nimzowitsch Variation)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bb5+N
[5.d4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 e6 7.Bd3 Be7

8.0-0 0-0 Sicilian Nimzowitsch-2.♘f3 ♘f6 3. ♘c3 Survey 1997 *(8...Nd7 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Ne5 Qc7 12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Qh5 f5 14.Bd2 b6 15.Re1 Bb7 16.Qe2 Bd6 17.a4 Rf6 18.f3 h6 19.a5 cxd4 20.cxd4 Nc3 21.Bxc3 Qxc3 22.Qf2 bxa5 23.Rab1* 0-1 (34) Papadopoulos,F (1764)-Fragkos,V (2073) Athens Iraklion op 25th 2023 (6) *)*]
[5.Nxd5 Qxd5 6.d4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 a6 9.f4 b6 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Nf3 Nd7 12.Ne5 Nc5 13.Bxc5 bxc5 14.Bc4 e6 15.0-0-0 Bxg2 16.Rhe1 g6 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Rd7+ Kf6 19.Bxe6 g5 ½-½ (27) 17.Kb2 (2465)-8. ♘f3 0-0_66013 (2470) olw5 fin B1 corr 1997]

5...Bd7 6.Ne5! Bxb5 7.Qf3
[7.Nxb5 e6=]

7...f6 8.Nxb5 Na6 White is slightly better. **9.Nc4** -0.21/22
[White has to play 9.Qh5+± 0.87/26 g6 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qxh8]

9...Qd7= 10.0-0 Qxb5 11.Qxd5 Nb4 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qe2 Qd7 Inhibits Nd6+. **14.d3 Bg7 15.Be3 Rc8 16.Rad1 b5** 0.44/25
[16...Nd5= -0.12/24]

17.Na5± Nd5 0.90/23
[Black should try 17...f5± 0.37/24]

18.c4 0.36/21
[18.Nb3!± 0.90/23]

18...Nxe3 19.Qxe3 f5 20.Nb3 0.04/20
[20.Rfe1!± 0.48/24]

20...Bxb2= 21.d4 bxc4 22.Nxc5 Qd6 0.06/25
[⌓22...Qd5 -0.30/24 23.Na4 c3]

23.Rfe1 0-0 ...e5! would now be deadly.

24.Qe2
[24.Qxe7? Qxe7 25.Rxe7 c3-+]

24...c3 White must now prevent ...e5!
[24...Bxd4? 25.Ne6 *(25.Qxe7? Qxe7 26.Rxe7 Bxc5-+)* 25...Rf6 26.Rxd4+- *(26.Nxd4 Qb4+-)*]

25.Qc2! Qd5 26.h4 Rfe8 Hoping for ... e5!
[26...Qxa2 27.Rxe7 Qc4 28.Rxa7]

27.f4 -1.06/21
[27.Re5= -0.22/22 keeps the balance. Qc4 *(27...Qxa2 28.h5∓)* 28.Ne6]

27...Qc4∓ 28.g4? -2.61/22 **Red8?** -0.61/18
[28...Qxa2 29.Ne6-+]
[Black should play 28...fxg4-+ -2.61/22 aiming for ...Red8! 29.h5 Rxc5 *(29...Qxa2 30.Ne6=)* 30.dxc5 Qxc5+ *(30...Qxf4 31.hxg6 Qg3+ 32.Kh1=)* 31.Kg2 Qxh5 *(31...gxh5 32.Re6∓)*]

29.Ne6∓ Rd5↑ Black is really pushing.

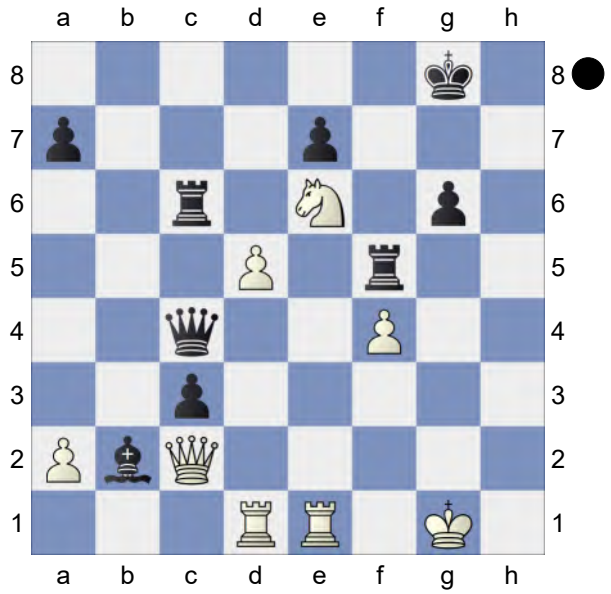
30.h5 Rc6 -0.37/18
[30...fxg4 31.hxg6 h5 *(31...Qxa2 32.gxh7+ Kf7 33.Ng5+ Rxg5 34.fxg5+-)* 32.g7+-]
[30...Kf7∓ -0.80/20 31.Ng5+ Ke8]

31.hxg6 hxg6 Threatens to win with ... Ba3.
[31...fxg4 32.gxh7+ Kh8 33.Qg6]

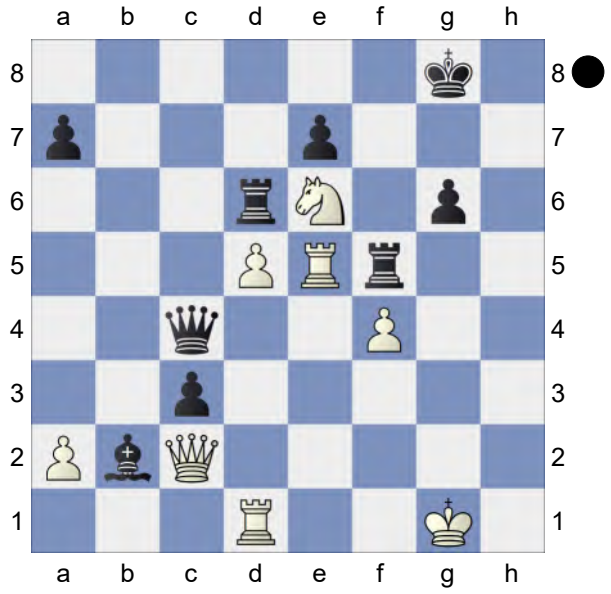
32.gxf5? -4.23/24
[32.Ng5!∓ -0.34/19 Kf8 *(32...Qxa2 33.Qh2 Rd7 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.d5 e5 36.Qxd7; 32...fxg4 33.Rxe7 Rxg5 34.fxg5=; 32...Rxd4? 33.Qh2+-)* 33.Nf3]

32...Rxf5-+
[32...Qxa2 33.f6 *(33.fxg6 Rxe6 34.Rxe6 Rg5+ 35.Kf2 Qxe6=)* 33...Rf5 34.d5 *(34.fxe7 Rxe6 35.e8R+ Rxe8±; 34.f7+ Kxf7 35.Nd8+ Kg7+-)* 34...Rxe6 35.dxe6+- *(35.fxe7 Rxe7 36.Rxe7 Qc4+-)*]

33.d5 -6.94/24
[⌓33.Ng5 -4.13/18 Rxf4 *(33...Qxa2 34.Rxe7 Qd5 35.Re5=)* 34.Re4 Rxe4 35.Nxe4]



33...Rd6? 0.03/25
[33...Rxd5 34.Qxg6+ Kh8 35.Qg7#]
[33...Rxe6!-+ -6.94/24 34.Rxe6 Qxf4 35.Rxg6+ Kf7]
34.Re5 -1.53/23
[White must play 34.Rd4!= 0.03/25 Qc8 *(34...Qxa2 35.Re5±)* 35.Re5]



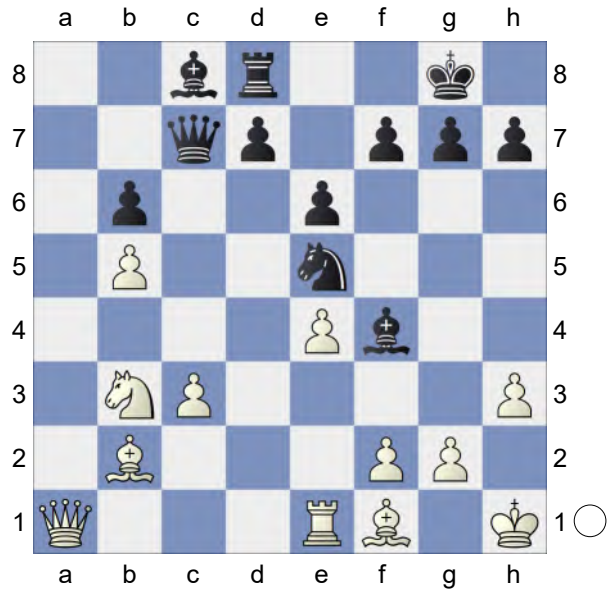
34...Rxe6!∓ Remove Defender **35.dxe6 Qxf4 36.Rxf5 Qxf5** Endgame. KQR-KQB **37.Qa4** -9.21/20
[37.Rd3 -1.74/21]
37...Qc5+-+ Black is clearly winning.
[37...Qxe6 38.Rf1=]
38.Kg2 c2 Strongly threatening ...Qg5+.
39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qf7+ Kh6 41.Qf8+ Kg5 42.Rd3 Be5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/ Black=0.29 (precise)
[Stronger than 42...c1R 43.Rg3+ Kh5 44.Qf3+ Kh6 45.Qf4+ Kh7 46.Qf7+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ *(47.Qxg6* gets mated. *Qg1+ 48.Kf3 Qf1+ 49.Ke4 Qc4+ 50.Ke3 Re1+* Skewer *51.Kf3 Rf1+ 52.Kg2 Qe2+ 53.Kh3 Rh1#; 47.Rh3+ Qh5+-)* 47...Kg7 48.Rxg6+ Kh7 49.Qg8#]
0-1

B30
□ **Zhu,Hengyi** **2361**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.34)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6
Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 (43) Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4*

21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 (72) Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 (30) 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]

5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4 Prevents Bc5. **9...Bd6 10.Bb2** White is slightly better. **10...dxc3 11.dxc3 Qc7 12.h3 0-0 13.Nd2 Rd8 14.a4 Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Bf4 16.Nb3 b6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Ne5**



20.c4! Bb7

[20...d6 21.g3]

21.Bd4 -0.07/25

[21.c5± 0.38/24 Ra8 22.Ba3]

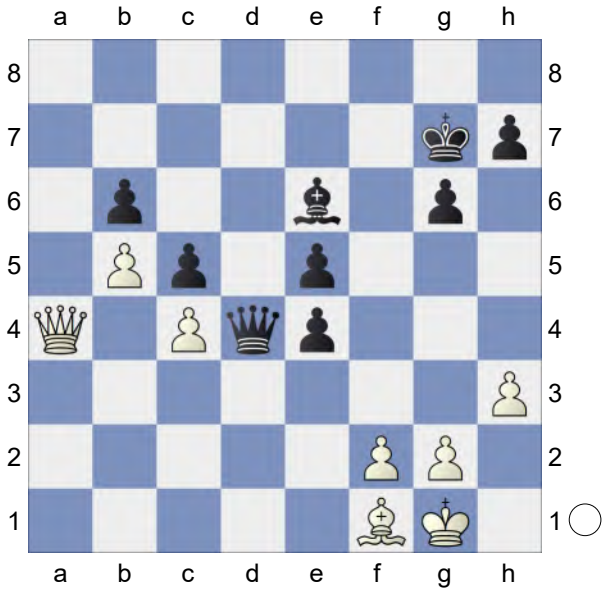
21...d6 22.Qc3 f6 0.46/21

[22...h5= 0.00/25]

23.Be3 0.10/20

[23.g3± 0.46/21 was preferrable. Bh6 24.f3]

23...Bxe3= 24.Qxe3 Nd7 25.Rd1 Nc5 26.Nxc5 dxc5 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 Endgame. KQB-KQB **28.Bd3 Qd4 29.Qe2 e5 30.Kg1 g6 31.Qc2 Kg7 32.Kh2 Bc8 33.Bf1 Be6 34.Kg1** The position is equal. **34...f5 35.Qa4 fxe4**



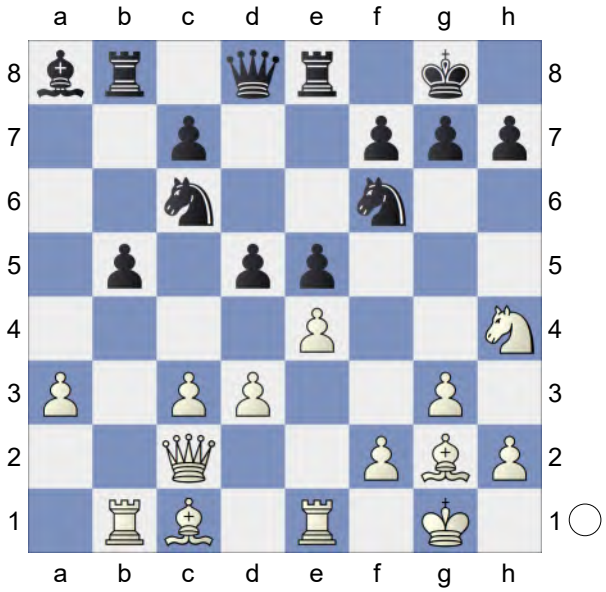
...e3 would now be deadly. **36.Qa7+ Bf7** ...e3 is the strong threat. **37.Qxb6** And now Qc7 would win. **37...e3! 38.fxe3 Qxe3+ 39.Kh2! Qf4+ 40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh2 Qf4+ 42.Kg1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

A28
□ **Tyurin,Artem** **2356**
■ **Sahib,Singh** **2438**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.35) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

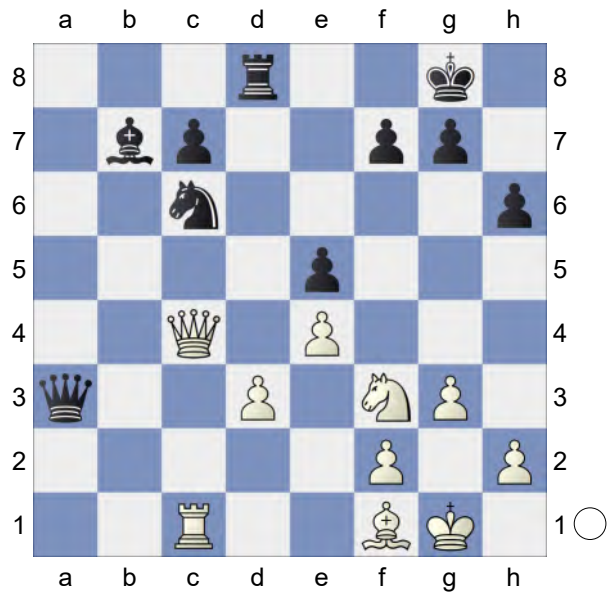
A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation
Quite convincing indeed!
I was certainly impressed and ready to try the idea myself.
And the occasion came in the Reg Gillman Memorial against Fide GM Colin Mac Nab **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e4N**
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ (69) Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1)*)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6
A) 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 *(13...Be6 14.Re1 Bd4 15.Rb1 Ba2 16.Ra1* ½-½ Mcnab,C-Geenen,M Reg Gillman Memorial A 1999 *)* 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 19.Qa6 Rb6 20.Qa5 Rb5 21.Qa6 Rb6 22.Qa5 ½-½ Ruck,R (2550)-Romanishin,O (2561) 11th GM Lippstadt GER 2003 (3);
B) 12.d3 Rb8 13.Rb1 Bf5 14.Rd1 c5 15.Be3 Bd4 16.Be4 Be6 17.Rd2 Bb3 18.Rc1 Re8 0-1 (47) Marchal,N-Kuzmin,A 17th European Individual Championship 2016]
4...Bb4 5.d3 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.g3 a6 9.Bg2 -0.21/22
[9.a4!± 0.34/26]
9...b5= 10.cxb5 axb5 11.0-0 Rb8 0.10/22
[⌓11...Bd7 -0.28/22]
12.Re1 Re8 13.Qc2 Bb7 0.30/24
[13...Be6 -0.15/24 might be stronger.]
14.Rb1 Ba8 15.Nh4 d5 0.79/21
[15...h6!= 0.10/20]



16.Bg5!± d4 17.Nf3 White is more active. **17...dxc3 18.Qxc3 Qd6 19.Bxf6** 0.27/23
[19.Be3± 0.88/23]
19...Qxf6= 20.Qc5 Qd6 21.Rxb5 Rxb5 22.Qxb5 Qxa3 23.Qc4 0.09/21
[23.Rb1± 0.49/23]
23...Rd8 24.Bf1 h6 25.Rc1 Bb7 0.72/20
[25...Rb8= 0.30/21]

(Diagram)

26.Qc5 0.08/27
[26.Rb1!± 0.72/20 Ba8 27.Rb5]
26...Qxc5 27.Rxc5 Re8 28.Be2 Re7 29.Bd1 Black should prevent Ba4.



29...f6 30.Bb3+ Kh7! 31.Bd5 Nd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

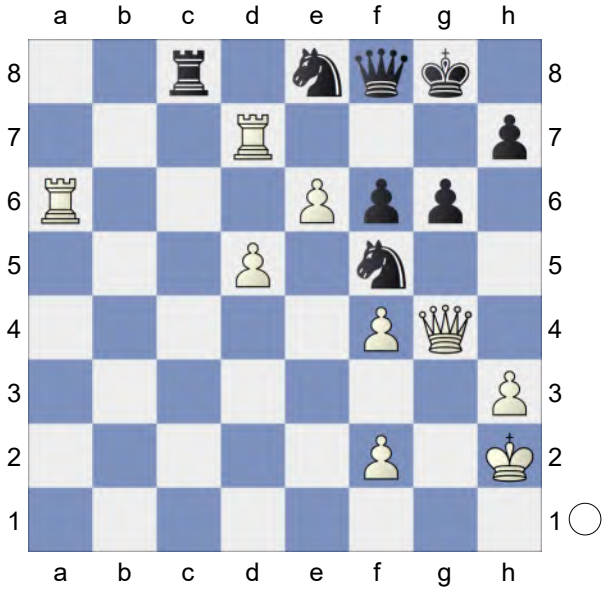
C84

□ **Gan-Erdene,Sugar** **2437**
■ **Bagwe,Gaurang** **2302**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.36)
[Kitty Kat]

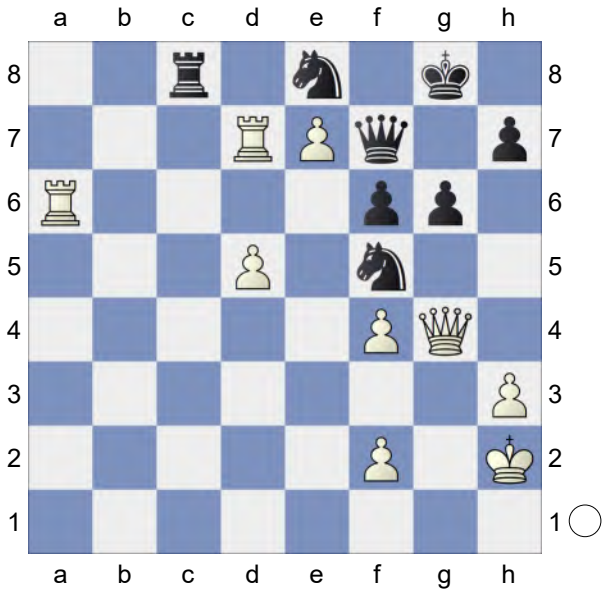
C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.a4N
[9.Nbd2 Na5 *(9...Nd7 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Bf6 12.Bd5 Bb7 13.Nb3 Nb6 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Qc2 Bd7 16.e5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Be7 18.Rd1 Qc8 19.Bg5 Bf5 20.Qc1 Re8 21.Nbd4 Bg4 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.Qg5 Re8 24.h3* 1-0 (54) Watson,J (1885)-Rutherford,K (1677) SCO-ch op 128th 2023 (3) *)* 10.Bc2 c5 9. Nbd2-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Jan Gustafsson's 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 Bd7 13.b3 g6 14.Re1 Nh5 15.Nf1 Nb7 16.Bh6 Ng7 17.a4 Rfb8 18.Qd2 Nd8 19.b4 f6 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.axb5 axb5 22.c4 b4 23.Qe2 Nf7 24.Be3 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 f5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (26 M (2690)-Kramnik,V (2766) Monaco (blindfold) 2007 (9)]
[9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 c4 13.b4 cxb3 14.axb3 Nb7 15.b4 Nd7 16.Be3 Nb6 17.Nbd2 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Qc2 Rff8 21.Qd3 Rfc8 22.Ra2 Na4 23.Rc2 a5 1-0 (41) Adams,M (2661)-Yang,C (2121) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (1.9)]
9...Na5 10.Ba2 Bd7 11.b4 Nb7 12.d4 -0.36/22
[12.axb5= 0.09/22 should be considered. axb5 13.d4]
12...exd4!∓ 13.cxd4 c5 1.13/20
[13...Nxe4∓ -0.36/21 keeps the upper hand. 14.Qc2 *(14.Bd5 Nf6=)* 14...Nf6]
14.bxc5!± dxc5 15.e5 Ne8 16.d5 Bg4 1.88/22
[16...c4± 1.15/18]
17.Nc3+- c4 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Ra5 20.Nc3 Bb4 21.Qd4 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qa8 2.22/25
[22...Bxc3 1.76/19 is a better defense. 23.Qxc3 Qxd5]
23.Qxc4 Bxc3 24.Qxc3 Rxa2 25.Ba3! Rxa3
[25...Rxa1? 26.Rxa1 Nd8 27.Qc5+- *(27.Bxf8 Qxd5 28.Be7 Ne6+-; 27.Bxf8 Qxd5 28.Be7 Ne6+-)*]
26.Rxa3 Qd8 27.Qc6 0.58/25
[27.Rd1+- 1.75/23]
27...Qe7 1.38/24
[27...Qg5+± 0.58/25 28.Kh1 Nd8]
28.Re3 0.66/25
[28.Ra7± 1.38/24]
28...Nd8 29.Qc4 g6 30.Rc1 Ng7

31.Qf4 0.12/21
[31.f4± 0.57/25]
31...Qd7 0.56/21
[31...Re8= 0.12/21]
32.Qe4± Re8 33.Rec3 Strongly threatening Rc8. **33...Qe7 34.Rc8** h4 would now be deadly. **34...Qg5+** 1.11/21
[34...Nf5!= 0.25/24 keeps the balance.]
35.Kh1± Qd2 36.R8c2 0.31/24
[36.R1c2± 1.26/24 Qa5 37.Kg2]
36...Qg5± 37.f4 0.24/23
[37.Rc8± 1.25/20]
37...Qh4= 38.Qf3 Nf5! 39.Rc4 Inhibits Nd4. **39...Kg7** 0.63/25
[39...Re7= 0.12/24]
40.Rg1 0.00/22
[White should play 40.h3± 0.63/25]
40...Kh8 0.51/21
[40...Re7= 0.00/22]
41.Rgc1 Kg7 42.h3 Kg8 1.75/21
[42...Qe7!= 0.25/20 and Black stays safe.]
43.Kg1 0.78/22
[43.Rc7+- 1.75/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
43...Qe7 1.18/23
[⌓43...Kg7 0.78/22]
44.Qb3!± Qh4 45.Ra1 Qh5 1.48/20
[⌓45...Kg7 1.06/21 46.Ra8 Qh5]
46.Qd3 Nh4 1.71/21
[46...f6± 1.33/21 was called for.]
47.Rc3 1.11/19
[47.Rc8+- 1.71/21]
47...Qh6 1.52/21
[⌓47...g5 1.11/19]
48.Qg3 0.84/22
[Better is 48.Ra4 1.52/21]
48...Nf5 49.Qg4 And now Ra8 would win. **49...Qf8 50.Qe2! f6 51.e6!↑** Hoping for Qb5. White is really pushing. **51...Nb7 52.Rc7 Nbd6 53.Rd7** White is much more active. **53...Qh6 54.Qg4 Rc8** 2.81/21
[54...Nb5± 1.35/22]
55.Ra6!+- Ne8 56.Kh2 Qf8? 4.62/24
[56...Qh4 1.98/22 keeps fighting. 57.Qxh4 Nxh4]



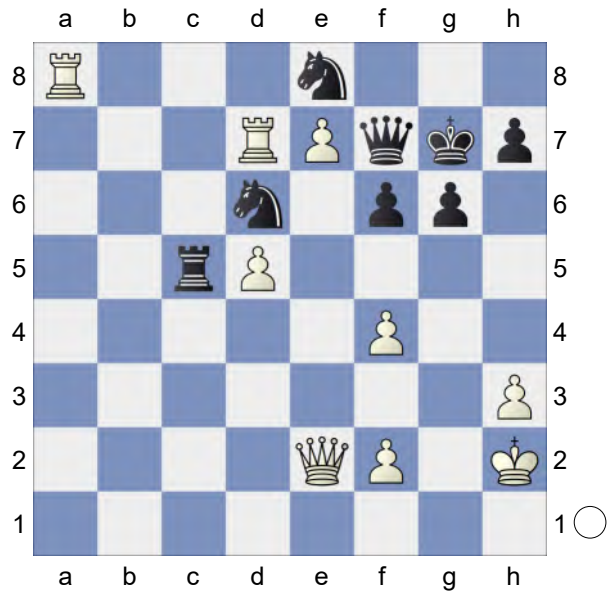
57.e7! 2.44/20 **Qf7**



58.Qe2 1.29/21
[58.Qd1!+- 2.50/22]
58...Kg7± 59.Raa7 0.78/23
[⌓59.Qe4 1.28/22]
59...Rc5 60.Ra8 0.09/20

[60.Qd1± 0.96/21 Threatens to win with Rd8. Rc4 *(60...Nfd6? 61.Rxd6 Promotion Nxd6 62.e8N+ Nxe8 63.Rxf7+ Kxf7 64.Qe2+-)* 61.Ra4]

60...Nfd6!=



61.Rxd6! Nxd6 62.Rd8 Chess con chili. **62...Ne8?** 5.38/23

[62...Rxd5? too greedy. 63.Rxd6 *(63.e8B Nxe8 64.Rxe8 Rd7=)* 63...Rxd6 64.e8Q+- *(64.e8B? loses. Re6-+)*]

[62...Rc7!= 0.12/20 63.Rxd6 *(63.e8N+ Nxe8 64.Rxe8 Qxd5=)* 63...Qxe7 64.Qxe7+ *(64.Re6 Qb4±)* 64...Rxe7]

63.d6+- Black must now prevent d7.

63...Qd5 64.Rxe8? 0.00/39

[64.d7+- 12.69/22 Qxd7 65.Rxd7]

64...Rc1!= (-> ...Rh1+). The position is equal. **65.f3 Qd4 66.Rg8+** Decoy, Clearance, Promotion **66...Kh6! 67.Kg3!**

[67.e8R? Qg1#]

67...Rg1+! 68.Kh2 Rc1

[68...Rb1!? 69.Kg3□ *(69.e8R? Qg1#)* 69...Rg1+ 70.Kh2 Ra1=]

69.Kg3!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.34

[69.e8R? Qg1#]

½-½

B01

□ **Manish Anto,Cristiano F 2296**

■ **Tahbaz,Arash 2432**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.37)

[Kitty Kat]

B01: Scandinavian Defence

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 c6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Bd2 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.0-0-0 e6 10.Nh4 Bg6! 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.d5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 White is slightly better.

13...Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Be7

[14...0-0-0 15.Bg5 exd5 16.Bxd8 Kxd8 17.Rxd5 Rh5 18.Rxh5 gxh5 19.Qxh5 g6 20.Qh4+ Be7 21.Qh8+ Bf8 22.Rd1 Qc5 23.Qf6+ Ke8 24.Qf3 Qc7 25.Qe3+ Be7 26.Qxa7 Nb6 27.Kb1 Kf8 28.Qa5 Kg7 29.Qb5 1-0 (38) 4.0-0 ♘ge7 5.♖e1 (2430)-Mathimapap (2431) 45: FIDE Grand Prix 2013 (9.18)]

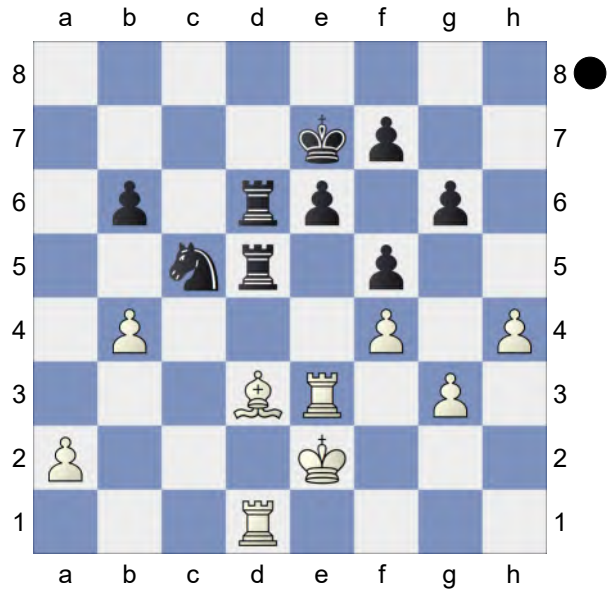
15.Bb3N 0.00/23

[15.Bf3± 0.69/20 0-0 16.h4 Rac8 17.c3 Ne5 18.h5 g5 19.Bxb7 Rb8 20.Ba6 Ba3 21.bxa3 Qa5 3) 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bd2 c6: 7.Ne4,7-5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bd2 c6 7.Bc4 #10]

[15.Be4 a6 16.Bc3 Bf6 17.Bxg6 0-0-0 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Rxd8+ Kxd8 20.Bd3 Rxh2 21.Rxh2 Qxh2 22.Qf3 Qc7 23.c3 Ke7 24.g3 a5 25.Qe3 Qd6 26.Kc2 b6 27.Qg5 Kf8 28.Qh4 Qc5 29.g4 g5 (48) Model Games-Popov,I]

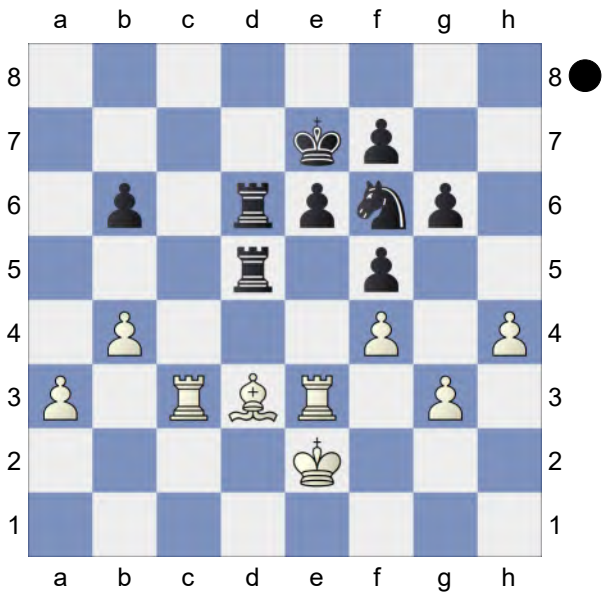
[15.Rhe1 0-0 16.Bf3 Rac8 17.c3 Nb6 18.Qe5 Qc4 19.Kb1 Qa6 3) 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Bd2 c6: 7.Ne4,7-5.Nf3

Bf5 6.Bd2 c6 7.Bc4 #7]
15...Nc5 16.g3
[16.Bc3 is interesting. Bf6 17.Qb5+ Nd7 18.Bb4]
16...Qc6 17.Bc3 Bf6 18.Bd5 Qb6 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Bc4 Ke7 21.h4 Rad8 22.Qe3 a5 23.Be2 Qc7 24.f4 f5 25.Kb1 Ne4 26.Bd3 Qc5 27.Rhe1 Rd6 28.Qxc5 Nxc5 29.Kc1 Rhd8 30.Re3 Rd4 31.Kd2 -0.59/22
[31.Be2= -0.21/24]
31...b6 32.Ke1 R8d5 -0.15/24
[32...Na4∓ -0.72/24 33.Rb1 Rb4]
33.Ke2= Rd6 34.c3 R4d5 35.b4 -0.64/27
[35.Bc2= -0.07/28]
35...axb4∓
[35...Nxd3 simplifies 36.Rdxd3 Rxd3 37.Rxd3 axb4 38.cxb4 Rxd3 39.Kxd3 b5]
36.cxb4



Ne4 -0.64/24 **37.Rc1 Rd4** -0.25/26
[37...Nf6∓ -0.67/26 38.Rf3 Kf8]
38.a3 Nf6 39.Rc4 R4d5↑ Black has some pressure. **40.Rc3**

(Diagram)



Ng4 -0.42/22
[40...Rd8!∓ -0.90/24]
41.Rf3 e5 42.fxe5 Nxe5
[42...Rxe5+ 43.Kd1∓]
43.Re3 Kf6 44.Bc2 -1.23/26
[Better is 44.Kd2!∓ -0.55/23]
44...Rd2+ 45.Ke1 -1.92/26
[45.Kf1∓ -0.93/24]
45...Rh2-+ 46.Re2 Prevents Rd2.
46...Rh1+ -0.76/5
[Black should try 46...Rh3 -1.52/23 ...Rd4 is the strong threat. 47.Kf1 Rd4]
47.Kf2∓ Rc1 48.Kg2 Rdd1 -0.27/19
[48...Rd4∓ -1.18/21 49.Rce3 Nc4]
49.Bxd1= Rxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRN
50.a4 Rd3 51.Bc2 Rd4 52.a5 The position is equal. **52...b5**
[52...Rxb4 53.axb6 Rxb6 54.h5∓]
[52...bxa5 simplifies 53.bxa5 Rd5 54.h5 Rxa5 55.hxg6 fxg6 56.Bd1 Ra1]
53.h5 Rxb4 54.a6 Hoping for a7.
54...Rd4 Strongly threatening ...Rd6.
55.a7 Rd8 White must now prevent ... Ra8. **56.Bb3 Ra8 57.Ra2 Nc6! 58.Ra6 Rxa7 59.Rxc6+** KRB-KR
59...Kg5 60.hxg6 fxg6 61.Rb6 Rd7

62.Rxb5 Rd2+ 63.Kf3 Rd3+ 64.Kf2 Rd6 65.Bd5 Ra6 66.Kf3 Ra3+ 67.Bb3 Ra6 68.Bf7 Ra3+ 69.Rb3 Ra7 70.Be8 Re7 71.Re3 Ra7 72.Re6 Rg7! 73.Ke3 Rg8 74.Kf2 f4 75.Re5+ Deflection **75...Kf6 76.gxf4** Bd7 would now be deadly. **76...g5 77.Bd7 gxf4 78.Rf5+ Ke7 79.Bb5 Kd6 80.Rxf4 Ke5 81.Rf7 Rb8 82.Bd3 Rh8 83.Be2 Rh3 84.Bf3 Kd4 85.Rd7+ Kc5 86.Ke3 Rg3 87.Kf4 Rh3 88.Be4 Rh4+ 89.Ke5 Rh5+ 90.Bf5 Rg5 91.Rc7+ Kb5 92.Rc1 Rh5 93.Ke4 Kb6 94.Be6 Rc5 95.Rd1 Rc2 96.Ke5 Kc5 97.Bf5 Rc3**

[97...Re2+ 98.Be4 Kc4 99.Rb1± *(99.Rc1+ Kb5+-)*]

98.Rd8 Rc4

[Don't go for 98...Re3+? 99.Be4+-]

99.Be4 Rc3 100.Bd3 Kb6 101.Kd4 Rc1 102.Rh8 Rd1 103.Rh6+ Kc7 104.Ke4 Rd2 105.Bc4 Rd6 106.Rh1 Rd2 107.Ke5 Kc6 108.Rc1 Kb6 109.Rc3 Rd7 110.Bd5 Rc7 111.Rh3 Kc5 112.Rh4 Re7+ 113.Be6 Rc7 114.Rh1 Rc6 115.Bd5 Intending Rc1+ and mate. **115...Rc7 116.Rh8 Re7+ 117.Be6 Rc7 118.Rh1 Rc6 119.Rd1 Rc7 120.Rd8 Rh7 121.Rc8+ Kb4 122.Bd5 Rh2 123.Rc4+ Kb5 124.Rc1 Rd2 125.Kd6 Kb4 126.Rc4+ Kb5 127.Rc3 Rb2 128.Rc8** White threatens Rb8+ and mate. **128...Kb4 129.Ke5 Re2+ 130.Be4 Rd2 131.Rc1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

B36

□ **Vivaan Vishal Shah 2296**

■ **Klukin,Kirill 2413**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.38)

[Kitty Kat]

B36: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind: Gurgenidze System

In this game we will see one very typical situation. Good Black knight against White's light-squared bishop. **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd3 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Bd4 Qa5** White is slightly better. **13.Rab1N**

[13.f4

A) 13...Be6 14.f5 *(14.Rad1 Rfc8 15.b3 axb3 16.axb3 Qa3 17.Rb1* Complete Open Sicilian-N,N Chess Position Trainer*)* 14...Bd7 15.Kh1 Bc6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rad1 Ne5 20.Qe3 f6 21.Rf4 g5 22.Re4 h6 23.h4 Rac8 24.Kh2 Qc5 25.Qg3 Qb4 26.b3 axb3 27.axb3 Ra8 28.Bh5 0-1 (63) Anton Guijarro,D (2666)-Guseinov,G (2646) Wch Blitz Riadh 2017 (15);

B) 13...Bg4 14.Rad1 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 a3 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7 18.b4 Qxb4 19.Nd5 Qa5 20.Bc3 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Nb6 22.Qf3 Nxd5 23.cxd5 Rac8 24.Ba1 b5 25.h3 b4 26.Kh2 e6 27.Rf2 Rcd8 ½-½ (44) Perez Ponsa,F (2561)-Fiorito,F (2374) 95th ch-ARG 2021 (1.3) 28.Rfd2 Rxd5 29.Rxd5 exd5 30.Qxd5 Qxd5 31.Rxd5 Rc8 32.Bd4 Bf8 33.Be3 h5 34.Rb5 Rc3 35.Bg5 Rc8 36.Bd2 Rc2 37.Bg5 Bg7 38.e6 fxe6 39.Rb8+ Kh7 40.Rb7 Rf2 41.Be3 Re2

42.Bg5 Kg8 ^ -^ (44) 8.♘d4 d6 9. 0-0_65978 (2561)-Kerekes,J (2374) Mexico City International 1932 (1. 3)]

[13.Rac1 Bd7 14.Qe3 Bc6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Rfe8 17.Rfd1 Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rc3 Qc5 20.Qd2 Nf6 21.Rh3 e6 22.Qf4 exd5 23.Rf3 Nh5 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Bf1 dxc4 26.Rd5 Re7 27.Qxe7 Qxd5 1-0 (56) Sadhwani,R (2649)-Abdrlauf, E (2567) NOR-chT Elite 2324 2023 (9. 11)]

13...Be6 14.f4 Rfc8 15.b3 axb3 16.axb3 Bd7 1.08/21

[16...Ne8± 0.67/20 might be stronger.]

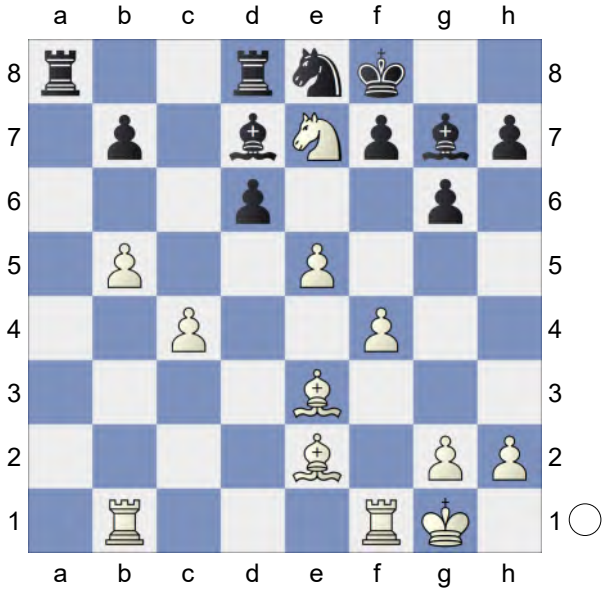
17.Qe3 Bc6 2.21/19 A mistake that costs the game.

[17...e5± 0.79/17 18.fxe5 Discovered Attack dxe5]

18.e5!+- Ne8 19.b4 Qa3 20.b5 Bd7 21.Nd5 Qxe3+ 22.Bxe3

[Less strong is 22.Nxe3 Be6±]

22...Rd8 23.Nxe7+ Kf8

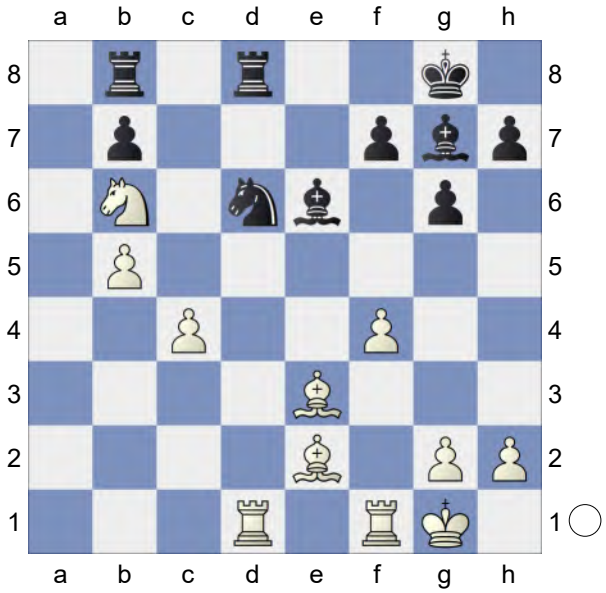


24.Nd5 Rbd1 is the strong threat.

24...Be6 25.Nb6↑ White has strong initiative. **25...Rab8** 2.56/24

[⌓25...Ra3 1.86/22 26.Bd4 Ra2]

26.exd6 Nxd6 27.Rbd1 Threatens to win with Bc5. **27...Kg8**



28.g4 Prevents Nf5. Strongly threatening f5! White is more active. **28...Bf8** 3.00/23

[⌓28...Ne4 1.66/21 29.f5 Nc3]

29.c5 Ne4 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.f5 Bb3 32.Rc1 Re8 33.Bf3 Bg7 34.c6 bxc6 35.bxc6 Black must now prevent Bxe4.

35...gxf5 5.07/22

[⌓35...Nd6 3.23/20]

36.Bxe4 White is clearly winning.

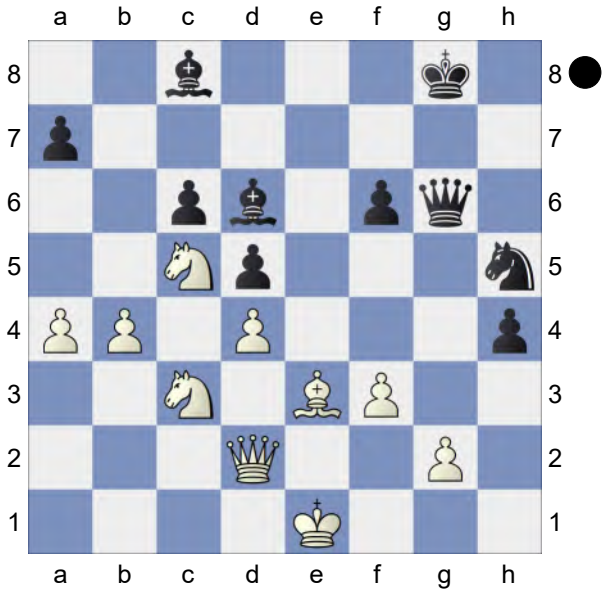
36...fxe4 37.c7 Be6 38.c8Q Bxc8 39.Rxc8 Rxc8 40.Nxc8 Bf8 41.Kg2 Kg7 42.Kg3 Kg6 43.Bf4 f5 44.Bd6 Bxd6+ 45.Nxd6 fxg4 46.Kxg4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.39

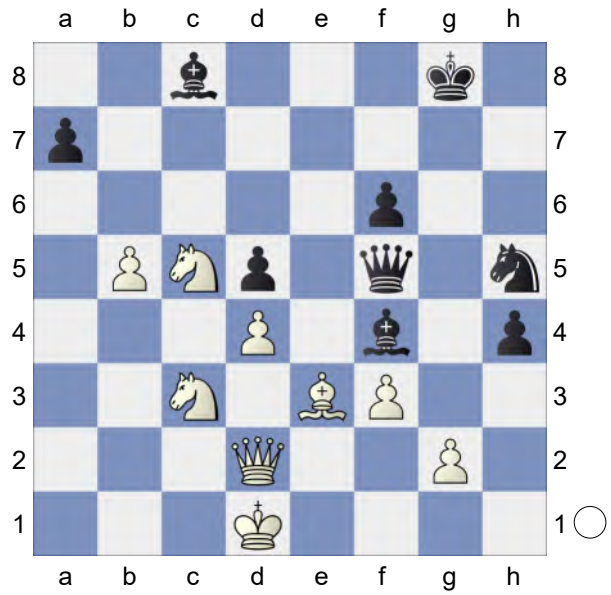
1-0

B31
□ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
■ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.39) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6
Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 (43) Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 (72) Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 (30) 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Rb8 12.Qc1 White has an edge. **12...Bf5 13.Nc3**
[13.Qxc6 Qa5 *(13...Rxb2 14.Nbd2=)* 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Rfc8=]
13...Qd7 14.Nd2 f6 15.exf6 exf6 16.Nb3 g5 17.f3 Nd6 18.Nc5 Qf7 19.b3 h5 20.Bf2 Rfe8 21.Bg3 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd2 Bf8 24.h4 gxh4 25.Bxh4 Bc8 Threatens to win with ... Nf5. **26.Bg3** -1.09/23
[26.Re1= -0.12/22]
26...Nf5↑ Black has strong initiative. **27.Bf4 Qg6 28.Kf2 h4** White must now prevent ...Nxd4! **29.b4?** -2.87/22
[29.Rh1∓ -0.96/20]
29...Ng3? -0.32/19
[Black should play 29...h3!-+ -2.87/22 30.Rg1 Qh5]
30.Re1∓ Rxe1 31.Kxe1 -0.76/21
[31.Qxe1= -0.29/22 Nh5 32.Qe3]
31...Nh5∓ 32.Be3 Bd6 -0.46/20
[32...Ng7∓ -1.02/21 33.b5 cxb5 34.Nxd5 Qb1+ 35.Kf2 h3 36.gxh3 *(36.Nxf6+? Kf7-+)* 36...Bxh3]
33.a4 -1.08/21
[33.b5!∓ -0.46/20]



33...Bg3+ -0.33/21
[Black should try 33...Ng7!∓ -1.08/21 Strongly threatening ...Nf5. 34.b5 Nf5]
34.Kd1∓ Qf5 35.b5 cxb5 36.axb5 Bf4



37.Qa2! Be6
[37...Bxe3 38.Nxd5]
38.Bf2 -0.28/22
[38.Bxf4 0.18/21 feels stronger. Nxf4 39.Qxa7 Nxg2 40.b6]
38...h3= 39.gxh3
[39.Qxa7? h2 *(39...hxg2? 40.b6∓)* 40.Be1 h1Q-+ *(40...h1B 41.Qa2=)*]
39...Bf7 This pair of bishops is nice.
40.h4 Wards off Bg5
[40.Qxa7 Qxh3 41.Be1 Qxf3+ 42.Kc2 Qe3-+]
40...Qh3 -0.04/22
[40...Bh6∓ -0.45/21 is more appropriate. 41.Qe2 *(41.Qxa7? loses. Qxf3+ 42.Ne2 Nf4-+)* 41...Nf4]
41.Qe2 Qh1+
[41...Bd6 simplifies 42.Kc2 Nf4 43.Qd1 Kh8]
42.Kc2 Ng3 43.Bxg3 Bxg3 44.Nd7 Kg7 45.Nc5
[45.Qe7 looks sharper. Qxf3 46.h5 Qxh5 47.Qxf6+ Kg8 48.Qe7]
45...Qe1 The position is equal. **46.Nd3**
[46.Qxe1 simplifies Bxe1 47.Nd3 Bxh4 48.Kb3]
46...Qxe2+
[46...Qg1 feels hotter. 47.Qe7 Qxd4 48.h5 Be5]
47.Nxe2 Bxh4 Endgame. KBB-KNN
48.Nb4 Nc6 would now be deadly.
48...Be8 49.Nc3 Bf2 50.Kd3 Bg6+ Deflection **51.Ke2 Bxd4 52.Ncxd5 Bc5 53.Nd3 Bd6 54.Ke3 Be8 55.Nc3 Bc7 56.Nb4 Bb6+ 57.Kd3 Bg6+ 58.Ke2 Bd4 59.Ncd5 Bg1 60.Nc6 Be8 61.Kd3 Bg6+ 62.Ke2 Bc5 63.Nf4 Bf5** Wards off Ne6+ **64.Kd2 Kf7 65.Kc3 Bf2 66.Ne2 Bb6 67.Ned4 Bb1 68.Nb4 Kg6 69.Nd5 Ba2 70.Nxb6 axb6** KB-KN **71.Ne2 Bf7 72.Kb4 Kf5 73.Nc3 Kf4 74.Na4 Kxf3 75.Nxb6 Be8 76.Nd5 Bxb5 77.Nxf6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

B96
□ **Shturman,Arseniy** **2350**
■ **Ahmad,Khagan** **2403**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.40)
[Kitty Kat]

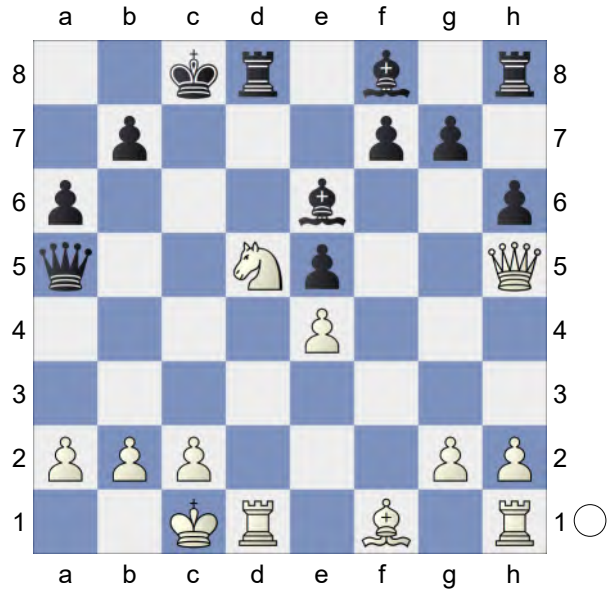
B96: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4, lines other than 7...Qb6 and 7...Be7
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 h6 8.Bh4 Nbd7 9.Qe2 e5 10.fxe5 Nxe5 White is slightly better. **11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nf3** A dynamic duo of knights. **13...Be6**
[13...Qa5+ 14.b4 Qd8 15.0-0-0 Be6 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qe3 Bd6 18.Bc4 Rc8 19.Qb3 0-0 20.Rhf1 Kh8

21.Kb1 b5 22.Be2 Qh4 23.g4 Rc6 24.Qe3 Rfc8 25.Bd3 Bxg4 26.Rd2 Be6 27.a3 Be7 28.Qa7 0-1 (35) Ermitsch,M (2375)-Engel,L (2547) Karlsruhe Grenke op 2024 (6)]

14.0-0-0 Qa5N

[14...Be7 15.Nxe5 Bg5+ 16.Kb1 dxe5 17.g3 Qa5 18.h4 Bd8 19.Bh3 0-0 20.Bf5 Re8 21.Rhf1 Qc5 22.Rf3 b5 23.Rc3 Qa7 24.a3 Bb6 25.Qg4 Bxd5 26.exd5 Bd4 27.Rc6 Rad8 28.Be4 a5 29.Rxh6 1-0 14.♖d1 ♘fd7 15.♘d3 (2710)-Radovanovic,D (2347) 77/539 Batumi 1999 (6.2)]

15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.Qh5 0-0-0



17.Qxe5 0.35/24

[17.Bc4!± 0.87/23]

17...Bd6!±

(Diagram)

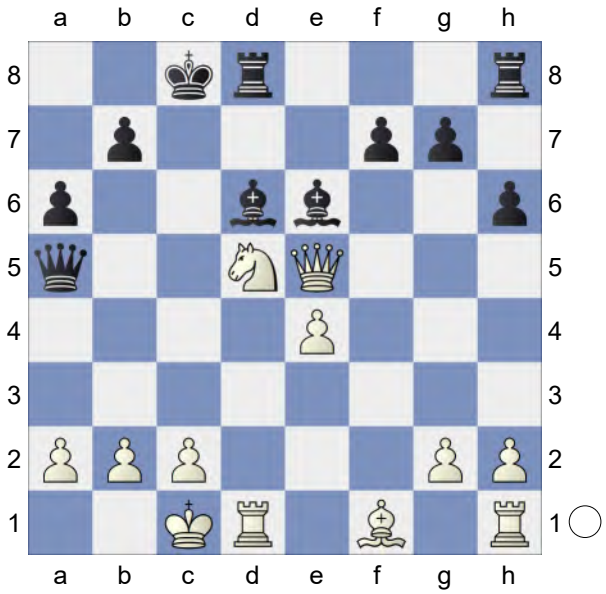
18.Ne7+! Discovered Attack **18...Bxe7**

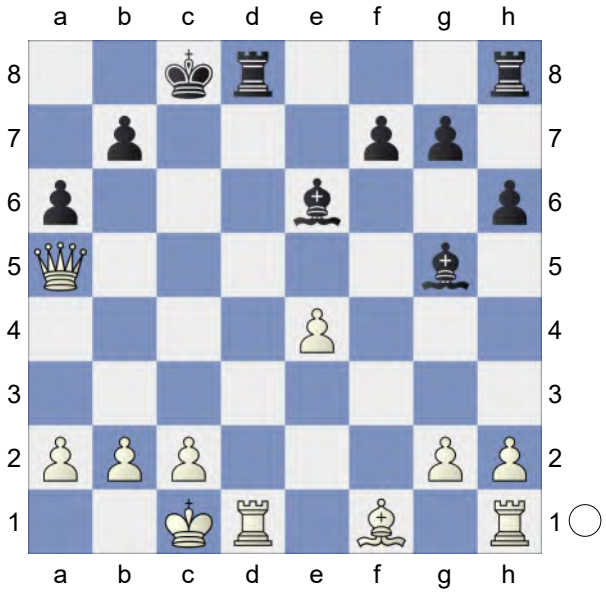
19.Qxa5 Bg5+

(Diagram)

20.Rd2! Rxd2

[20...Bxd2+ 21.Qxd2 Rxd2 22.Kxd2∓]





21.Qc3+ Kb8 Chess con chili. **22.Qxd2**

[22.Qxg7? Rd4+-+ *(22...Rxg2+? 23.Kb1+-; 22...Rd6+? 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.b3-+; 22...Rxg2+? 23.Kb1+-; 22...Rd6+? 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.b3-+)*]

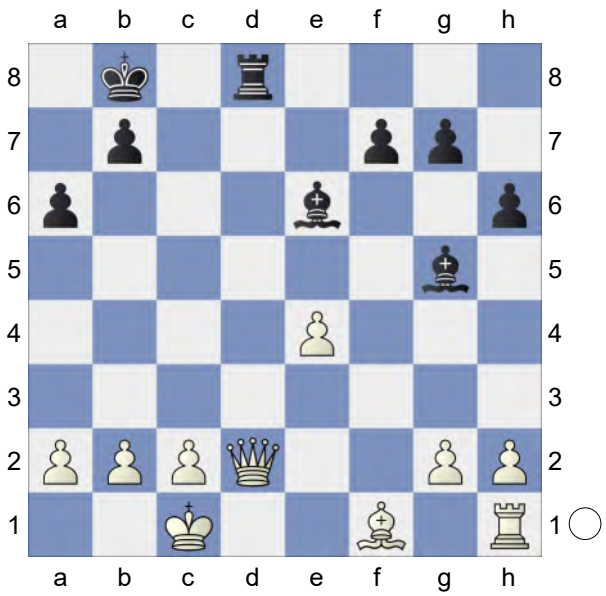
[22.Qe5+ Ka8=]

22...Rd8!

(Diagram)

Against Bd3. Pin **23.Qxg5 hxg5**

Endgame. KRB-KRB **24.a3 Kc7**

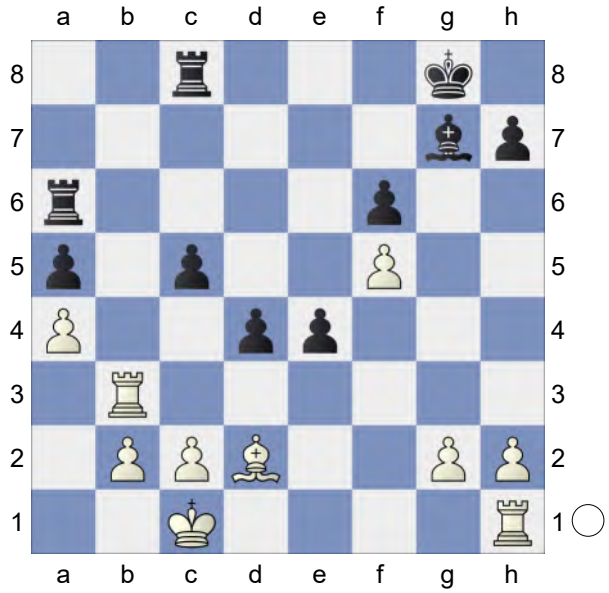


25.Be2 Rh8 26.Kd2 Kd6! 27.Ke3 Ke5! 28.h3 Rh4! 29.g4 Rh8 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Rh2 Rh8 32.Rh1 a5 33.Rh2 Rh4 34.Bg2? -2.26/32 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[34.Rh1= 0.00/28 and White has nothing to worry.]
34...Bxg4-+ Pin **35.Rh1 Be6 36.Rd1 Rh8** Prevents Rd8.
[36...Bxh3 37.Rd5+ Kf6 38.Bf3-+]
37.c3 b6
[37...Bxh3 38.Rd5+ *(38.Rh1? g4-+)* 38...Kf6 39.Kf3]
38.Rd4 -2.16/24
[⌓38.Kf3 -1.68/19]
38...Bxh3 39.Rd5+ Kf6 40.e5+ -3.34/23
[⌓40.Kf2 -1.91/20]
40...Ke7 41.Bxh3 Rxh3+ KR-KR **42.Ke4 Rh4+ 43.Kf3 Ke6** Black is clearly winning. **44.Rb5 a4 45.Rxb6+ Kxe5 46.Rb5+ Kf6 47.Rb4** -11.06/21
[⌓47.Rb6+ -4.81/22 Kf5 48.Kg3]
47...Rxb4 48.axb4 KP-KP **48...Ke5** Hoping for ...f5. **49.Kg4 f6 50.b5 Kd5 51.c4+ Kc5**
[51...Kxc4? 52.b6+-]
52.Kf5 g6+
[52...Kxc4? too greedy. 53.b6+-]
[Stronger than 52...g4 53.Kxg4 g6 *(53...Kxc4? 54.b6+-)* 54.Kf4=]
53.Ke6 g4
[53...Kxc4? perishes. 54.b6+-]
54.b6 Kc6 ...g3 is the strong threat. **55.b7 Kxb7 56.Kd7 g3** And now ...g2 would win. **57.c5 g2 58.c6+ Kb6**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

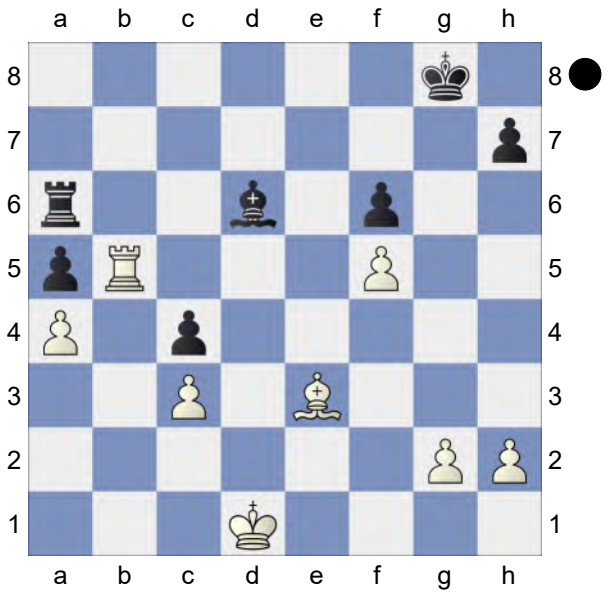
B40
□ **Mahdavi,Reza** **2394**
■ **Al Hosani,Omran** **2239**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.41)
[Kitty Kat]

B45: Sicilian Four Knights
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Rc1 Bd6 12.g3 Be7 13.f4 Bc5 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qb6 17.Ne2 d6 18.Bxc5 dxc5 0-1 (58) Paidousis,A (2283)-Cruz,C (2217) GER CupT final_84363 2001]
4...Nf6
[4...Nc6 5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 B 44/01 2001]
5.Nc3N
[5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.f3 Bb7 12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 Rac8 14.Rfd1 Qb8 15.Bf1 Bd8 16.b3 Bc7 17.Qh4 Ne5 18.Bg5 Bd8 19.Qh3 Nc6 (33) Chapter-Game Chapter 1-21]
5...Nc6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.Ne4

Qc7 9.f4 Qb6 10.a3 0.30/23 Against Qb4+
[10.c4!± 0.69/22 is more appropriate.]
10...a5 11.Qf3 f5 12.exf6 The position is equal. **12...Nxf6 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Bd3** -0.39/20
[14.Be2= 0.06/21]
14...Ba6 0.70/23
[Black should try 14...Bc5!∓ -0.39/20]
15.Bxa6± Rxa6 16.Be3! Qb5 1.51/24
[⌓16...Qxb2 0.75/24 17.Qh5+ Kd8]
17.Bd4 0.97/22
[⌓17.0-0-0 1.51/24]
17...Bg7± 18.Bc3 0.51/20
[Better is 18.a4± 1.14/25 Qd5 19.Qd3]
18...0-0!± 19.0-0-0 d5 20.Qd3 -0.46/23
[White should play 20.a4± 0.54/24 Qb7 *(20...Qxa4 21.Qe2±)* 21.b3]
20...Qxd3∓ 21.Rxd3 e5 22.f5 -1.22/24
[22.Re1∓ -0.48/23 d4 23.Bd2]
22...d4 -0.58/21
[22...Rb8∓ -1.22/24 23.Re1 Bh6+ 24.Bd2 Bxd2+ 25.Rxd2 d4]
23.Bd2 c5 0.00/23
[23...a4∓ -0.65/23]
24.Rb3!= Rc8 25.a4 e4



Threatens to win with ...e3. **26.Bf4 Bf8 27.Rb5 Re8 28.Re1 e3 29.Kd1 Rd8** 0.67/22
[29...Bd6= 0.01/23 30.Bxd6 Rxd6]
30.Ke2± c4 1.42/24
[30...Ra7± 0.64/22]
31.c3± dxc3 1.92/27
[31...Bd6± 1.14/21 32.Bxd6 Raxd6]
32.bxc3+- Rd3 3.18/27
[⌓32...Raa8 2.13/20 33.Bxe3 Rd3]
33.Rd1
[Weaker is 33.Bxe3 Rxc3 34.Rb8 Kg7±]
33...Rxd1 3.94/22
[33...Bd6 1.68/25 34.Bxe3 *(34.Rxd3 cxd3+ 35.Kxe3 Bxf4+ 36.Kxf4 Rc6=)* 34...Rxc3]
34.Kxd1 Bd6 35.Bxe3

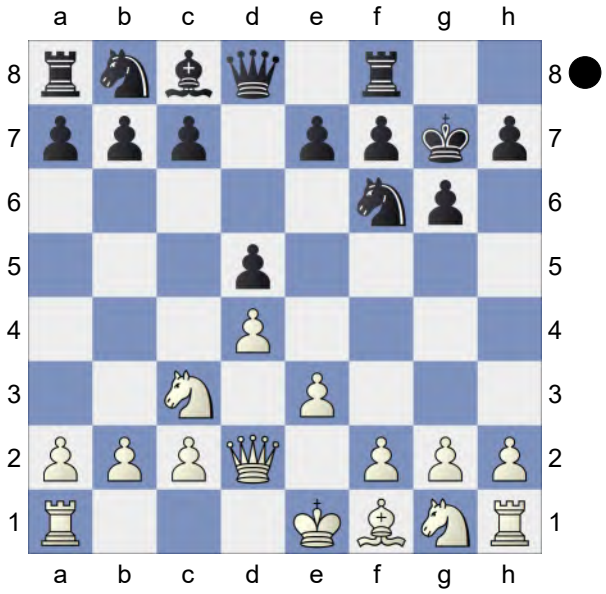


Hoping for Rb6. **35...Be5 36.Kc2 Bxh2 37.Rc5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

A45
□ **George Samir,David** **2272**
■ **Amartuvshin,Ganzorig** **2392**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.42) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

D01: Veresov Opening
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 *)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 (44) Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5 Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8* 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 g6 4.Qd2 Bg7 5.Bh6 0-0 6.Bxg7 Kxg7 7.e3



c5! 8.h3
[8.dxc5 Qa5]
8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.g4 e5 11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Qxd5 Nxc3 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.bxc3 Nxe5 15.f4 Nc6 16.Bd3 Be6 17.Ne2 Rac8 18.0-0 Na5 19.Kf2 Rc7 20.Kg1 Rcc8 21.Kf2 Rc7 22.Kg1 Rcc8 23.Kf2 Rc7
An uneventful encounter.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

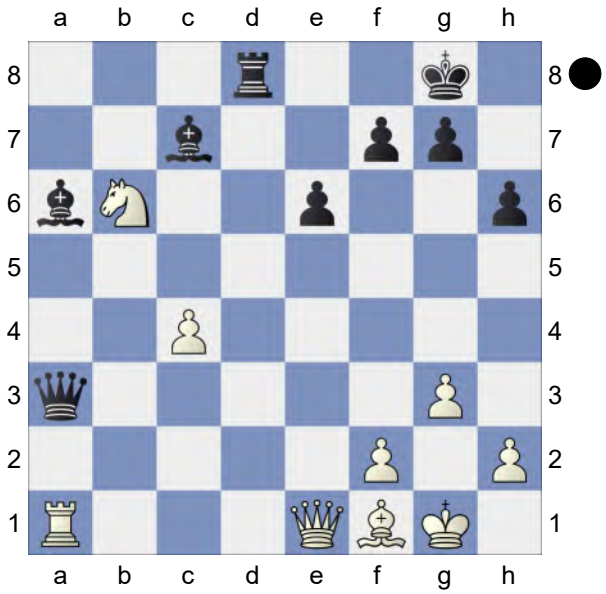
A13
□ **Jin,Yueheng** **2309**
■ **Quesada Perez,Luis Ernesto** **2564**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.43)
[Kitty Kat]

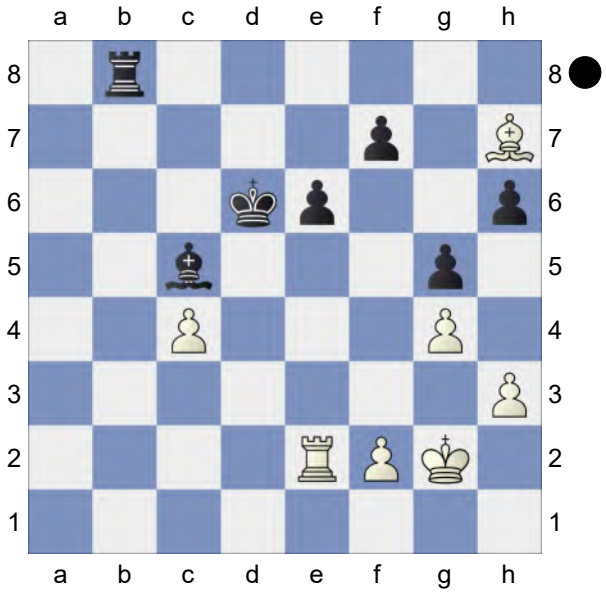
A13: English Opening: 1...e6
1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 d4 4.Nf3 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.exd4 cxd4 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3
The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nbd2 Qe7 12.a3 a5 13.Ne4 Bc7 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4**

Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Qxb4N
[16...f5 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Rb1 Nxb4 19.Rxb4 Qxc5 20.Rb5 Qd6 21.Qxd4 Rd8 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.Ne5 Rb6 24.f4 Kf8 25.Kf2 Rxb5 26.cxb5 Bb6+ 27.Ke2 Ke8 28.Nc4 Bd4 29.Nd6+ Kd7 30.Nxb7 Bb6 31.d4 ½-½ (44) Solokhina (1983)-Urquhart,J (2266) Anibal Open Linares 2003 Bxd4 32.Bc6+ Ke7 33.Na5 g5 34.h3 e5 35.fxe5 Bxe5 36.b6 Ba6+ 37.Kf3 Kd6 38.g4 Kc5 39.b7 fxg4+ 40.Kxg4 Kb6 41.Kh5 Kxa5 42.Kxh6 Kb6 43.Bd7 Bxb7 44.Kxg5 ½-½ Schilling,H (1983)-Bellmann,H (2266) corr 53. DFM/V08-S 2021]
[16...Nxb4 17.Qa4+ Bd7 18.Qa8+ Bd8 19.Qxb7 0-0 20.Nxd4 e5 21.c5 Nxd3 22.c6 Bg4 23.h3 exd4 24.hxg4 Bc7 25.Qa7 Ne5 26.Qxd4 Nxc6 27.Nf6+ Qxf6 28.Qxf6 gxf6 29.Bxc6 ½-½ Seeman,T (2408)-Fridman,D (2595) Tallin Keres Memorial Rapid 32nd 2023 (5)]
17.Rb1 Qe7 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 0-0 20.Nc5 Rd8 21.Qe3 b6 22.Na4 Qa3 23.Nxb6 Rxd3 24.Qe1 Ba6
[24...Bxb6!? 25.Rxb6 Rc3∓]
25.Bf1 Ra1 would now be deadly.
25...Rd8 26.Ra1

(Diagram)

Qc5 White is weak on the dark squares
27.Rxa6
[27.Nd5 Bb7]
27...Bxb6 28.Ra2 Qd4 29.Bg2 Qd1 30.Qxd1 Rxd1+= Endgame. KRB-KRB
31.Bf1 g5 32.Kg2 Kg7 33.Be2 Rc1 34.Rb2 Bd4 35.Rd2 Bc5 36.g4 Kf8 37.h3 Ke7 38.Bd3 Rc3 39.Bh7 Rb3 40.Ra2 Kd6 41.Rd2+ Ke7 42.Ra2 Rb4 43.Re2 Rb8 44.Be4 Kd6 45.Bh7





h5! 46.Be4
[46.Rd2+ Ke7]
46...hxg4 47.hxg4 Rb4 48.Bd3 Rb3 49.Bh7 Rb4 50.Rd2+ Ke7 51.Rc2 Kf6 52.Be4 Ke5 53.Bf3 Kf4 54.Be2 Rb7 55.Rd2 Rc7 56.Rd3 Ke5 57.Rd2 A rather calm draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

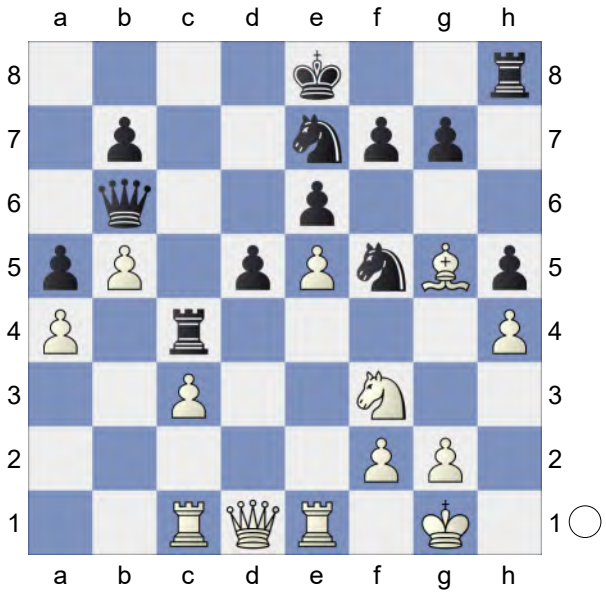
B12

□ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
■ **Kukhmazov,Arsen** **2480**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.44) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

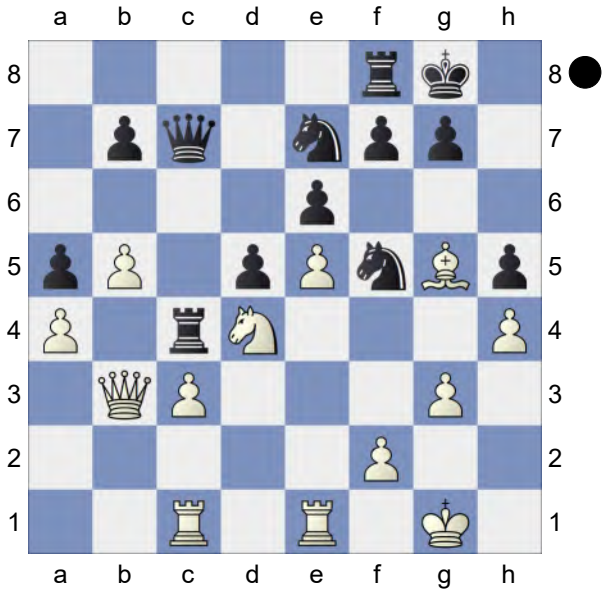
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 And now e6! would win. **6...Qa5+ 7.Nd2** Strongly threatening e6! **7...e6 8.Ngf3** White has an edge. **8...Nh6 9.0-0 Nf5 10.Nb3 Qb5 11.Qd1 c5 12.a4 Qb6 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.c3 Nc6 16.Re1 Rc8**
[16...Rd8 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rc1 d4 19.b4 Qb6 20.b5 dxc3 21.Qb3 Nce7 22.Rxc3 0-0 23.Qc2 Nd5 24.Rc4 Rc7 25.Nd2 Rfc8 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.Qd1 Qd4 28.Qxh5 Qxa4 29.Ne4 Qxb5 30.Rd1 Rd7 31.Qg4 0-1 (55) Praggnanandhaa,R (2678)-Carlsen,M (2859) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (6.1)]
17.Bg5 Qb6 18.b4 a5 19.b5N
[19.bxa5 Nxa5 20.Rb1 Qc6 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Nc4 23.Qb3 b6 24.Qb4 Qd7 25.Rb3 Ra8 26.Ra1 Ra7 27.a5 b5 28.a6 Rf8 29.Qc5 f6 30.Rxb5 Kf7 31.exf6 gxf6 32.Bf4 Kg8 33.Rab1 Rxa6 1-0 (35) Drewes,T (2276)-Pires,M (1966) EU-chT1 qual 1-10 corr 1973 (1)]
19...Nce7 20.Rc1! Rc4

(Diagram)

21.Nd4! -0.64/23 **Qc7**
[21...Qc5 22.g3]
22.Qb3 -1.11/24 Black continues to play with concentration.
[22.g3∓ -0.37/23]
22...0-0∓ 23.g3 -1.67/22



[23.Qd1∓ -1.07/23]



23...Rc8!-+ 24.Bd2 -2.86/21
[24.Kg2 -1.73/21 keeps fighting.]
24...Qc5 25.Rcd1 -3.15/19
[⌓25.Nf3 -1.74/23]
25...Nxd4 26.cxd4 Qxd4
[But not 26...Rxd4 27.Rc1 Rc4 28.Qd3-+]
27.Bxa5 Qg4 28.Rb1 -5.10/21
[⌓28.Rd3 -3.53/19]
28...Nf5
[28...Rxa4 29.Bb4 Nf5 30.Qxa4-+]

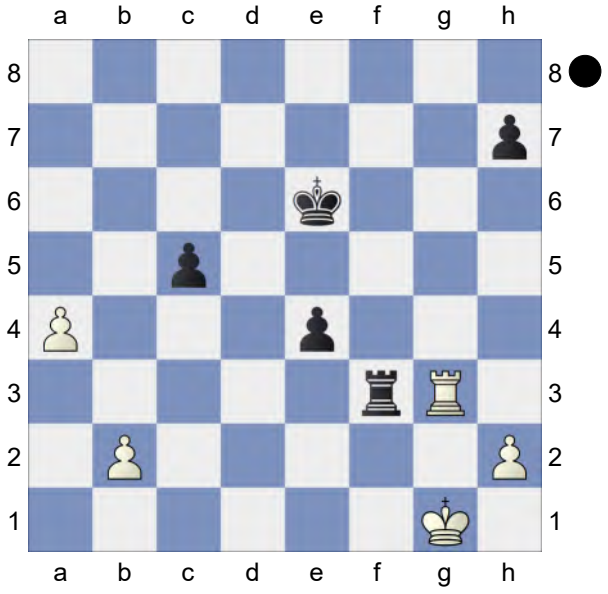
29.Qd1 Nxh4 30.Qxg4 Rxg4 31.Rec1 Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 Rxa4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **33.Rc8+ Kh7** Black is clearly winning. **34.Bc7 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Nf3+ 36.Kg2 Nd4 37.b6** -6.90/24
[⌓37.Bd6 -4.45/19]
37...g5 ...g4 is the strong threat. **38.Bd8 g4** (-> ...Nf3) **39.Bg5 Nf3 40.Bc1 d4** ...d3! would now be deadly. **41.Rc7 Kg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.78/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

D02

□ **Aziz,Husain** **2329**
■ **Zou,Chen** **2449**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.45)
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
Browne,W: 'Inf 33/490' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Ndb5 d4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.e4 Qb6 11.Bd2 Bxb5 12.Qb3 Nd7* Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 7 (2) *)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Qa4+ b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1 Bc6 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Nc6 Qb5 14.Nxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Qd7 16.Bc3 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 f6 1-0 (61) Browne,W-Sosonko,G Denpasar 33/490 1982 18.f3 e5 19.Bc4 Bc5 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Rd2 Rhd8 22.Rhd1 Rxd2+ 23.Rxd2 g5 24.Bd5 Bc8 25.a3 Bd7 26.Bc4 Rb6 27.Ba5 Bb5 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.b4 Bd6 30.e4 Ke6 31.Kd3 h5 32.h3 Rb8 1-0 (61) Browne,W (2450)-Kriventsov,S (2415) USA-ch Seattle 2002 (6)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ (28) Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ^ -^ (118) 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)]
3...e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.c3 b6 0.49/24
[6...c5= 0.06/21]
7.Bd3 0.12/24
[7.Ne5± 0.49/24 might be stronger.]
7...Ba6= 8.Bxa6 The position is equal. **8...Nxa6 9.Qe2 Nb8 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.a4** -0.03/21
[11.Ne5± 0.36/22]
11...Bxf4 12.exf4 c5 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Ndf3 Ne4 15.c4 cxd4 16.cxd5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 exd5 18.Rad1
[18.Rfe1 simplifies Rac8 19.Rad1 Rfe8 20.Rxd4 Qc2 21.Rxd5 Qxe2 22.Rxe2 Nc5 23.a5]
18...Rac8 19.Nxd4 Qc4 20.Qg4 Nc5 21.f4 Ne4 22.f5 0.21/24
[22.h4± 0.77/20]
22...f6 23.Ne6 Rf7 24.Rd4 Qb3 Really sharp! **25.Qf3** Inhibits Qe3+. **25...Qxf3 26.gxf3 fxe5 27.Rxd5 Nc5 28.Rfd1 Rxf5**
[28...Nxa4? 29.Rd8++- *(29.Rxe5 Nxb2 30.Rd4 g6∓; 29.Rxe5 Nxb2 30.Rd4 g6=)*]
29.Rd8+ Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Kf7 31.Nxc5

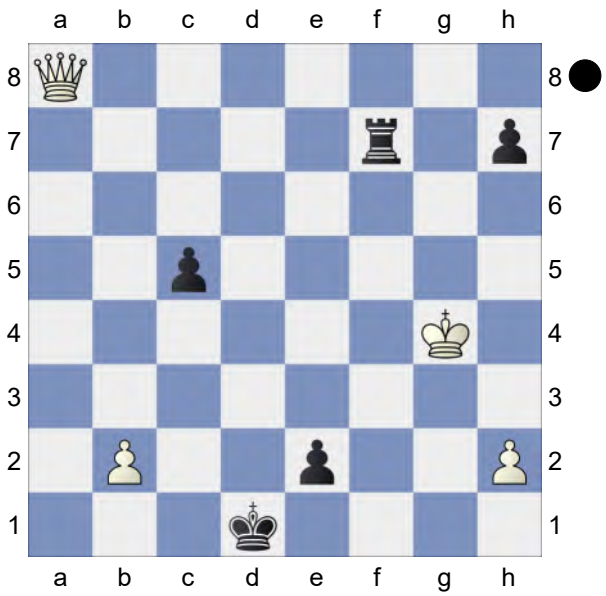
bxc5 Endgame. KR-KR **32.Rd7+ Ke6 33.Rxa7 Rxf3** With the idea ...e4. **34.Rxg7 e4 35.Rg3?** -1.71/26
[35.Kg2= -0.03/26 and White is okay.]



35...Rf8? 0.00/38
[Better is 35...Rf7!-+ -1.71/26 Threatens to win with ...Kd5. 36.a5 Ke5]
36.a5 Kd5 Hoping for ...Rf7. **37.a6 Kd4 38.a7 e3 39.Rg7 e2 40.Re7 Kd3 41.Rd7+ Kc2**
[41...Ke3!? 42.Re7+□ Kd2 43.Rd7+ Ke1∓]
42.Re7 Kd2
[42...Kd1!? 43.Rd7+□ Ke1=]
43.Rd7+ Ke1 44.Rb7? -7.15/24 Black converts the advantage convincingly.
[44.Kg2= -0.06/29]
44...Rg8+-+ 45.Kh1 Rd8 46.Kg2 Kd1 47.Rd7+ Rxd7 48.a8Q KQ-KR
48...Rg7+? -0.30/21
[48...e1B? 49.Qa4+ Kc1 50.Qxd7+-]
[48...e1Q-+ -5.85/28 (-> ...Rd2+) 49.Qa4+ Kc1 50.Qxd7 Qe2+ *(50...Kxb2? 51.Qg7+ Qc3 52.Qb7+ Qb4 53.Qg7+ Qd4 54.Qb7+ Kc1 55.Qa7-+)* 51.Kg3 Qe3+ *(51...Qxb2? 52.Qxh7 Qe5+ 53.Kf3-+; 51...Kxb2 52.Qg7+ Kb3 53.Qb7+ Kc2 54.Qxh7+ Kd2 55.Qd7+ Ke1 56.Qg7∓)* 52.Kg2 c4 *(52...Kxb2? 53.Qxh7 c4 54.Qh4-+)* 53.Qxh7 Qd2+ *(53...Kxb2? 54.Qg7+ c3 55.h4-+)* 54.Kg1 Qd4+ *(54...Qxb2? 55.Qe4-+; 54...Kxb2? 55.Qb7+ Kc1 56.Qe4-+)* 55.Kh1 Kxb2 *(55...Qxb2? 56.Qa7-+)*]
49.Kf3? -4.62/32
[49.Kh3!= -0.30/21 and White stays safe. e1Q *(49...e1R 50.Qd5+ Kc2 51.Qxc5+ Kb1 52.b4±)* 50.Qa4+ Ke2 51.Qa6+ Ke3 52.Qe6+ Kd2 53.Qd5+ Ke2 54.Qe6+ Kf1 55.Qf6+ Ke2 56.Qxg7]
49...Rf7+
[49...e1R 50.Qd5+ Kc2 51.Qc4+ *(51.Qxc5+ Kb1±)* 51...Kb1 52.Qd3+ *(52.Qxc5 Rf1+ 53.Ke2 Rh1=; 52.b4 Rf7+ 53.Kg4 Rg7+ 54.Kf3 Rf7+ 55.Kg4 Rg7+ 56.Kh5 Rg2±)* 52...Ka2 53.Qd5+ Kb1 54.Qf5+ Ka2 55.Qd5+ Ka1 *(55...Kb1 56.Qf5+ Kc1 57.Qxc5+ Kb1 58.Qd5±)* 56.b4±]
[49...e1Q 50.Qa1+ Kd2 51.Qa5+ Kd1 52.Qa4+ Kd2 *(52...Kc1 53.Qa1+ Kd2 54.Qa5+ Kd1 55.Qa1+ Kd2=)* 53.Qa5+ Kd1 54.Qa1+ Kd2 55.Qa5+=]
50.Kg4

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent Qd5+. **50...e1Q**
[50...e1R? is the wrong capture. 51.Qd5+ Ke2 52.Qxf7+-]
[50...Rg7+ 51.Kh3 e1Q *(51...e1R 52.Qd5+ Kc2 53.Qxc5+ Kb1*



54.b4=) 52.Qa4+ Ke2 53.Qa6+ Ke3 54.Qe6+ Kd2 55.Qd5+ Ke2 56.Qe6+ Kf1 57.Qf6+ Qf2 58.Qxg7=]

51.Qd5+ Kc2 52.Qxf7 KQ-KQ

52...Qe2+ 53.Kg3 Qd3+

[Weaker is 53...Kxb2 54.Qg7+ Kb3 55.Qb7+ Kc2 56.Qxh7+ Kd2 *(56...Qd3+ 57.Qxd3+ Kxd3 58.h4=)* 57.Qd7+ Ke1 58.Qg7∓]

54.Kh4 Qe4+ 55.Kh3 Kxb2 56.Qg7+ Kc2 57.Qa7 c4 58.Qa2+ Kd3 59.Qb1+ Kd4 60.Qb6+ Kc3 aiming for ...Qd3+. **61.Qa7 Kd2 62.Qa2+ Qc2 63.Qa7 Qd3+ 64.Kg4 c3 65.Qa5 Kd1** ...c2 is the strong threat. **66.Qa1+ Ke2** Strongly threatening ...c2. **67.Qa8 c2 68.Qa2 Ke1** -25.36/23

[⌓68...Ke3 -#16/22 69.Qb2 Qd4+ 70.Qxd4+ Kxd4 71.Kf5 c1Q *(71...c1B? 72.Kg4-+)* 72.Ke6 Qc6+ 73.Kf5 Qg6+ 74.Kf4 Qf7+ 75.Kg3 Ke3 76.Kh4 Kf4 77.Kh3 Qg6 78.Kh4 Qh6#]

69.Qa5+ Qd2 70.Qe5+ Qe2+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.22 (precise)

0-1

C22

☐	**Harsh,Suresh**	**2420**
■	**Zhukova,Natalia**	**2302**

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[Kitty Kat]

C22: Centre Game

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[4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 *(5...Be7 6.Be3 0-0 7.0-0-0 Ng4 8.Qe2 Nxe3 9.Qxe3 d6 10.f4 Bf6 11.Nf3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qf6 13.Qxf6 gxf6 14.Bb5 Ne7 15.f5 a6 16.Bd3 Nc6 17.Ng1 Ne5 18.Nh3 Bd7 19.Nf4 Bc6 20.Nh5* 1-0 (91) Mieses,J-Rubinstein, A Berlin Vier Meisterturnier 1918 (2) *Nd7 21.g4 Rfe8 22.Rde1 Re5 23.Re2 Rae8 24.Rhe1 Kf8 25.Kd2 b5 26.a3 a5 27.b3 Ke7 28.Nf4 Rg8 29.h3 Nb6 30.c4 bxc4 31.Bxc4*

Nxc4+ 32.bxc4 Kd7 33.Nh5 Ke7 34.Nf4 Kd7 35.Nh5 1-0 (91) Hounie Fleurquin,C-6. ♗c4 ♘b6 7.♗b3 d5 8.ed 17th Open Barcelona 2012 (2)*)* 6.Bd2 0-0 7.0-0-0 d6 8.f3 Re8 *(8...a5 9.Kb1 Be6 10.Nd5 Bxd2 11.Rxd2 Nb4 12.a3 Nbxd5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qd4 Re8 15.Bc4 c5 16.Qe4 Nf6 17.Qh4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Re1+ 19.Ka2 d5 20.Qxc5 Rc8 21.Qf2 Rc1 22.b3 Qc7 23.Kb2* 0-1 Krysa,L (2527)-Sychev,K (2572) Titled Tuesday 16th Mar blitz 2021 (8)*)* 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Qf2 a5 11.Nge2 Qe7 12.Nf4 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nb4 14.a3 Na2+ 15.Kd2 d5 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nd3 dxe4 18.fxe4 Qg6 19.Be2 1-0 (38) Wei,Y (2725)-Karjakin,S (2754) FIDE Grand Prix 2019 (2.3)]

5.Nc3 d6 6.Bd2 -0.31/21

[6.a3= 0.06/19 Ba5 7.b4]

6...Be6 0.09/21

[6...Nf6∓ -0.31/21]

7.Qe2= Nge7 8.f4 White is slightly better. **8...f5 9.Nf3** 0.26/24

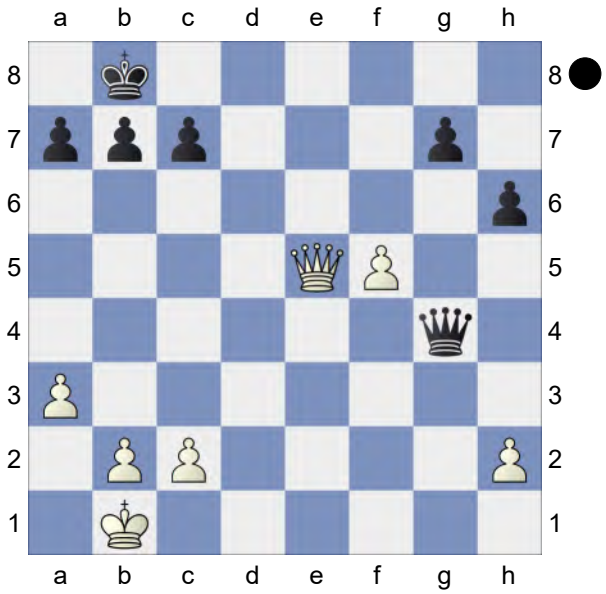
[9.0-0-0± 0.64/24 feels stronger.]

9...Qd7! 10.0-0-0 0-0-0 11.a3 Ba5 12.Ng5 Bg8 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.g4 Nfd4 15.Qg2 h6 16.Nf3 Kb8

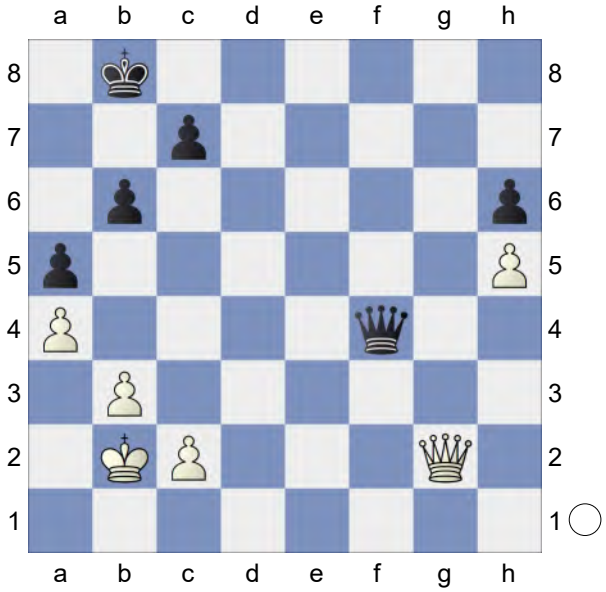
[16...Nxf3 simplifies 17.Qxf3 d5 18.Bg2 d4]

17.Bd3 Bxc3 The position is equal. **18.Bxc3 Bd5! 19.Be2 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Rhe8⇄** Black puts up resistance **21.Qf2 Qf7 22.f5 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Ne5 24.Bxe5 Rxe5 25.Rhe1 Rde8 26.Qc3** Rxe5 is the strong threat. **26...Qf6 27.Rxe5 Rxe5** Endgame. KQR-KQR **28.Re1 Qg5+ 29.Kb1 Qxg4 30.Rxe5 dxe5 31.Qxe5**

(Diagram)



KQ-KQ **31...b6 32.b3 a5 33.a4 Kb7 34.Kb2 Qg2 35.Qd4 Qg5 36.Qe4+ Kb8 37.Kc3 Qg1 38.h4 Qg3+ 39.Kc4 Qd6 40.Qe8+ Ka7 41.Qe4** Prevents Qf4 **41...Qd7 42.Qe5 Kb8 43.Kc3 Kb7 44.Qe4+ Kb8 45.Qe5 Kb7 46.Kb2 Kb8 47.Qe4 Qd6 48.Kc3 Ka7 49.Qd4 Qg3+ 50.Kc4 Qg2 51.Kc3 Qf3+ 52.Kb2 Qxf5 53.Qxg7 Qf4 54.h5 Kb7 55.Qg2+ Kb8**



White must now prevent ...Qe5+. **56.Qg6 Qd2 57.Qe4 Ka7 58.Qe5 Kb7 59.Qc3 Qf4** Strongly threatening ...Qf5. **60.Qg7**

Qd2 61.Qg6 Kb8 62.Qe4 Ka7 63.Qc6 Kb8 64.Qh1 Qg5 65.Qf3 Qd2 66.Qf6 Kb7 67.Qf3+ Kb8 68.Qf8+ Kb7 69.Qf6 Kb8 70.Qf3 Ka7 71.Qc3 Qf4 72.Qg7 Kb7 73.Qg2+ Kb8 74.Qe2 Prevents Qe5+. **74...Qd4+ 75.Kb1 Qg1+ 76.Ka2 Qc1 77.Qe8+ Kb7 78.Qe4+ Ka7 79.Qc4 Kb7 80.Qd5+ Ka7 81.Qe4 Kb8 82.Qc6 Kc8 83.Qe8+ Kb7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

D02

□ **Akhmetov,Ayan** **2417**
■ **Munkhzul,Turmunkh** **2301**
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[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
Browne,W: 'Inf 33/490' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Ndb5 d4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.e4 Qb6 11.Bd2 Bxb5 12.Qb3 Nd7* Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 7 (2) *)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Qa4+ b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1 Bc6 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Nc6 Qb5 14.Nxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Qd7 16.Bc3 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 f6 1-0 (61) Browne,W-Sosonko,G Denpasar 33/490 1982 18.f3 e5 19.Bc4 Bc5 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Rd2 Rhd8 22.Rhd1 Rxd2+ 23.Rxd2 g5 24.Bd5 Bc8 25.a3 Bd7 26.Bc4 Rb6 27.Ba5 Bb5 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.b4 Bd6 30.e4 Ke6 31.Kd3 h5 32.h3 Rb8 1-0 (61) Browne,W (2450)-Kriventsov,S (2415) USA-ch Seattle 2002 (6)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ (28) Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ^ -^ (118) 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th 1999 (6.2)]
3...Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 Bd6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.cxd3 Bb4 The position is equal. **9.Rc1** Nxd7 would now be deadly. **9...c6 10.a3 Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Qa5+**
[11...Nxe5 simplifies 12.Bxe5 0-0 13.g4 Re8]
12.Rc3 0-0 13.h4
[13.g4 seems wilder. c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.g5]
13...Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Nd7 15.Bd6 Rfe8 16.h5 h6 17.Qg4 Qd8 Black is weak on the dark squares **18.Rb3 b6 19.Rc3 c5 20.Qg3**
[20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Bxc5 Rb8]
20...Qf6 21.Rh4 -0.24/23
[21.dxc5± 0.44/24 bxc5 22.Qf4]
21...e5= 22.dxc5 -0.83/21
[22.Bxe5= -0.24/23 keeps the balance. Nxe5 23.dxe5 Rxe5 24.Rf4]
22...bxc5∓
[22...Rac8 23.c6 *(23.d4 exd4 24.exd4 Qf5=)* 23...Nc5 *(23...Qxd6 24.cxd7 Qxd7 25.Rxc8±)* 24.Bxc5

bxc5 25.Rxc5 Rxc6 26.Rxc6 *(26.Rxd5? e4-+)* 26...Qxc6 27.Rg4=]

23.Bxc5 Nxc5 24.Rxc5 Rac8 25.Rxc8 [25.Rxd5? Qc6-+]

25...Rxc8= Endgame. KQR-KQR

26.Rb4 a5 27.Rb3 a4 28.Rb4 e4 Wards off Qf3 **29.Rb8 Rxb8 30.Qxb8+** KQ-KQ **30...Kh7 31.Ke1 exd3** (-> ...Qc6) **32.Qb4 Qf5 33.Qd4 Qxh5 34.Qxd3+** [34.Qxa4? Qe2#]

34...g6 35.Qd4 Qh1+ 36.Ke2 Qc1 37.Qxa4 Qxb2+ 38.Kf3 h5 0.39/28 [38...d4= 0.00/24]

39.g3 Qc3 40.Qb4 0.00/31 [40.Qa7± 0.39/30]

40...Qc2 1.08/29 [40...d4= 0.00/31 remains equal.]

41.a4 0.35/26 [41.Qe7!± 1.08/29]

41...Qc6± 42.Qd4 Qa8 43.g4 hxg4+ 44.Kxg4 Qc8+ 0.58/30 [44...Kg8= 0.16/29 should be considered.]

45.Kg3 Qc7+ 1.02/30 Black is now going downhill. [45...Qc1± 0.58/28]

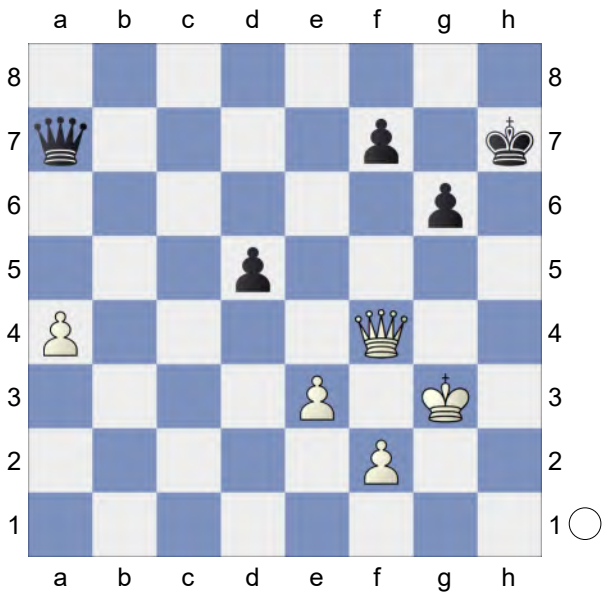
46.Qf4!± Qa7 1.69/26 [46...Qd7± 1.21/24 was necessary. 47.a5 Qe6]

(Diagram)

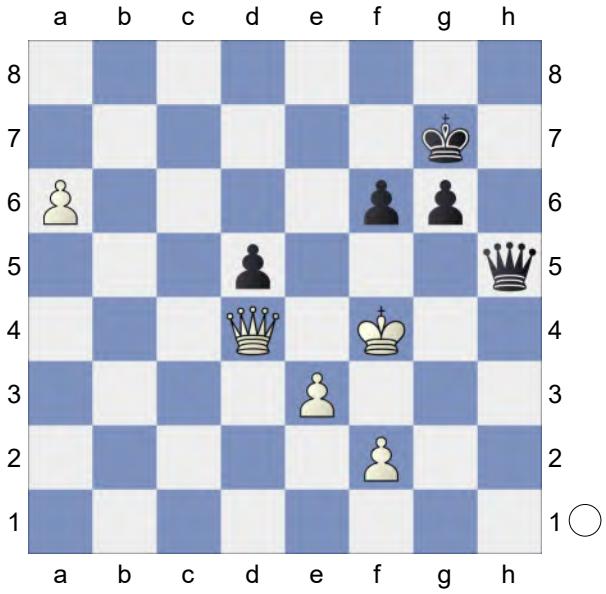
47.Qh4+!+- Kg8 48.Qd8+ Kg7 49.a5 [49.Qxd5 Qxa4 50.Qd4+ Qxd4 51.exd4 f6=]

49...Qa6? 4.56/22 [49...f6 2.75/24 was called for. 50.Qxd5 Qb8+ 51.Kg2 Qc8]

50.Qb6 [50.Qxd5 Qf1±]



50...Qf1 51.a6 Qg1+ 52.Kf3 Qd1+ 53.Kf4 Qh5 54.Qd4+ f6



55.Kg3 Against Qh3+. And now a7 would win. Active counter play! **55...Qg5+ 56.Kf3** Threatens to win with a7. **56...Qf5+ 57.Kg2 Qc8 58.a7** [58.Qxd5 Qxa6 59.Qd7+ Kh6=]

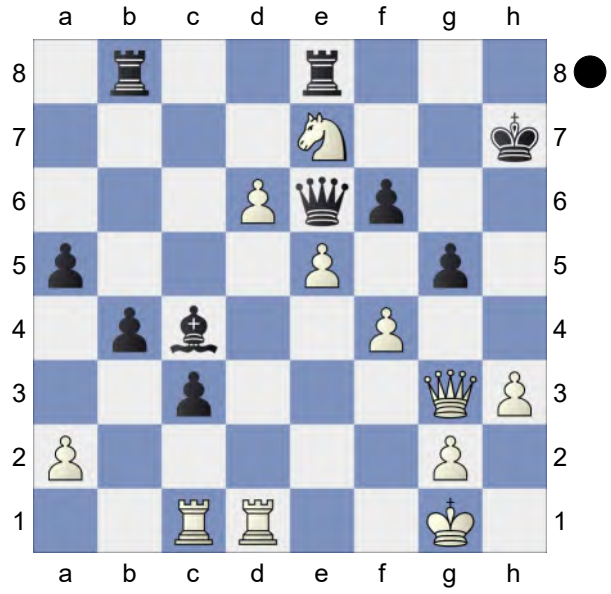
58...Qc6 59.Qf4 Qb8 is the strong threat. **59...g5 60.Qb8 d4+ 61.Kh2 Qf3 62.a8Q** [Stronger than 62.a8B Qxf2+ 63.Kh3 dxe3 *(63...Qxe3+ 64.Kg2=)* 64.Qc7+ Kh6=]

62...Qxf2+ 63.Qg2 Qh4+ 64.Kg1 Intending Qgb7+ and mate. **64...Qe1+ 65.Qf1 Qxe3+ 66.Qf2 Qc1+ 67.Kh2** White wants to mate with Qb7+. **67...Qc5 68.Qa2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
1-0

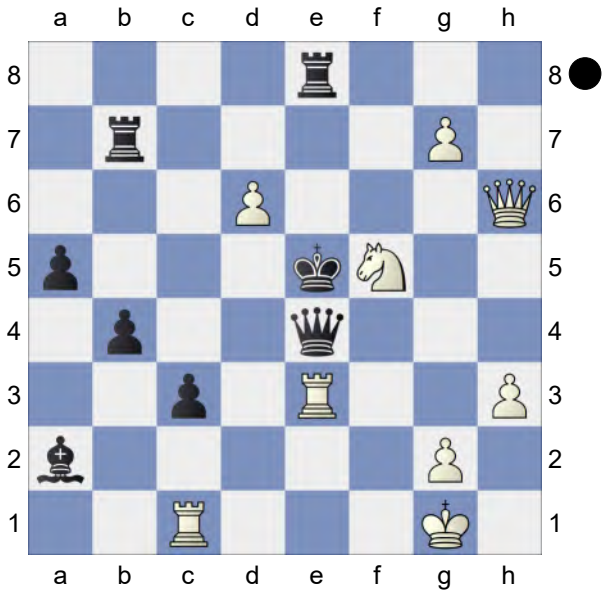
D58
□ **Pham,Le Thao Nguyen 2384**
■ **Jeet,Jain 2301**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.48)
[Kitty Kat]

D58: Queen's Gambit Declined: Tartakower Defence
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 b6 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2
[10.Qb3 c6 11.Rd1 Re8 12.h3 Na6 13.g4 Nc7 14.Be2 c5 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rxd5 Qa5+ 18.Kf1 Be6 19.Bc4 Rab8 20.Qd3 Rxb2 21.Kg2 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Qc7 23.h4 Rxe3 24.g5 Bd4 ½-½ (58) Njili,K (2414)-Moussard,J (2684) Djerba Masters rapid 2023 (3)]
10...Be6 11.0-0 c5 12.Rc1N
[12.Qa4 a6 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Rad1 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nd7 16.Qa3 Qc7 17.Ne1 c4 18.Nc2 Qc5 19.Qc1 Rab8 20.Nd4 Nf6 21.Bf3 Rb6 22.Rfe1 Qa5 23.Qa1 Rfb8 24.Nc2 Qb5 25.h3 a5 26.Nd4 Qb2 ½-½ (107) Obukhov,A-Burmakin,V RUS-Cup01 Chigorin mem 1997 (5)]
[12.Qd2 Nc6 13.dxc5 bxc5 14.Rac1 Qd7 15.b3 Rad8 16.Na4 c4 17.bxc4 Qe7 18.Qc2 Nb4 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Nd4 Bd7 21.Nc3 Bxd4 22.exd4 Nd3 23.Bxd3 Rxb3 24.Nxd5 Qh4 25.axb3 Qxd4 26.Rfd1 Qb2 1-0 (64) Calder,D (1640)-Moeller,C (1955) corr 9. DFMM - Gruppe KI-32/B03 2011]
12...Nc6 13.Qa4 Ne7 14.Rfd1 c4 15.b3 a6 White is slightly better.
16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Ne4 -0.47/23
[17.Bxc4? b5 18.Nxb5 Bxc4 *(18...axb5 19.Qxb5 Qa5 20.Qxa5-+)* 19.Qxc4 axb5 20.Qxb5 Rxa2-+]
[17.d5± 0.41/28 b5 18.Qa3 *(18.dxe6 bxa4 19.exf7+ Rxf7∓)*]
17...Nd5∓ 18.Nxf6+
[18.Qxc4? Nxe3 19.Qd3 Nxd1 20.Bxd1 Bf5-+ *(20...Bxa2 21.Rc6∓)*]
[18.Rxc4? b5 19.Qc2 bxc4-+]
18...Qxf6 19.Ne5
[19.Bxc4? b5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.Qxb5 Ne7-+ *(21...Rxa2? 22.Rd2-+)*]
[19.Qxc4? Nxe3 20.Qd3 Nxd1 21.Bxd1 Rfc8-+ *(21...Bxa2? 22.Bc2-+)*]
[19.Rxc4? b5 20.Qc2 bxc4-+]
19...b5 20.Qa5 Qd8 0.07/24
[20...Rfe8∓ -0.48/24]
21.Qe1 -1.12/20
[21.Qxd8!= 0.07/24 was the only way to keep the balance. Rfxd8 22.e4]
21...Qd6 22.Bf3 Rab8 23.h3 Rfc8 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.e4 Bb7 26.f3 f6 27.Ng4 b4 0.46/23
[27...f5∓ -0.46/21 28.exf5 Re8]
28.Ne3 -0.73/21
[28.e5!± 0.46/23 was forced to keep a grip. fxe5 29.dxe5 Qc5+ 30.Kh2]
28...c3∓ 29.Nf5 Qd7 30.d5 a5 31.d6 Re8 -0.19/21
[31...Kh7∓ -0.94/21]
32.Qg3= Ba6 0.45/21
[32...Kh8= -0.24/22]
33.Nxh6+± Kh7? 2.08/20 Black cannot

hold the game after this.
[33...Kf8!± 0.42/20 34.Nf5 Bc4]
34.Nf5+- Bc4? 3.47/18
[34...Re5 1.90/17 35.Rd4 Be2]
35.Ne7 g5 Repels Qh4+ **36.e5** 2.04/19
[⌓36.f4 3.53/18 Rb5 37.fxg5 fxg5 38.Rd4]
36...Qe6? 4.24/21
[36...Rxe7 2.04/19 was worth a try. 37.dxe7 Qxe7]
37.f4



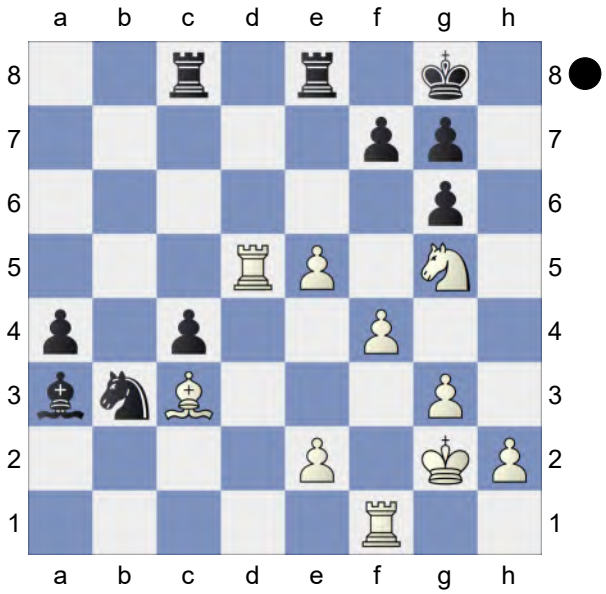
aiming for exf6. **37...Bxa2** 8.18/19
[⌓37...fxe5 4.17/17 38.Qxg5 *(38.fxg5 Kg7±; 38.fxe5 Bxa2 39.Qxg5 Qh6+-)* 38...Rf8 39.fxe5 Qh6]
38.exf6 Qxf6 39.fxg5
[39.Qxg5 Qxg5 40.fxg5 Rb7∓]
39...Qe6 40.Qh4+ Kg7 41.Qd4+ Kh7 42.g6+ Kh6 43.Qh4+ Kg7 44.Qh7+ Kf6 45.Rd3 7.75/17
[⌓45.Qh6 18.70/18 Rxe7 46.Rf1+ Zwischenzug *(46.dxe7 Bd5+-)* 46...Ke5 47.Rcd1 *(47.dxe7 Kd5+-)* 47...Qd5 48.Qf4+ *(48.dxe7 Rc8 49.Qe3+ Kd6 50.Rf6+ Kd7 51.Qe6+* Pin, Double Attack *Kc7 52.Qb6+ Kd7 53.Rxd5+ Bxd5 54.Qd6+ Ke8 55.Rf8#)* 48...Ke6 49.Qf6+ *(49.dxe7 Re8 50.Qf7+ Kd6 51.Qxe8 Kc5 52.Rxd5+ Bxd5 53.Qc8+ Bc6)* 49...Kd7 50.Qxe7+ *(50.dxe7 c2+-)* 50...Kc6 51.Qc7+ Deflection, Double Attack Kb5 52.Rxd5+ *(52.Qxb8+ Kc5 53.Rxd5+ Bxd5 54.d7 Kd4 55.d8Q Kc4 56.Qf4+* Deflection *Kb5 57.Qxd5+ Kb6 58.Qfd6+ Ka7 59.Rf7#)* 52...Bxd5 53.Qxb8+ Kc4 54.d7]
45...Qe4 46.Rf3+ Ke6 47.Nf5
Black must now prevent d7. **47...Rb7 48.g7 Kf6 49.Qh6+ Ke5 50.Re3**



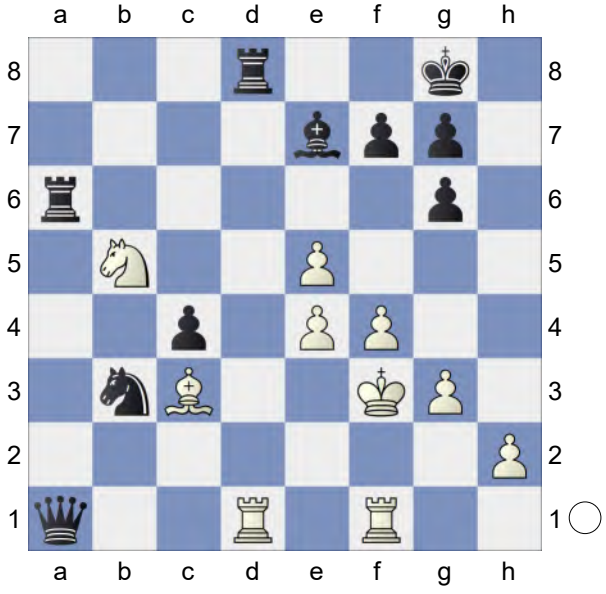
Pin **50...Kxf5 51.Rf1+ Ke5 52.Rxe4+ Kxe4 53.Re1+ Kd4 54.Rxe8**
White threatens Qe3+ and mate. **54...c2 55.Qd2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.99
1-0

E00
□ **Ajay Santhosh Parvathareddy 2299**
■ **Bukreev,Stanislav 2384**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.49) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

E16: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Nd2 d5 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Ngf3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Ne5 a5 9.a3 Be7 10.b3 Nbd7 The position is equal. **11.Bb2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Bxd5 exd5 15.f4N**
[15.Nf3 c6 16.Qc2 Rc8 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Qf5 Nc5 19.Nd4 Rfe8 20.Qg4 Bf8 21.Nf5 g6 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.exd6 Qxd6 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Nd7 26.Rd2 Re6 27.Rfd1 b5 28.Qd4 f6 29.e4 Ne5 0-1 (41) Kristovic,M (2213)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗d2 (2345) FIDE-Wch San Luis 2005 (3) 30.Qc3 Nc4 31.exd5 Re5 32.Rc2 cxd5 33.Bc1 Qe6 34.Bf4 Re4 35.Rcc1 g5 36.Be3 Ra8 37.Qd3 Nxe3 38.fxe3 Rxe3 39.Qxb5 Ra2 40.Qb8+ Kg7 41.Ra1 Ree2 0-1 Yakimova,M (2213)-Voit,D (2345) Ufa Penzina Memorial 2023 (3)]
15...Re8 0.21/20
[15...a4 -0.16/23 is more appropriate.]
16.Nf3 -0.16/20
[16.e3! 0.21/20 is superior.]
16...Nc5= 17.Qc2 a4 18.b4 Nb3 19.Rad1
[19.Qc6!?]
19...c5 20.bxc5! bxc5 21.Qd3 -1.40/21
[White should try 21.f5∓ -0.58/22]
21...c4∓ 22.Qc2 Rc8 Hoping for ...c3!
23.Bc3 Bxa3 -0.96/23
[⌓23...Qb6+ -1.48/19 24.Bd4 Qc6]
24.Ng5 Qb6+ 25.Kg2 Qg6 The board is on fire. **26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.Rxd5**



Be7! 28.Ne4 a3 29.Kf3 -2.19/20
Loses the game.
[29.Nd6∓ -0.93/21 keeps fighting. Bxd6 30.exd6]
29...Red8-+ 30.Nd6 Ra8 31.e4 a2 32.Rdd1? -5.10/24
[32.Kg4 -2.16/21]
32...Ra6 33.Nb5 a1Q



Deflection **34.Rxa1** -4.52/21
[34.Bxa1 -3.02/23 only move. Rxd1 35.Rxd1 Rxa1 36.Rd7]
34...Rxa1

[Don't play 34...Nxa1 35.Bxa1 Rd3+ 36.Kg4-+]

35.Rxa1 Nxa1 36.Bxa1 Endgame. KRB-KBN **36...Bb4** Black is clearly winning. **37.Nd4 Bc5 38.Nb5** -6.49/23

[⌓38.e6 -4.47/24]

38...Rb8 39.Nc3 Ra8 40.Bb2 Ba3 41.Nd1 Bxb2 42.Nxb2 c3 43.Nd3 c2 And now ...Ra3 would win. **44.Ke2 Rd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.18 (very precise)

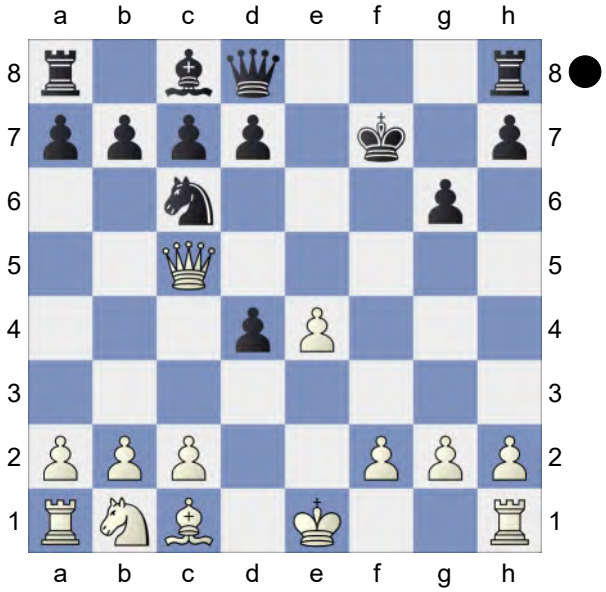
0-1

C44

□ **Kamalidenova,Meruert** **2378**
■ **Garv,Rai** **2277**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.50)
[Kitty Kat]

C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.Ng5 Nh6 6.Nxf7 Nxf7 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qxc5



d5! 10.0-0 dxe4 11.c3 Qd6 The position is equal. **12.Qxd6** Remove Defender **12...cxd6 13.cxd4** White is weak on the light squares **13...d5 14.Nc3 Be6 15.f3 exf3 16.Rxf3+ Kg7N**

[16...Ke7 17.Bg5+ Kd7 18.Raf1 Rhe8 19.h4 Nxd4 20.Rd3 Nf5 21.Ne4 d4 22.Nf6+ Kd6 23.Nxe8+ Rxe8 24.Re1 h5 25.Bf6 Kc5 26.Rc1+ Bc4 27.Rd2 Kd5 28.b3 Bb5 29.a4 Bc6 30.Bg5 Re4 31.b4 0-1 (47) Davtyan,A (2349)-Gabuzyan,H (2539) Yerevan Asrian Memorial 11th 2018 (5) a6 32.a5 Kd6 33.Rc5 Bb5 34.Kf2 d3 35.Rxb5 axb5 36.Rxd3+ Ke6 37.Rb3 Kd5 38.g3 Nd4 39.Rc3 Re2+ 40.Kf1 Rc2 41.Re3 Nf5 42.Re8 Nxg3+ 43.Ke1 Kc4 44.Re7 Kxb4 45.Bd2+ Kc4 46.Rc7+ ½-½ (47) Fernandez,J (2293)-3 e3 (2202) Donner Memorial-A 1994 (4) Kd3 47.Rd7+ Kc4 ½-½ Fernandez,J (2293)-B3 (2202) Donner Memorial-A 1994 (4)]

17.Bf4 Rae8 18.Re1 Bf5 19.Rfe3 Rxe3 20.Rxe3 Kf7 21.Nb5 Kf6 0.72/25

[21...Be4= 0.06/22 remains equal.]

22.Nd6 0.26/24

[White should play 22.Nxa7!± 0.72/25 Ra8 *(22...Nxa7? 23.Be5+* Skewer *Ke6 24.Bxh8++-)* 23.Nxc6 bxc6 24.a3]

22...b6 23.h3 h5 24.h4 And now Bg5+ would win. **24...Rf8** 1.02/25

[24...Be4!= 0.16/24]

25.Bh6± White is more active. **25...Ra8 26.Bg5+ Kg7 27.Ne8+** 0.24/26

[Better is 27.Nxf5+± 1.17/25 gxf5 28.Re6]

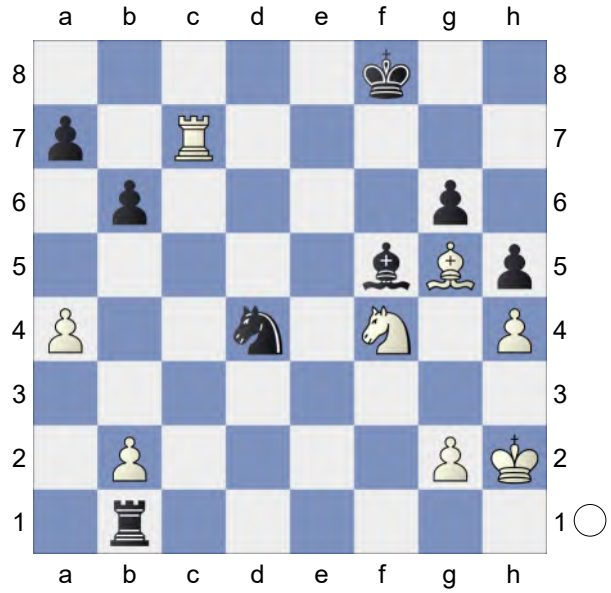
27...Kf7= 28.Nc7 0.25/24

[28.Nd6+± 0.72/25 Kf8 29.Re1]

28...Rc8 29.Nxd5 0.15/26

[29.Nb5± 0.54/23 was preferrable. Rf8 30.Nd6+ Kg8 31.Nxf5 gxf5

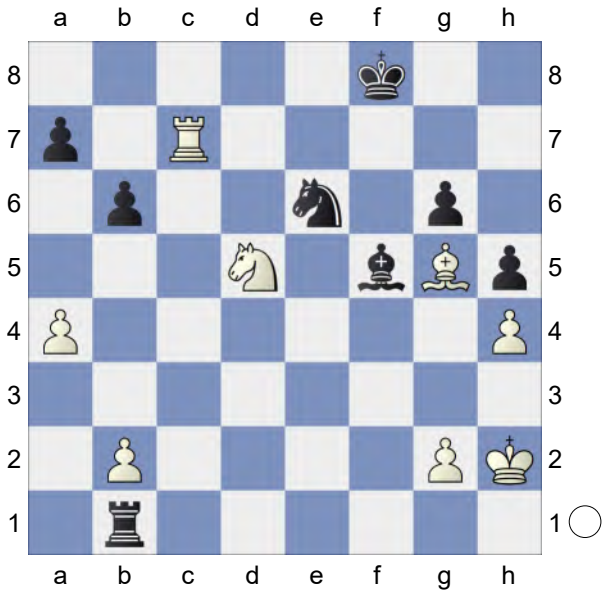
32.Kf2]
29...Be6 0.84/28
[29...Re8!= 0.15/26]
30.Nf4 0.06/19
[30.Rf3+± 0.84/28 Bf5 31.Ra3]
30...Nxd4 31.Re4 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Hoping for Nxe6. **32...Rd1 33.Re3 Rb1** 1.41/26
[33...a5= 0.06/26]
34.Rc3!± Nb5 Prevents Rc7+
[34...Rxb2? 35.Rc7+ Kg8 36.Bf6+-]
35.Rc6 Bf5 2.83/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[35...Bxa2± 0.99/20 36.Nxg6 *(36.Rxg6 Rxb2 37.Rh6 Bc4±)* 36...Bb3]
36.a4+- Nd4 37.Rc7+ Kf8



38.Nd5! Threatening mate with Re7.
[38.Rxa7?! Rxb2 39.Bh6+ Ke8±]
38...Ne6 3.16/21
[⌓38...Be6 2.13/25]

(Diagram)

39.Be7+!
[39.Rxa7 Nxg5 40.hxg5 Rxb2=]
39...Ke8 40.Rxa7 Rd1? 4.66/20

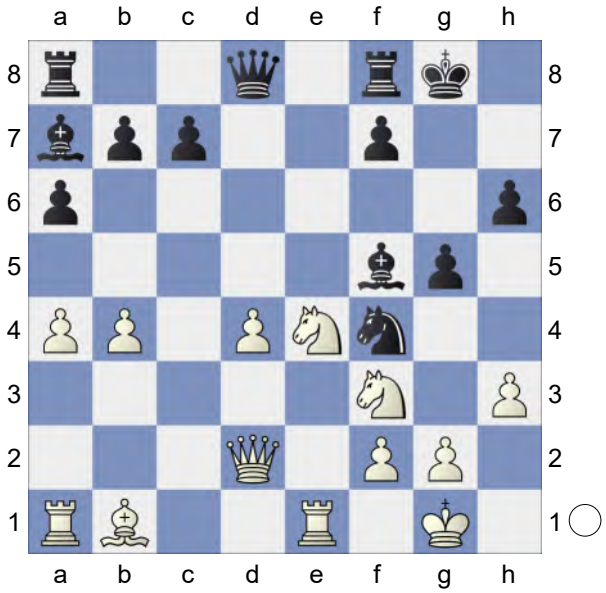


[40...Nc5 2.89/19 41.Bxc5 *(41.Nxb6 Nd7±)* 41...bxc5]
41.Nf6+ White is clearly winning.
[But not 41.Nxb6 Rd2 42.Bf6 Nc5+-]
41...Kf7 42.Bd8+ Kf8 43.Bxb6 Rb1 6.51/23
[⌓43...Rc1 4.39/20 44.b4 *(44.Be3 Rc7+-)* 44...Rc4]
44.Be3 g5 45.hxg5 Bg6 46.Rb7 Be4 47.Nxe4 White wants to mate with g6.
47...Re1 48.Bc5+ Nxc5 49.Nxc5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.46
1-0

C50
□ **Moosavifar,Seyed Abolfazl 2308**
■ **Aradhya,Garg 2365**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.51)
[Kitty Kat]

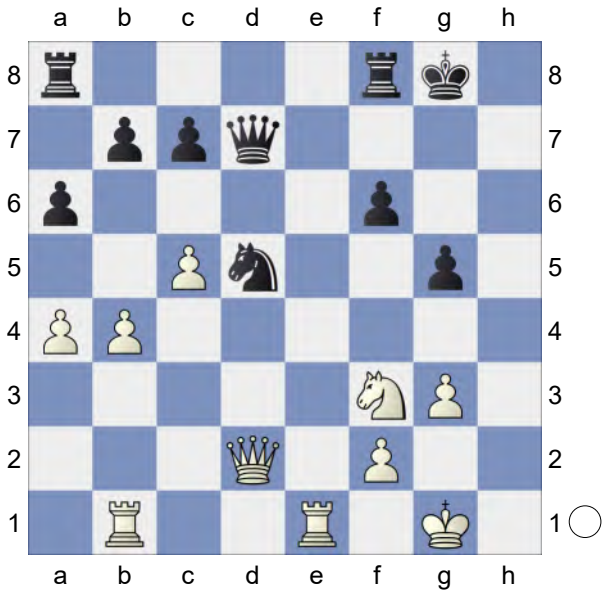
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.Re1 a6 8.a4 Ba7 9.b4 0-0 10.h3 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6

12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4N
[13.Nxd4 d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4 Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8 24.Qc2 f5 25.Rg3 Rf7 26.Qc3 Ree7 27.b5 axb5 0-1 (52) Nikitenko,M (2484)-Sjugirov,S (2709) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (11.10)]
13...d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Qb3 Nb6 16.Bd3 Nf4 17.Bb1 Hoping for Qc2.
17...Nbd5 18.Qc2 g6 1.04/20
[18...Ng6!= 0.28/23]
19.Ne4!± Bf5 1.84/18
[19...c6± 1.09/19 is a better defense.]
20.Bxf4!+- Nxf4 21.Qd2 g5

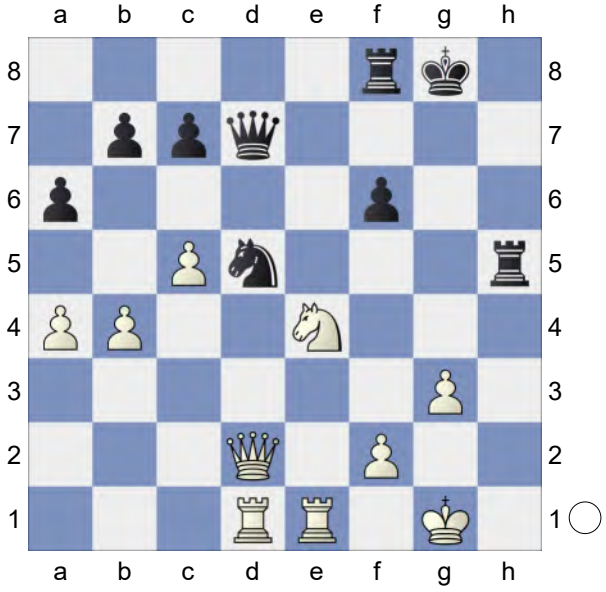


22.h4! f6 23.g3 Nd5 24.Nc5 1.23/25
[24.hxg5+- 1.80/21 fxg5 25.Ra3]
24...Bxc5 25.dxc5
[25.Bxf5 Bxb4 26.Qc2 Bxe1 27.Rxe1 Kh8∓]
[25.bxc5?! Qd7±]
25...Bxb1 26.Raxb1
[Don't take 26.Rexb1 Qd7±]
26...Qd7 Inhibits Re6. **27.hxg5 hxg5**

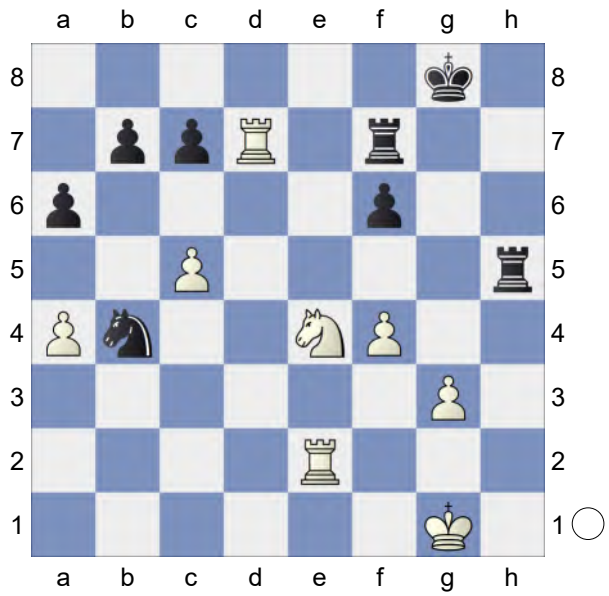
(Diagram)



28.Nxg5! Rae8 Wards off Ne6
[28...fxg5? is the wrong capture. 29.Qxg5+ Qg7 30.Qxd5+ Qf7 31.Qg5+ *(31.Qxb7 Qxf2+ 32.Kh1 Qf5±)* 31...Qg7 32.Qxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rbd1+-]
29.Ne4 1.01/23
[29.Nf3+- 2.08/24]
29...Re5± 30.Rbd1 Rh5



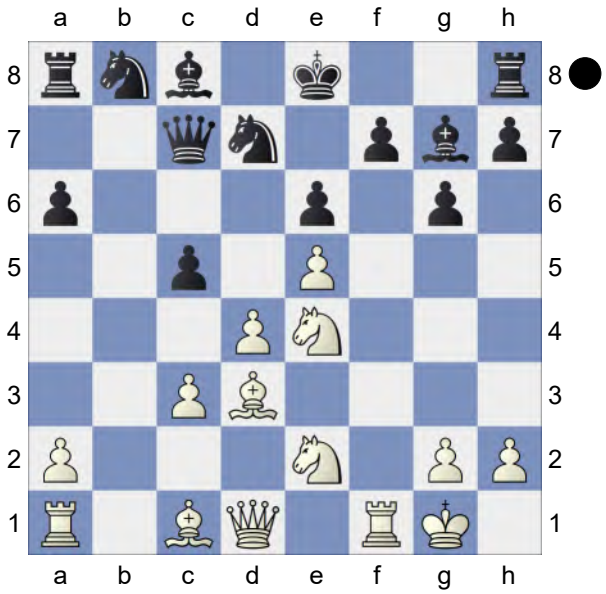
31.f4! Qg4 32.Qe2
[32.Kg2 seems wilder. Qg6 33.Qf2 Qh7 34.Qf3]
32...Qxe2 33.Rxe2 Nxb4 34.Rd7 Rf7



35.Rxc7 0.01/19 White is more active. **35...Rxc7=** The position is equal. **36.Nxf6+ Kf7 37.Nxh5** Threatens to win with Re5. **37...Rxc5 38.Re4 Nc6 39.g4 b5 40.axb5 axb5 41.Ng3 b4** Strongly threatening ...b3. **42.Re3** Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

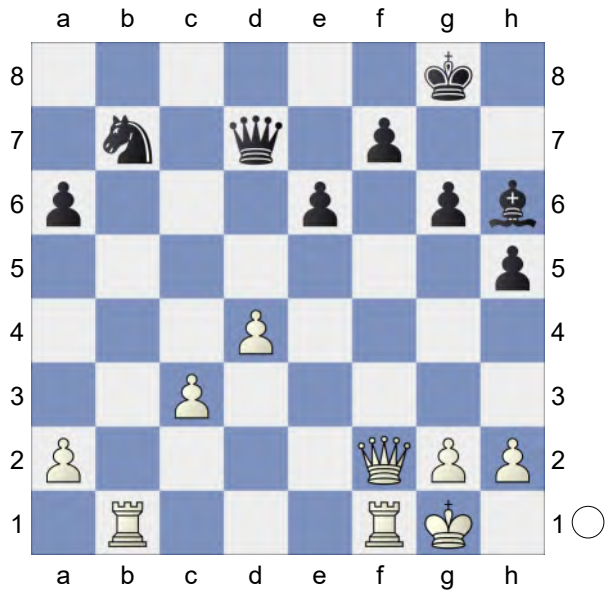
B06
□ **Vignesh Advaith Vemula** **2276**
■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.52)
[Kitty Kat]

B06: Modern Defence
1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3 b4 1.06/22
[6...Nd7± 0.60/21 feels stronger.]
[6...Bb7 7.a4 b4 8.Ne2 Nd7 9.0-0 c5 10.c3 bxc3 11.bxc3 Ngf6 12.Ng3 0-0 13.e5 Nd5 14.Bd2 cxd4 15.cxd4 a5 16.Bb5 Ba6 17.Rb1 Bxb5 18.Rxb5 dxe5 19.Rxd5 e6 20.Rd6 exd4 21.Nxd4 0-1 (42) Firouzja,A (2737)-Nihal,S (2669) Bullet Chess Losers blitz 2024 (4.5)]
7.Ne2± c5N
[7...Bb7 8.c3 bxc3 9.bxc3 Nd7 10.0-0 Nb6 11.a4 a5 12.Bb5+ c6 13.Bd3 Nf6 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Qb3 Nfd7 16.Be3 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.c4 Qc7 19.c5 Na8 20.Qc4 Ra7 21.cxd6 exd6 22.Rfc1 1-0 (71) Yuan,Q (2373)-Grutter,T (2353) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (10) Rc8 23.d5 c5 24.Nc3 Nab6 25.Qa2 Bxc3 26.Rxc3 Rb7 27.Rcb3 Rcb8 28.Rb5 Nc8 29.Nd2 Na7 30.Rxb7 Rxb7 31.Nc4 Rb4 32.Bd2 Nb6 33.Bxb4 cxb4 34.Nxb6 Qxb6+ 35.Qf2 Nc8 36.Rc1 Qxf2+ 37.Kxf2 1-0 (71) Karjakin,S (2373)-Ashwin,S (2353) 103/229 London 2008 (10)]
8.0-0 White is better. **8...Qc7** 1.11/20
[Better is 8...Qb6 0.72/22]
9.c3 bxc3 10.bxc3 Nf6 11.e5 Nfd7 3.17/18
[⌓11...Ng4 1.68/19 12.Rb1 *(12.h3 Nh6±)* 12...0-0]
12.Ng5+- e6 13.Ne4 dxe5 14.fxe5



Threatens to win with Nd6+. **14...0-0**

15.Ba3 Bb7 16.N2g3
[16.Bxc5?! Nxc5 17.Nxc5 Bc6±]
16...Nc6 17.Nxc5
[17.dxc5 Ncxe5 18.Be2 Bd5∓]
17...Nxc5 18.Bxc5 Rfd8 19.Bd6 Qa5 3.03/22
[19...Rxd6 2.11/19 was necessary. 20.exd6 Qxd6]
20.Qb3 Rd7 21.Ne4 Qd8 22.Nc5 Na5 23.Qb2 Rxd6 24.exd6 Bc6 25.Qf2
[25.Bxa6 Qxd6 26.Bb5 Rb8+-]
25...Ra7 26.d7
[Less strong is 26.Bxa6 Qxd6 27.a4 h5+-]
26...Rxd7 27.Nxd7
[Not 27.Bxa6 Rc7 28.Kh1 Bd5+-]
27...Qxd7 28.Rab1 Bb7 29.Be2 h5 30.Bf3 White is clearly winning. **30...Bh6 31.Bxb7 Nxb7**



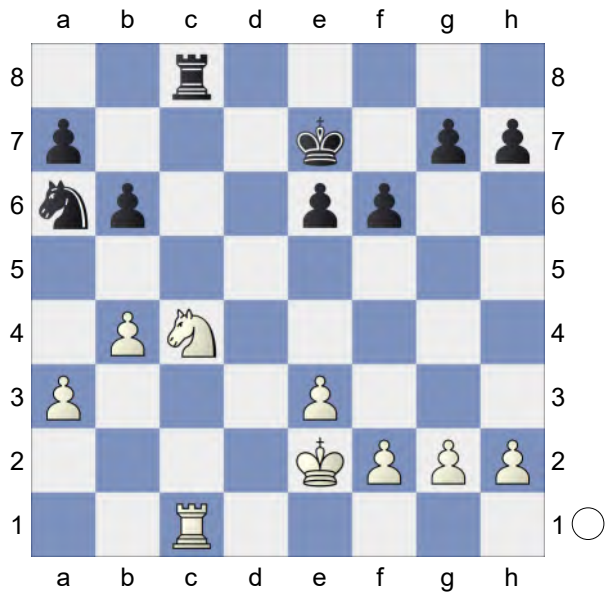
32.Qxf7+!! Qxf7 33.Rxf7 Kxf7 34.Rxb7+ Kf6 35.Kf2 Bd2 36.Rc7 White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.44
1-0

D37
□ **Bhagat Kush** **2288**
■ **Khamdamova,Afruza** **2354**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.53)
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.a3 Repels Bb4+ **9...c5 10.dxc5** White is slightly better.
10...Qxc5 11.Rc1 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Ba6N
[13...Bf6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Rc2 Nd7 16.Ne4 Be5 17.Ke2 f5 18.Nd6 Bd5 19.b4 g5 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.e4 Nxd3 22.exd5 Nf4+ 23.Kf3 Rad8 24.g3 Rxd6 25.gxf4 g4+ 26.Kg2 Rxd5 27.Re1 Rd6 28.Rc3 0-1 (55) Le Ruyet,L (2232)-Delorme,A (2316) Sautron op 16th 2016 (6.11)]
[13...Na6 14.b4 Bb7 15.Bd3 Bxg2 16.Rg1 Bb7 17.Bh6 Bf6 18.Ke2 Kh8 19.Bf4 Rad8 20.Nc4 Nb8 Decker,P-Kabatianski,A Malmoe (m/2) 35/54 1983]
14.Be2 Bxe2 15.Kxe2 Na6 Inhibits Rc7. **16.Nc4** 0.14/24
[16.Rc6± 0.67/23]
16...f6= The position is equal. **17.Bd6 Kf7 18.Rhd1 Rfd8 19.Bxe7 Kxe7 20.b4 Rxd1 21.Kxd1** Endgame. KRN-KRN **21...Rd8+ 22.Ke2 Rc8**

(Diagram)

And now ...b5 would win. **23.Kd2 Nc7 24.Nb2 Rd8+ 25.Ke2 Rd7 26.Nd1 Nb5 27.a4 Nd6 28.f3 h5 29.Nc3 Rd8 30.Nb1 Kd7 31.Na3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½



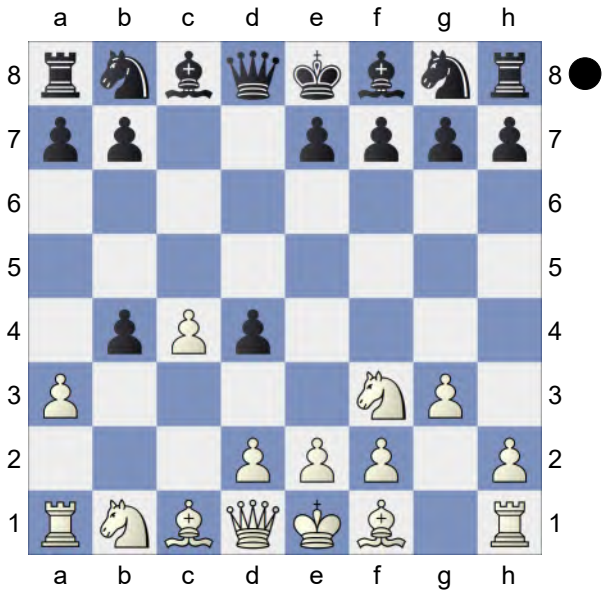
□ **Aaditya,Dhingra** **2448**
■ **Daakshin,Arun** **2286**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.54)

0-1

A07

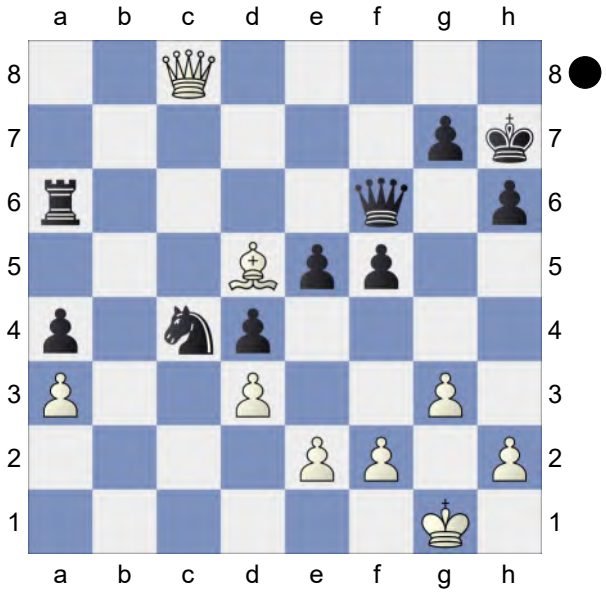
□ **Sultan,Ibrahim** **2205**
■ **Bharadia Yash** **2385**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.55)
[Kitty Kat]

A09: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 2 c4
1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 d5 3.c4
[3.Bg2 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bg5 Nge7 9.Qd2 h6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Rc1 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7 13.e3 Rac8 14.Ne1 b6 15.Nd3 Na5 16.Rc2 Qd6 17.b3 Rc7 ½-½ (37) Chuchelov,V (2540)-Lautier,J (2640) BL2-W9899 Germany 1998 (1)]
3...d4N
[3...dxc4 4.Qa4+ Nc6 5.Bg2 Bd7 6.Qxc4 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Rc8 11.Nbd2 b5 12.Qc3 Qb6 13.a3 Rfd8 14.Rac1 Bf8 15.e3 Be8 16.Qc2 Nd5 17.Ne4 Na5 18.d4 0-1 (30) Arambel,S (2296)-Soppe,G (2451) Olavarria Magistral op 5th 2005 (4) c4 19.b4 Nb3 20.Rcd1 a5 21.Nc5 axb4 22.Ng5 g6 23.axb4 Nxb4 24.Qc3 Nd5 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Nxb3 b4 27.Qd2 Ba4 28.Nc5 Bxd1 29.Qxd1 Qf6 30.Qg4 Bxc5 1-0 Arakhamia Grant,K-Wojtaszek,R 30 Gibraltar 2016]
4.b4 cxb4 5.a3



b3 0.00/27 **6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Nf6 9.Nbd2 Bd6 10.Nxb3 0-0 11.Re1 a5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.c5 Bc7 15.Nfd2** -0.57/26
[15.Qc2= -0.21/23 is more appropriate.]
15...a4∓ 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Nbd2 f5 0.04/19
[17...Bd7∓ -0.48/20]
18.Nd6!= Bxd6 19.cxd6 Qxd6 20.Rb1 -0.57/21
[20.Nc4= 0.09/23 Qe7 21.Bxc6 bxc6 22.e3]
20...Ra6 0.00/25
[20...Qxa3∓ -0.57/21 21.Nc4 Qe7]

21.Qc1 -0.55/24
[21.Nc4= 0.00/25 Qe7 22.Rb6]
21...Kh7 0.23/24
[Better is 21...Be6!∓ -0.55/24]
22.Rb5 White has compensation.
22...Re8 0.41/22
[22...Na5= -0.01/25]
23.Nc4± Qf6 24.Qb1 0.31/22 White is more active.
[⌓24.Qb2 0.70/25]
24...Re7 25.Rc1 Be6 26.Rxb7 0.00/36
[26.h4± 0.44/23 was preferrable.]
26...Rxb7= The position is equal.
27.Qxb7 Bxc4 28.Rxc4 Na5! 29.Qc8 Nxc4 30.Bd5



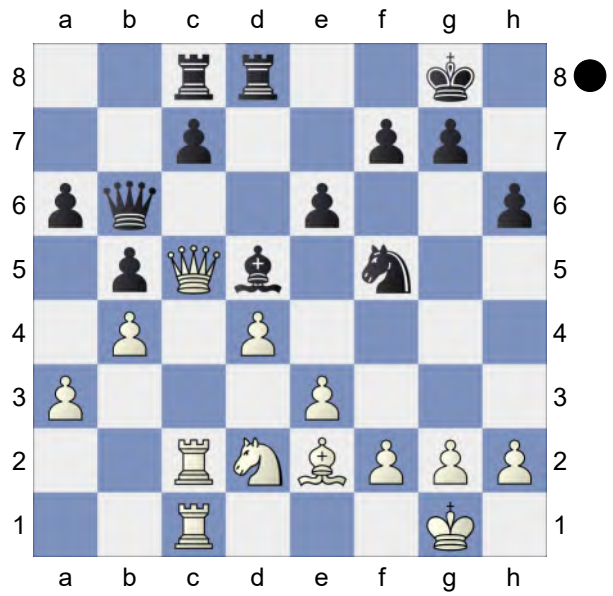
Wards off Qe6. Qg8+ is the strong threat. **30...h5 31.Bg8+ Kh6 32.Bxc4 Rb6**
[32...Rc6!? 33.Qh8+□ Kg6=]
33.Qh8+ Kg6 34.Qe8+ Kh6 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Qe8+ Kh6 Threatens to win with ...Qc6. **37.Qh8+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

D31
□ **Moksh,Amit Doshi 2383**
■ **Ankit Ray 2320**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.56)
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 h6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3
[5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.c5 Qe7 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.0-0 Rd8 11.Bb5 Bd7 12.a3 Qe8 13.Be2 a5 14.Nb5 Rac8 15.Rc1 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nbd4 Ra8 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.a4 c6 ½-½ (21) Bellmann,H (2401)-Vodicka,M (2107) corr AO-00025 2023]
5...a6N
[5...Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 a6 8.a4 c5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.e4 Bd6 13.Re1 Ng4 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bb3 0-0 7) Sarin Queen/^s Gambit Decl-Sarin Queen'S Gambit Declined 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]
6.b3 Bb4 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Bd3 Bxc3+ 10.Bxc3 Nxc3 11.Qxc3 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5** 1.35/24
[Black should play 12...b6± 0.42/20]
13.Be2 Bb7 14.Rc1 Nc6 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Rfd1 White is more active. **16...Qd6 17.Qc5** 0.82/20
[⌓17.Ne1 1.36/20]
17...Rfd8± 18.Nd2 Ne7 19.b4 Nf5 20.a3 Qb6 21.Rc2 Bd5 22.Rdc1

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent Qxb6. **22...Qb7 23.Bf1 Nd6 24.f3 f5 25.Bd3 Rd7 26.Qc3 Qb6 27.Qb2 Rcd8 28.f4** 0.04/21



[Better is 28.h3± 0.66/20]

28...Re7 0.41/25

[28...a5= 0.04/21 should be considered.]

29.Rc5 Qb7 0.64/19

[29...Ra8= 0.23/19]

30.Nb3!± g5 31.Na5 Qb6 2.11/23

[31...Qa8± 0.66/21]

32.fxg5 hxg5 2.04/20

[32...Rg7± 1.47/19 33.Rxd5 *(33.gxh6 Rxg2+ 34.Qxg2+ Bxg2=)* 33...exd5]

33.Qc2 0.73/21

[33.Nc6+- 2.04/20 and White stays clearly on top. Bxc6 34.Rxc6]

33...Rdd7 1.80/20

[33...Rg7± 0.73/21]

34.Nc6+- Bxc6 35.Rxc6 Qa7 2.11/20

[35...Qb7 1.63/19 is a better defense.]

36.Qc5 Qxc5 37.bxc5

[37.dxc5?! Nf7 38.Bf1 Ne5 39.Rxa6 c6±]

37...Nc4 38.Bxc4

[38.Rxa6 Nxe3 39.Kf2 *(39.Bxb5 Rxd4 40.Kf2 f4∓; 39.Re1 f4∓)* 39...f4 40.Bxb5 Rxd4 41.Ra8+ Kf7=]

38...bxc4 39.Rxc4 Endgame. KRR-KRR **39...Kf7** 2.29/21

[39...a5± 1.50/21 40.Ra6 e5]

40.Rxa6 e5 41.Raa4 0.91/22

[41.h3+- 2.21/21 is more deadly.]

41...exd4 2.25/22

[41...Ke6± 0.91/22 42.Kf2 exd4 43.Rxd4 *(43.exd4 c6±)* 43...Ke5]

42.Rxd4 Rxd4 43.exd4± KR-KR

[Weaker is 43.Rxd4 Rxe3 44.g4 f4=]

43...Ke6 44.Ra8? 0.48/20

[44.c6+- 2.59/24]

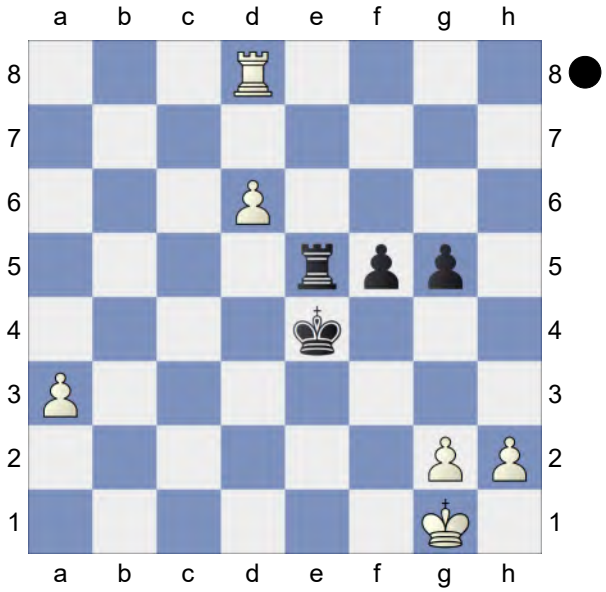
44...Kd5? 3.73/25

[44...Rd7!± 0.48/20]

45.Rd8++- Ke4? 4.43/23

[45...Kc4 2.69/20 46.Rf8 f4]

46.d5 White is clearly winning. **46...Re5 47.d6 cxd6 48.cxd6**



And now d7 would win. **48...Kd5 49.d7 Re7 50.Rf8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.38

1-0

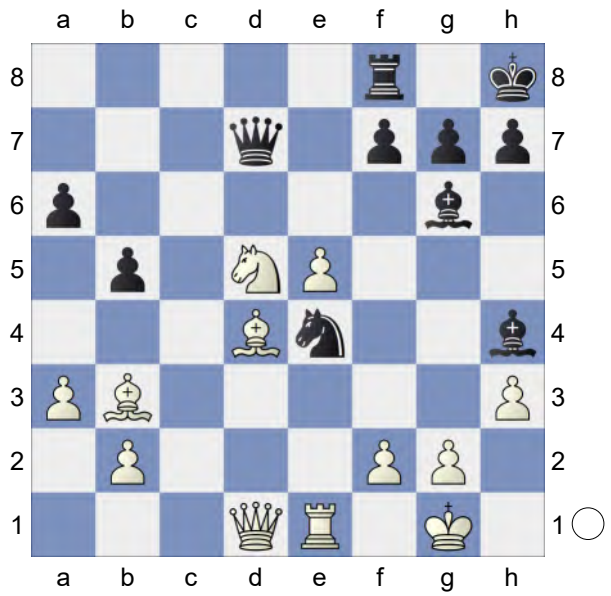
C53
□ **Arun,Kataria** 2370
■ **Sriansh Das** 2315
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.57) 12.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

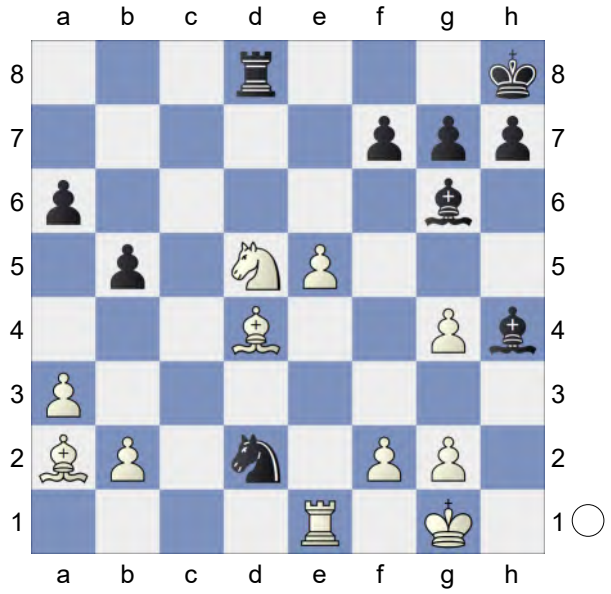
C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 (30) Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto,J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.e5N
[6.0-0 dxc3 7.Nxc3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6 9.Re1 Re8 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 a6 12.Nd5 Re6 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 14.Bxe6 Bxe6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qd2 Bb4 17.Qxh6 Bxe1 18.Rxe1 Qe7 19.Qh4 Nb4 20.e5 Nc2 1-0 (47) 4.♘g5 ♗c5 / 4...d5 5.ed5 d-Mecking 31/643 London 1980 (11) 21.Re2 Rc8 22.exf6 Qf8 23.Qg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg8 25.Ng5 Bf5 26.Nxf7 Bh7 27.Qg5+ Kxf7 28.Re7+ Qxe7 29.fxe7 Nd4 30.Qd5+ Ne6 31.Qxb7 Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Bg6 33.Qd7 Kf6 34.Qxd6 a5 35.f4 Bh5 1-0 (47) Snijders,P-Wigboldus,D Hengelo U12 op 2002 (11)]
[6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 d6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Qxb4 b5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Be2 Bb7 13.Be3 a5 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.d6 Rd8 17.0-0 Qb8 18.f4 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 1-0 (37) Hijl,V-Vereschildt,S NED-ch U18 Nijmegen 1992]
6...d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0! Be7 11.h3 Bf5 12.Re1 The position is equal. **12...a6 13.Ba4 Nb4 14.Nf1 c5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Be3** -0.63/23
[16.Bxc6= 0.21/22 bxc6 17.dxc5]
16...Rc8 0.25/24
[16...c4!∓ -0.63/23]
17.Rc1 -0.46/24
[17.dxc5= 0.25/24 Nxc5 18.Ng3]
17...b5 18.Bc2 cxd4 0.54/22
[18...c4= -0.18/24]
19.Nxd4± Nxd4 20.Bxd4
[20.Qxd4 Bc5 21.Qd3 Bg6 22.Bxc5 Nxc5∓]
20...Bg5 21.Ne3↑ White fights for an advantage. **21...Bg6** 0.99/20 Black is now going downhill.
[21...g6± 0.52/21]
22.Bb3± Rxc1 1.48/22
[⌓22...Rc4 0.97/22]
23.Qxc1 Qd7 1.86/20
[23...Bf5± 1.24/21 is a better defense.]
24.Qd1!+-
[24.Bxd5? is the wrong capture. Bxe3 25.Bxf7+ Rxf7-+ *(25...Qxf7 26.Qxe3 Qe6 27.f3-+)*]
24...Bh4 2.73/18
[⌓24...Bxe3 1.99/21 25.Bxe3 d4]
25.Nxd5 Black must now prevent Nf4.
25...Kh8? 3.93/25
[25...Re8 2.37/18 26.Qg4 Qxg4 27.hxg4 Nd2]

(Diagram)

26.Qg4 Qxg4 27.hxg4 Nd2 28.Ba2 Rd8

(Diagram)





aiming for ...Nc4. **29.Bc3 Nc4 30.Nb4 Bg5 31.Bxc4 bxc4 32.Nxa6 h6 33.Nb4 Kg8 34.g3 Be7 35.Nc6 Rd7** 4.96/21

[35...Re8 3.46/19 was called for. 36.Nxe7+ Rxe7]

36.e6 Rc7 37.exf7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.40

1-0

E73

□ **Bakhrillaev,Bakhrom** **2369**

■ **Priansh,Das** **2311**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.58)

[Kitty Kat]

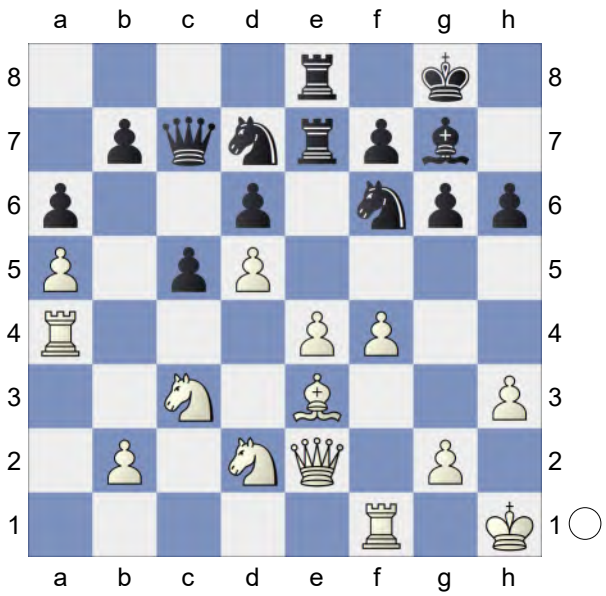
E73: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation without 6...c5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Nf3 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 White is better. **10...Bg4 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nbd7 13.0-0 Rb8N**

[13...Re8 14.h3 Nh5 15.g4 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.a5 h5 18.f3 b5 19.axb6 Qxb6 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Nc4 Qc7 22.Qe3 hxg4 23.hxg4 Rab8 24.Rxa6 Rb4 25.Rc6 Qd7 26.Qxc5 Bf8 27.Qf2 Nh7 28.Kg2 0-1 (52) Siddharth,J (2415)-Nogerbek,K (2457) Titled Tuesday intern op 27th Sep Late blitz 2022 (10)]

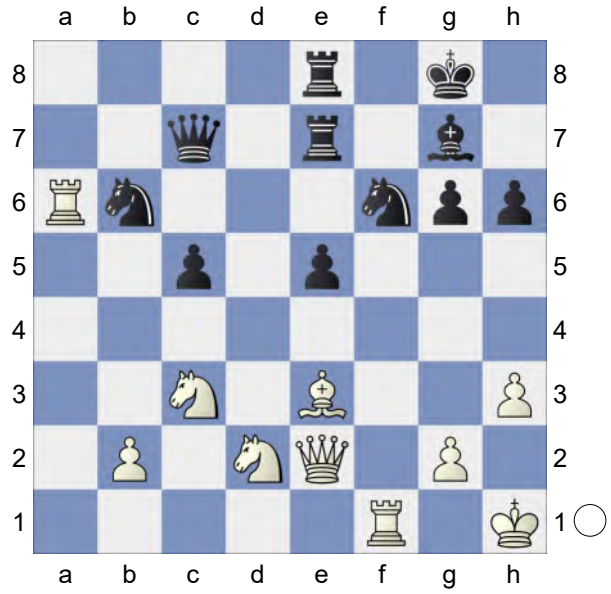
14.a5 White is more active. **14...Re8 15.h3 Qc7 16.Ra4 h6 17.Kh1 Re7 18.f4 Rbe8** 1.33/23

[⌓18...Nh5 0.84/22 19.Qf3 Ree8]



19.e5 0.74/23

[⌓19.Qf3! 1.33/23]
19...dxe5 1.16/22
[⌓19...Nh5 0.74/23 20.Qf2 dxe5]
20.f5± b5 Wards off Nc4 **21.axb6 Nxb6 22.d6** 0.81/21
[Better is 22.Rxa6 1.41/25 Threatens to win with d6! Nfxd5 23.fxg6 Nxe3 24.gxf7+ *(24.Qxe3 fxg6 25.Nde4 Re6±)* 24...Rxf7 25.Rxf7 *(25.Qxe3 Nc4=)* 25...Qxf7 26.Rxb6 *(26.Qxe3 Nc4±)*]
22...Qxd6 23.Rxa6 Qc7? 3.10/22
Black cannot hold the game after this.
[23...gxf5± 1.00/19 24.Rxf5 *(24.Nc4 Nxc4 25.Rxd6 Nxd6±)* 24...Re6]
24.fxg6+- fxg6



25.Rxf6! Bxf6 26.Nc4 Re6
[Don't blunder 26...Nxc4? 27.Qxc4+ *(27.Nd5 Qb7+-)* 27...Kg7 28.Rxf6+- *(28.Bxc5 Qc8±)*]
27.Rxb6
[27.Ne4 Bg7 28.Bxc5 *(28.Nxb6 Rxb6 29.Rxb6 Qxb6-+)* 28...Nc8=]
27...Rxb6 28.Nd5! Qc6 29.Ncxb6 Qf3! would now be deadly. A dynamic duo of knights. **29...Bg7 30.Qc4** Strongly threatening Ne7+. **30...Kh7 31.Qxc5 Qb7** 3.97/24
[⌓31...Qxc5 2.80/22 32.Bxc5 e4]
32.b4 Qf7 33.Nc7 Rd8 34.Nbd5 e4 35.b5 White is clearly winning. **35...Qf1+ 36.Bg1 Rf8 37.Ne3** Inhibits Rf5. **37...Qf7 38.b6 Rd8 39.Qc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

A45
□ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2344**
■ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.59)
[Kitty Kat]

B13: Caro-Kann: Exchange Variation and Panov-Botvinnik Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 *(3...Qa5 4.Bd2 b5 5.e4 b4 6.e5 bxc3 7.Bxc3 Qa4 8.exf6 Qe4+ 9.Qe2 Qxe2+ 10.Bxe2 gxf6 11.d6 e5 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.Bxc6 dxc6 14.f4 Bxd6* 0-1 Reynolds,R (2565)-Zanetti,A (2389) corr CNEC 15 jub 1993 *)* 4.e4 g6 5.Nf3 *(5.f4 Bg7 6.Bb5+ Nfd7 7.a4 Na6 8.Nf3 Nc7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Nd2 Rb8 12.Nc4 b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Na5 Qe8 15.Nc6 Rb7 16.Ra5 Nb8 17.Nxb8 Rxb8 18.Qd3 Qd8 19.Ra7 b4* 0-1 (44) Yakimenko,A-9.♘c3 ♘e7 10.♘e4 NO 1925 *)* 5...Bg7 6.Be2 *(6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nbd7 11.Re1 a6 12.Bf1 e5 13.a5 Ne8 14.Bd3 Qh4 15.Qg4 Qxg4 16.hxg4 Rc8 17.b3 Nef6 18.g5 Ne8 19.g3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5* 0-1 (79) Sadykov,R (2345)-Skliarov,V (2383) Julius Baer Play In rapid 2023 (3.76)*; 6.Bc4 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Bf4 Ne8 9.Re1 Nb6 10.Bf1 e5 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.a4 Nd7 13.Nb5*

Bg4 14.Nxd6 Be5 15.Bxe5 Bxf3 16.Qd5 Nc7 17.Nf5 gxf5 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.Qxf5 Bxg2 20.Bxg2 Rae8 1-0 (41) Zhang,P (2562)-Ni,H (2390) Perenyi Memorial 2000 (7)*)* 6...Na6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4 Nc7 9.a4 Bg4 10.Qd2 a6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nd7 13.Be2 Rb8 14.Bh6 b5 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.b4 (23) Chapter Egoism-Speelman Vs Hartston]

3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 Bg4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Nb5 Bxb5 8.Bxb5+ Nc6 ...Qa5+ is the strong threat. **9.c3 a6 10.Bd3 e6 11.Ne2 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qd2 0-0 14.h4 Rfe8 15.0-0-0 b5 16.h5 b4 17.h6** Threatens to win with hxg7. **17...bxc3**

[17...g6 simplifies 18.Kb1 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Reb8]

18.Qxc3

[18.Qg5 looks sharper. cxb2+ 19.Kb1 Qf8 20.Rh3]

18...Nb4 0.30/24

[⩲18...g6! -0.13/22]

19.Kb1= Rec8 20.Qd2 hxg7 would now be deadly. **20...Nxd3 21.Qg5** Really sharp!

[21.Qxd3 simplifies g6 22.Rc1 Kf8 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.Rc1]

21...Qf8 0.65/26 **22.Rxd3± Ne8 23.hxg7** White is much more active.

[23.Nf4 is more complex. Ra7 24.Nh5 Qe7 25.Qxe7 Rxe7 26.hxg7 Rec7 27.g4]

23...Qxg7 24.Qe5 Qxe5 1.17/20

[24...Qxg2? 25.Rg1+-]

[24...Rc6!= 0.26/20]

25.dxe5± f6 2.23/23

[25...Rab8± 1.21/27]

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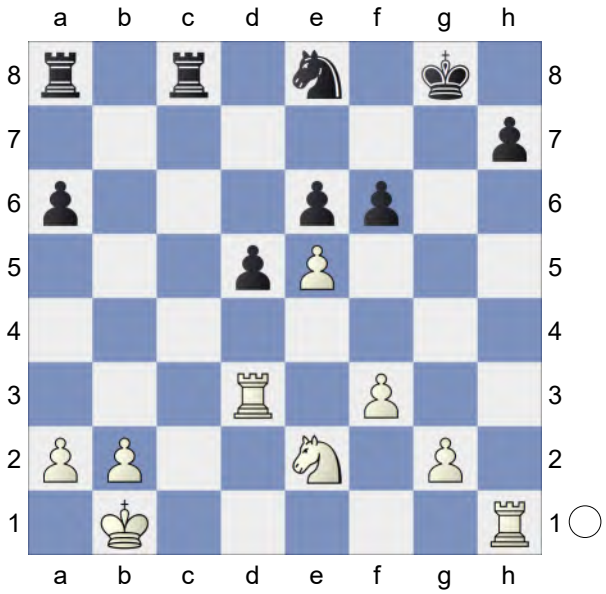
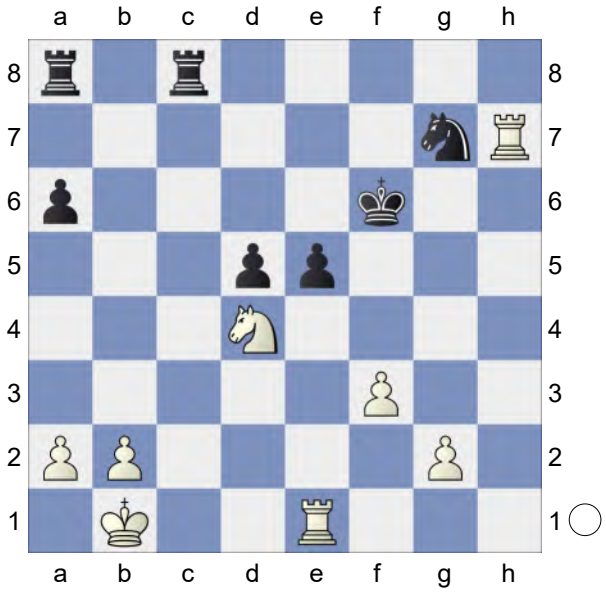


26.Re3!+- fxe5 27.Rxe5 Ng7 28.Nd4 Kf7 29.Rxh7 Kf6 1.96/24

[29...Rh8± 1.42/22 was called for. 30.Rxh8 Rxh8]

30.Re1 Hoping for Nxe6! **30...e5** 3.21/23

[30...Rh8± 1.54/20 31.Rxh8 *(31.Reh1 Rxh7 32.Rxh7 Nf5±)* 31...Rxh8]



31.Nc6! e4

[31...Rh8 32.Rxh8]

32.fxe4 dxe4 33.Rf1+? 1.06/19

[33.Ne7+- 2.72/22 is more deadly.

Rh8 34.Rxh8 Rxh8 35.Rxe4 Rh1+ 36.Kc2]

33...Kg6± 34.Ne7+ 0.09/29

[34.Rfh1!± 0.93/23 And now Ne7+ would win. Rc7 35.R7h3]

34...Kxh7= 35.Rh1+ Nh5 36.Rxh5+ Kg7 37.Nxc8 Rxc8 Endgame. KR-KR **38.Re5 Rc4 39.b3** 0.01/32

[39.Rf5!± 0.52/29]

39...Rd4 The position is equal. **40.Ra5 e3 41.Re5**

[41.Rxa6? perishes. e2 42.Re6 Rd1+ 43.Kc2 e1Q *(43...e1R? 44.Rb6-+)* 44.Rxe1 Rxe1-+]

41...Rd1+ 42.Kb2 Rd2+ 43.Kc3 Rxa2 44.Rxe3 Rxg2 45.Rf3 a5 46.Kc4 Rg5 47.Rf4 Kg6 48.Rf8 Kg7 Repels Rg8+ **49.Rf2 Rg4+ 50.Kc3 Kg6 51.Rf8** aiming for Rg8+. **51...Rh4 52.Rf1 Re4 53.Ra1 Re5 54.Kb2 Kf6 55.Ka3 Ke6 56.Rd1 Re4 57.Rd8**

[57.Rd2!?]

57...Ke7 Wards off Re8+ **58.Rd5 Rh4 59.Rxa5 Kd6 60.Ra4 Rh8 61.Rc4 Ra8+ 62.Kb4 Rb8+ 63.Kc3 Rb7 64.b4 Rc7 65.b5 Rxc4+ 66.Kxc4** KP-K **66...Kc7 67.Kc5 Kb7 68.b6 Kb8 69.Kc6** b7 would kill now.

[69.Kb5!?]

69...Kc8 70.b7+ Kb8 71.Kb6 Black escapes into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

½-½

C41

□ **Fandi,Mazen** **2278**

■ **Baradaran Tamadon,Arian** **2334**

Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.60)

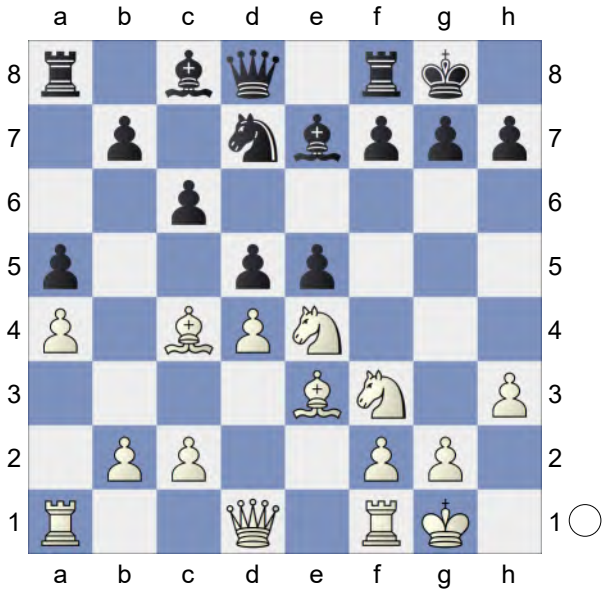
[Kitty Kat]

C41: Philidor Defence

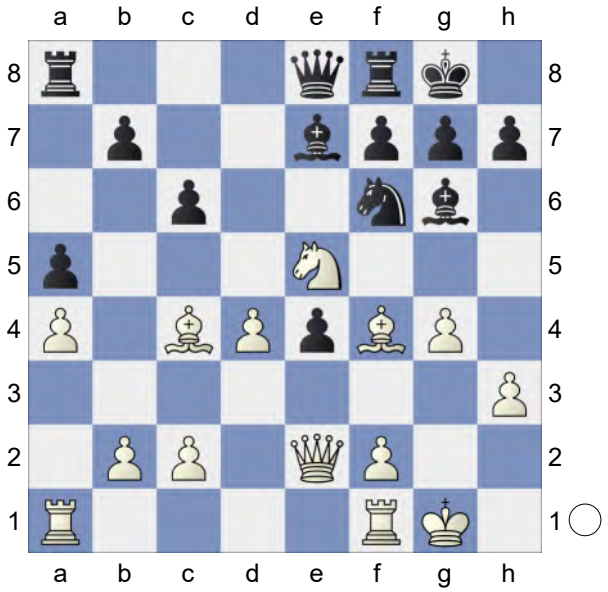
Cabrilo,G: 'Inf 109/47' **1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bc4N**

[5.Be2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.b3 c6 9.a4 Qc7 10.Ba3 Bf8 11.Qc1 Bxa3 12.Qxa3 Qd8 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Rd6 Kf8 15.a5 Ne8 16.Rd2 Qxa3 17.Rxa3 Ke7 18.Ra1 f6 19.Rad1 Nc7 ½-½ (35) Nepomniachtchi,I (2706)-Khismatullin,D (2667) 109/47 Russia 2010 20.b4 Nf8 21.Bc4 Nfe6 22.h3 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Nxd8 24.Na4 Nde6 25.Nd2 Rb8 26.Nb3 b5 27.axb6 axb6 28.Bf1 Bd7 29.Nb2 Nb5 30.Ra1 Nbd4 31.Nxd4 Nxd4 32.Bd3 Nb5 33.Nc4 Nd6 34.Ra7 Nxc4 ½-½ (35) Panov Botvinnik Attack (2706)-Kocsis,I (2667) 8.a4 Rb8 9.h3]

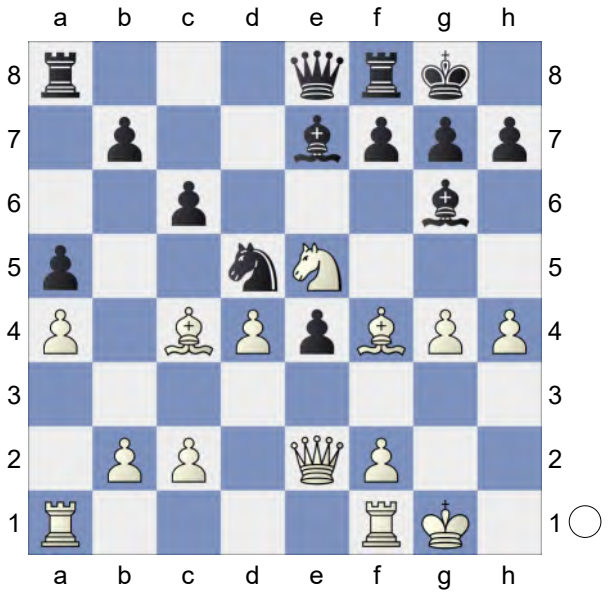
5...Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 c6 8.a4 a5 9.Be3 Nxe4 Decoy **10.Nxe4** Threatens to win with d5. **10...d5**



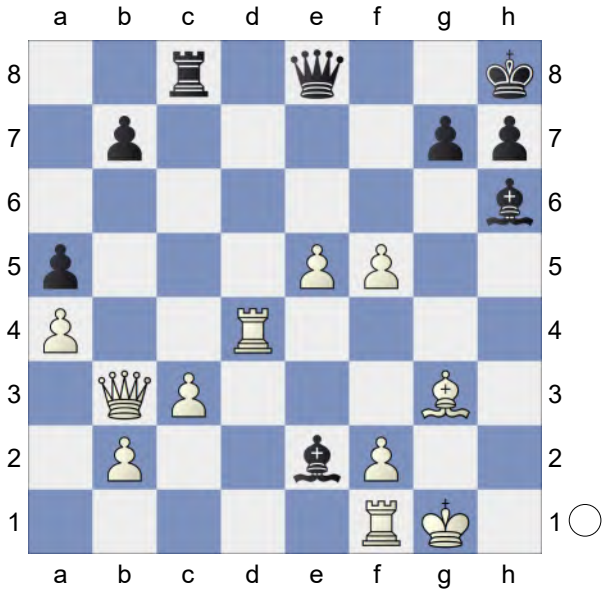
11.Nxe5! dxe4 White is slightly better.
[11...Nxe5 12.dxe5]
12.Qh5 Qe8 13.Bf4 White is much more active. **13...Nf6** 0.94/21
[13...Nb6± 0.51/21]
14.Qe2± Bf5 15.g4 0.50/20
[15.Rae1± 0.99/19]
15...Bg6? 2.25/20
[Better is 15...Be6± 0.50/20]



16.h4!+- Nd5



17.Bg3 f5 18.h5 Deflection **18...Bf7 19.gxf5 Bxh5 20.Qxe4 Qc8 21.Bxd5+** 1.05/19
[21.Bd3+- 2.40/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
21...cxd5± 22.Qxd5+ Kh8 23.Qe6 Qd8 1.70/22
[23...Bf6± 1.01/24]
24.Rae1+- Bg5 25.c3 1.24/20
[25.Nd7+- 1.97/22]
25...Bd2 2.20/23
[25...Ra6± 1.24/20 was necessary. 26.Qd7 Qxd7 Remove Defender 27.Nxd7 Rxf5]
26.Re4 Re8 27.Qc4 Bh6? 5.44/22
[27...Qg5 2.29/20 28.d5 Bf4]
28.Rh4 Trapped Piece. White is clearly winning. **28...Rc8 29.Qb3 Rxe5 30.dxe5 Be2 31.Rd4 Qe8**

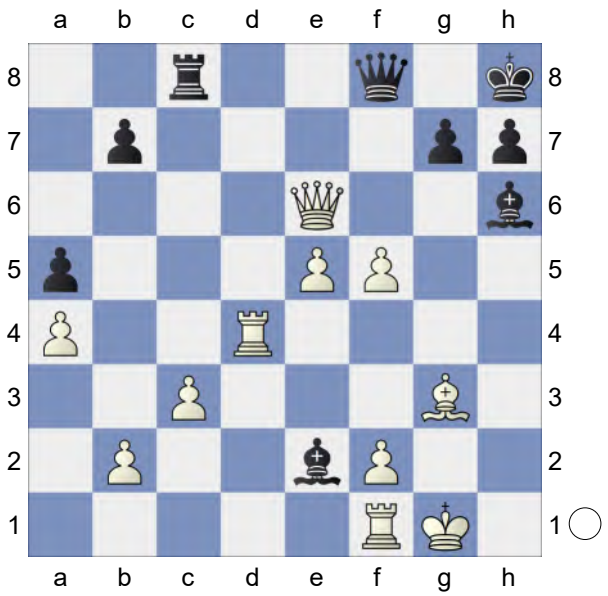


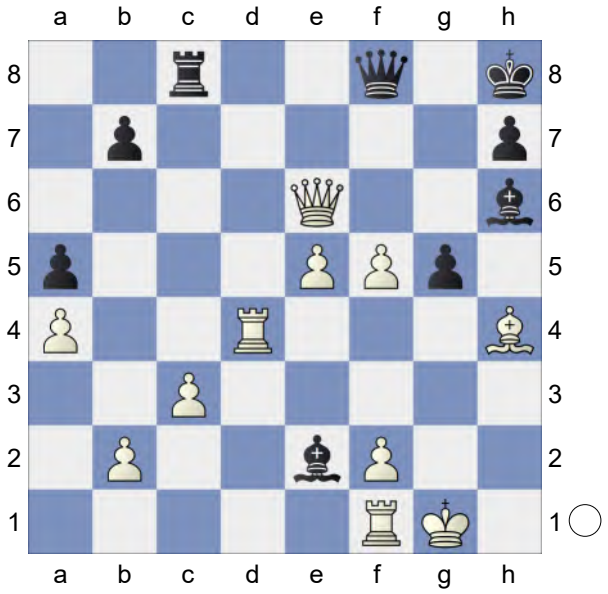
32.Qe6! Qf8
[32...Qxe6 33.fxe6]

(Diagram)

33.Bh4! g5
[33...Bf3 34.Qxc8]

(Diagram)

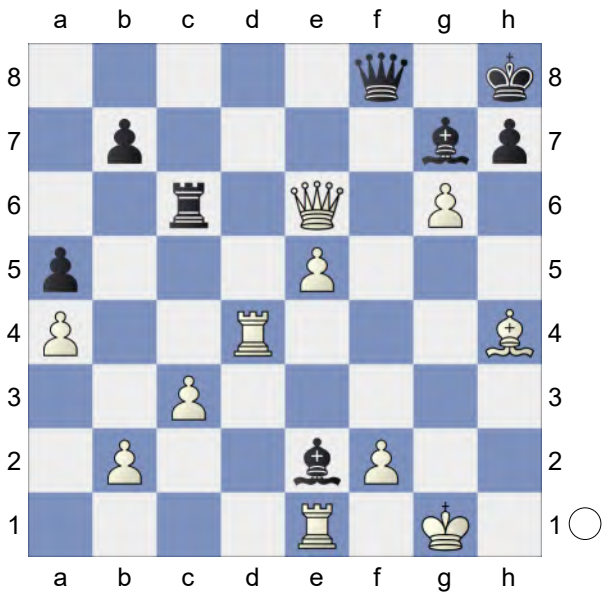




34.fxg6! **Bg7** Prevents Bf6
[34...hxg6 35.Qxg6]
35.Re1 Bf6 is the strong threat. **35...Rc6**

(Diagram)

36.Qxc6 bxc6 37.Rd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.69
1-0



B30

□ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**
■ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6
Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 (43) Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4*

Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 (72) Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 (30) 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.h4 e5 8.h5 d6 9.Nh2 Repels Bg4. White is slightly better. **9...h6 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 g5 12.Bd2 Bg7 13.Bc3 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nc3 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Qd2 Rae8** 0.84/23

[17...Nd5= 0.27/21 remains equal.]

18.Rf2 0.18/24

[18.Ne4!± 0.84/23 Threatens to win with Qc3+. Kg8 19.c4]

18...Nd5 Wards off **19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Raf1 Qd7** 0.85/21 Active counter play!

[20...Bc8= 0.21/22]

21.b4!± Black must now prevent bxc5.

21...d4 1.45/24

[⌓21...Qc8 0.79/20]

22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Qa5! Rc8 24.Nf3 Qd5 2.41/21 Dodges Ne5

[⌓24...Qe7 1.69/19]

25.Nd2+- Qa6! would now be deadly.

[25.Qxa7+ Rf7 26.Qb6 Rf6 27.Qa7+ Rf7]

25...g4? 3.28/23

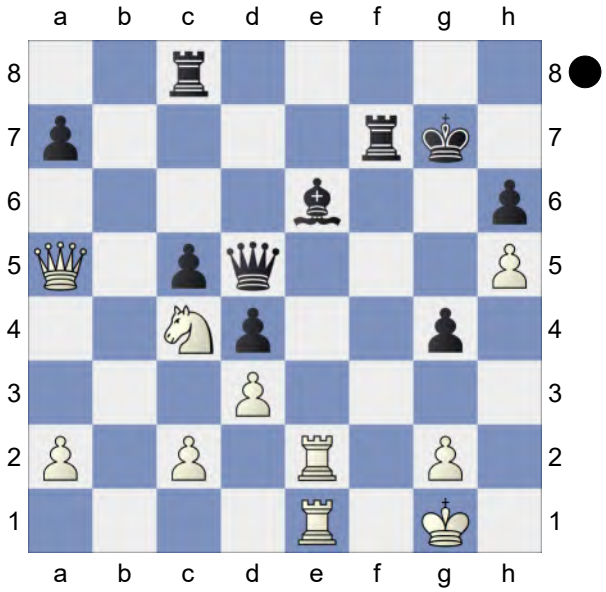
[25...Rf7 1.63/18 was necessary. 26.Ne4 Rcf8]

26.Nc4 Rf7 3.28/27

[⌓26...Bd7 2.16/22 27.Rxf8 *(27.Qxa7 Rxf2 28.Rxf2 Re8±)* 27...Rxf8]

27.Re1 aiming for Ne5. **27...Be6 28.Rfe2** -1.22/20

[28.Re5+- 2.74/24 Qd7 29.Rxf7+ *(29.Rxc5 g3±)* 29...Kxf7 30.Rxc5 Rxc5 31.Qxc5 Bxc4 32.Qxc4+ Kf6 33.Qg8]



28...Qxh5∓ 29.Ne5? -4.62/21

[29.Rxe6 g3]

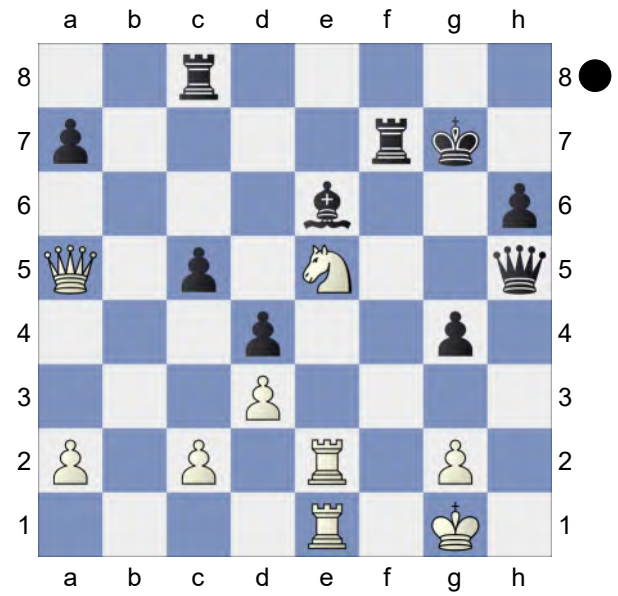
[29.Nd2∓ -1.37/21 nothing else works.]

(Diagram)

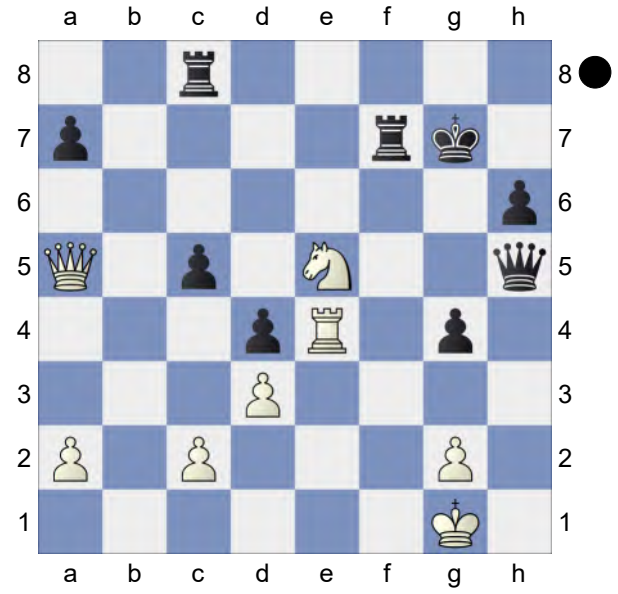
This costs White the game. **29...Bd5!-+ 30.Re4** -10.69/23

[30.Nxf7? g3 31.Re4 Bxe4 *(31...Qxf7? 32.Re7+-* Pin, Double Attack*; 31...Qh2+? 32.Kf1-+)* 32.dxe4 Rf8 *(32...Qxf7? 33.Rf1-+; 32...Kxf7? 33.e5-+)*]

[⌓30.Qd2 -4.69/21 g3 31.Nf3 Bxf3 *(31...Bxa2? 32.Re5+-)* 32.gxf3 Qxf3 *(32...Rxf3 33.Re7+ Kh8 34.R7e6∓)*



33.Ra1]
[30.c4 g3]
30...Bxe4 31.Rxe4



g3! 32.Nxf7
[32.Rg4+ Kh7]
32...Rf8 -7.81/22
[⌓32...Rb8 -#12/17 33.Rg4+ Qxg4 34.Qe1 Kxf7 35.Qf1+ Kg7 36.c4 Re8 *(36...dxc3 37.Qe1 Kg6 38.Kf1 Rf8+ 39.Kg1 Qd4+ 40.Kh1 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qh2#)* 37.Qb1 Kg6 38.Qf1 Qh4 39.Qc1 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh1#]
33.Re7 Black is clearly winning.
33...Qh2+
[33...Rxf7? 34.Rxf7+ Qxf7 35.Qe1-+]
34.Kf1 Qh1+ Deflection
[34...Rxf7+ 35.Rxf7+ Kxf7 36.Qxa7+ Ke6 37.Qa8= *(37.Qb6+ Kd7±)*]
35.Ke2 Qxg2+
[35...Rxf7 36.Rxf7+ *(36.Rxa7 Qxg2+ 37.Kd1 Qf1+ 38.Qe1 g2 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.a4 h5 41.a5 h4 42.a6 h3 43.a7 h2 44.a8Q Qxe1+ 45.Kxe1 h1Q+ 46.Ke2 Qf1+ 47.Kd2 Qf4+ 48.Kd1 g1Q+ 49.Ke2 Qff2#)* 36...Kxf7 37.Qxa7+ Ke6 38.Qb6+ *(38.Qxc5? Qxg2+ 39.Kd1 Qg1+ 40.Ke2 Qf2+ 41.Kd1 g2-+)* 38...Kd7 39.Qb5+ *(39.Qxc5 Qxg2+ 40.Kd1 Qg1+ 41.Kd2 Qf2+ 42.Kd1 g2-+)* 39...Kd6 40.Qb8+ Kd7 41.Qxg3=]
36.Kd1 Qf1+
[Stronger than 36...Rxf7 37.Rxf7+ Kxf7 38.Qc7+ Kg6 39.Qd6+ Kg5 40.Qe5+ Kg4 41.Qg7+ Kf3 42.Qf6+ Kg4 *(42...Ke3 43.Qe5+ Kf2 44.Qe1+ Kf3 45.Qe4+ Kf2 46.Qe1+ Kf3 47.Qe4+ Kf2 48.Qe1+=)* 43.Qe6+ Kh4 44.Qf6+ Kh5 45.Qf7+ Kg4 46.Qe6+ Kh5 47.Qf7+ Kh4 48.Qf4+ Kh3 49.Qxh6+ Kg4 50.Qe6+ Kg5 51.Qe5+ Kh4 52.Qf4+ Kh5 *(52...Kh3 53.Qh6+ Kg4 54.Qg6+ Kf4 55.Qf7+ Ke5 56.Qe7+ Kf5 57.Qh7+ Ke6 58.Qg8+ Kd7 59.Qf7+ Kc6 60.Qe8+ Kd6 61.Qd8+ Ke6 62.Qe8+ Kd6 63.Qd8+ Ke6 64.Qc8+ Kd6 65.Qd8+=)* 53.Qf5+ Kh6 *(53...Kh4 54.Qf4+ Kh3 55.Qh6+ Kg4 56.Qg6+ Kf4 57.Qf6+ Kg4 58.Qg7+ Kh4 59.Qh6+ Kg4=)* 54.Qf6+ Kh5 55.Qf5+ Kh6 *(55...Kh4 56.Qf4+ Kh5 57.Qf7+ Kh4 58.Qh7+ Kg5 59.Qe7+ Kg6 60.Qd6+ Kf7 61.Qd7+ Kf6 62.Qd6+ Kf7 63.Qc7+*

Kg6 64.Qd6+ Kf5 65.Qxc5+ Ke6 66.Qc8+ Ke7 67.Qc5+ Ke6 68.Qc8+ Ke7 69.Qc7+ Ke6 70.Qc8+=) 56.Qf8+ Kg6 57.Qd6+ Kh5 58.Qxc5+ Kg4 59.Qc8+ *(59.Qxd4+ Kf3=)* 59...Kf4 *(59...Kf3 60.Qf5+ Ke3 61.Qe5+ Kf2 62.Qe1+ Kf3 63.Qe4+ Kf2 64.Qe1+ Kf3 65.Qe4+ Kf2 66.Qe1+=)* 60.Qf8+ Ke3 61.Qe8+ Kf2 62.Qe1+ Kf3 63.Qe4+ Kf2 64.Qe1+ Kf3 65.Qe4+ Kf2 66.Qe1+=]

37.Re1 g2 38.Ne5 g1Q (-> ...Qe3!) **39.Qc7+ Kg8**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/ Black=0.35

0-1

A13

□ **Kunal,M.** **2292**

■ **Kiolbasa,Oliwia** **2371**

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[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6

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1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 d4 5.0-0 c5 6.Ne5N -0.48/23 Against Nc6

[6.d3= 0.20/24]

[6.e3 Nc6 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 Bd6 *(8...Be7 9.Re1 Nd7 10.b3 0-0 11.Ba3 e5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.a3 a5 14.Qc2 Nc5 15.Nfd2 f5 16.f4 Qd6 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Rxe5 b6 19.Rd5 Bb7 20.Nf3 Qf6 21.Nbd2 Bxd5 22.cxd5 Rfc8 23.Rc1* 0-1 (33) Eriksson,K (1971)-Arraguin,D (2344) 125/(72) Biel 2015 (2) *Qd8 24.Qd1 b5 25.Ne5 Qxd5 26.a4 Nd7 27.Nxd7 Qxd7 28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.axb5 Qxb5 30.Nc4 Rb8 31.Qe1 Qxb3 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.Qxf5 Qa2* 0-1 Deutgen,E-Schmid,L Celle Jubilee 1948 *)* 9.Re1 *(9.Na3 e5 10.c5 Bxc5 11.Nc4 Nd7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nfxe5 Ncxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Qb6 16.a4 a5 17.Qc2 Bb4 18.Rb5 Qe6 19.Bf4 Bd7 20.Bd5 Qf6 21.Rxb7 Rac8 22.Qd1 Be6 23.Rb6 Rfe8* 1-0 (111) Grube,J (2784)-Sudgen,J (2762) WC-2011-T-00001 2010 (12)*)* 9...h6 10.Na3 0-0 11.Nc2 a5 12.Ncxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Bb4 14.Be3 Bxe1 15.Qxe1 Ng4 16.Nb5 Qxd3 17.Bc5 Qxc4 18.Bxf8 Qxb5 19.Ba3 Nf6 20.Rc1 Bd7 0-1 (82) Gramstad,R (2398)-Vayser,V (2478) corr WC35/sf12 2011]

6...Qc7 0.06/21

[6...Bd6∓ -0.48/23 7.f4 g6]

7.f4!= Bd6 0.37/19

[7...Nbd7= 0.00/23 is more appropriate.]

8.Nd3 -0.44/21

[8.Na3!± 0.37/19]

8...Nc6∓ 9.e3 h5 10.Na3! a6 Inhibits Nb5. **11.exd4** -1.21/22

[White should try 11.Nc2!∓ -0.42/19]

11...Nxd4∓ aiming for ...h4. **12.Nc2 Nxc2 13.Qxc2 h4 14.b3** -1.59/26

[⌓14.Qc3 -1.12/19]

14...hxg3 15.hxg3 Bd7 16.Bb2 Bc6 17.Qd1 0-0-0 -0.86/20

[Better is 17...Ne4! -1.33/24 18.Qe1 f5]

18.Bxc6 Qxc6

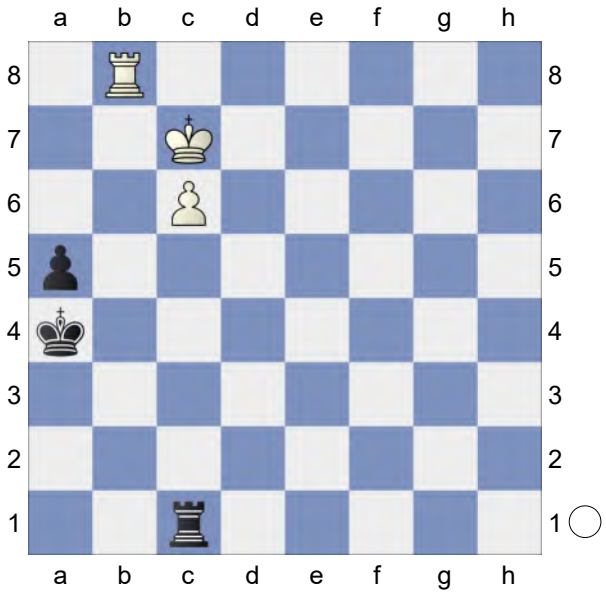
[18...bxc6 19.Qf3±]

19.Qf3 Ne4! 20.Nf2 -1.90/24 Prevents Rh3.

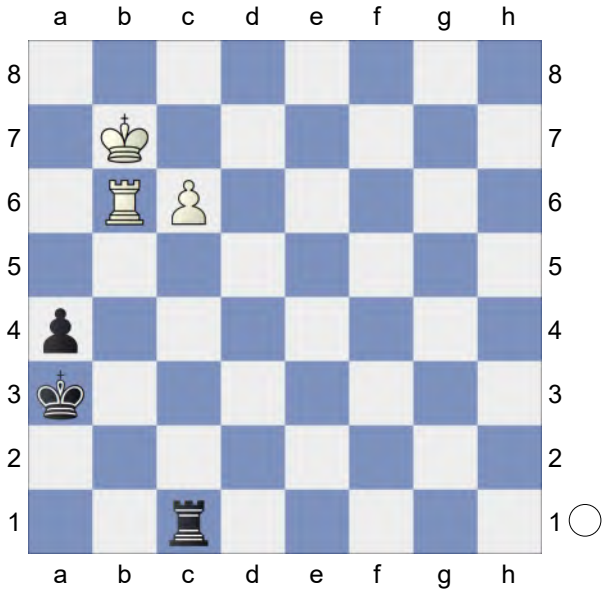
[20.Rfe1∓ -0.88/21 was necessary. f5 *(20...Nxd2 21.Qxc6+ bxc6 22.Kg2=)* 21.Nf2 Nxf2 *(21...Nxd2 22.Qxc6+ bxc6 23.Rxe6±)* 22.Qxc6+ bxc6 23.Kxf2 Bxf4 Discovered Attack 24.gxf4 Rxd2+ 25.Kg1 Rxb2

26.Rxe6]
20...Nxf2? 0.00/25
[20...Nxd2 21.Qxc6+ bxc6 22.Rfd1±]
[20...Nxg3!-+ -1.90/24 21.Qxg3 Rh6]
21.Qxc6+= bxc6 22.Rxf2 Bc7 23.Bc3 Rhg8 24.Kg2 g5 25.fxg5 Rxg5 26.Rxf7 Bxg3 27.Kf3 Be5 28.Re1 Bxc3 29.dxc3 Rf5+ 30.Rxf5 exf5 Endgame. KR-KR **31.Re5 Rd3+ 32.Kf4 Rxc3 33.Rxc5 Kb7 34.Rxf5 Rc2 35.a4 Rb2 36.Ke5 Rxb3 37.Kd6**
[37.a5!?]
37...Rb4 38.Rf7+ Kb6 39.c5+ Ka5 40.Kxc6 Kxa4? 5.59/32
[40...Rxa4= 0.00/25 and Black is okay. 41.Kd5 Rh4]
41.Kd5? 0.00/35
[41.Rf1!+- 5.59/32 Intending Ra1+ and mate. Rg4 42.Kb6]
41...Rb1 42.c6 Rc1 43.Kd6 Rb7 is the strong threat. **43...a5! 44.Rb7** Threatens to win with c7. **44...Ka3?** 10.89/35
[44...Rd1+= 0.00/28 45.Kc7 Ka3]
45.Rb5!+- c7! would now be deadly.
45...Ka4 46.Rb8? 0.00/49
[46.Rb6!+- 12.43/28 Threatening mate with c7. Rd1+ 47.Kc7]
46...Rd1+= 47.Ke6
[47.Kc5!? Rc1+□ 48.Kd6 Rd1+ 49.Ke7=]
47...Re1+ 48.Kd6 Rd1+ 49.Ke6 Black must now prevent c7. **49...Re1+ 50.Kd7** c7 would kill now. **50...Rd1+! 51.Kc7** Hoping for Rb6.
[51.Kc8!? Ka3□ 52.c7=]
51...Rc1? #52/28
[51...Ka3= 0.00/28]

(Diagram)



52.Rb6! Ka3 53.Kb7 White threatens c7 and mate. **53...a4**



54.c7! White mates. **54...Rxc7+ 55.Kxc7 Ka2 56.Kc6 a3 57.Kc5 Ka1 58.Kc4 a2 59.Kb3** A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

A40
□ **Khoder,Akram** 2232
■ **Munguntuul,Batkhuyag** 2342
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1.d4
1-0

C54
□ **Abdulla,Murad** 2321
■ **Jaiveer,Mahendru** 2271
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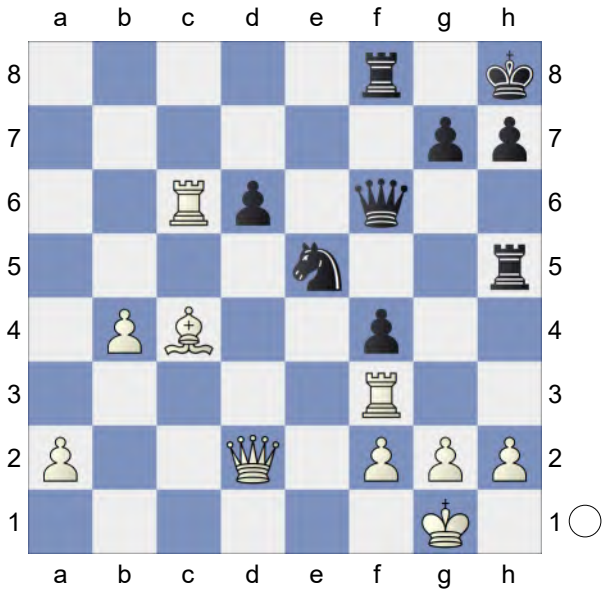
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4
[5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.h3 0-0 8.a4 h6 9.d5 Na5 10.Bd3 c6 11.c4 c5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Nh2 Bc7 14.f4 b6 15.f5 Bd7 16.g4 Nh7 17.Nf3 b5 18.b3 bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 0-1 (30) Willy,S (2159)-Estrada Nieto, J (2241) Charlotte CCCSA Fall IM-D 2022 (6)]
5...exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nbd2N
[7.Nc3 d6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Qa4+ c6 10.Qxb4 b5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Be2 Bb7 13.Be3 a5 14.Qb3 0-0 15.Rd1 Qc8 16.d6 Rd8 17.0-0 Qb8 18.f4 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Rd1 Qc7 21.fxe5 Qxe5 1-0 (37) Hijl,V-Vereschildt,S NED-ch U18 Nijmegen 1992]
7...Bxd2+ 8.Bxd2 Black must now prevent d5. **8...Nxe4 9.d5** The position is equal. **9...Ne7 10.Bb4** With the idea Bxe7. **10...0-0 11.0-0** aiming for Bxe7. **11...d6 12.Re1 a5 13.Rxe4 axb4 14.Qe1 Ng6 15.Qxb4 c5 16.dxc6 bxc6 17.Re3 Ra5** 0.52/22
[17...Qf6= 0.01/22]
18.Qd2± Rh5 1.41/22
[18...Ra8± 0.55/21]
19.b4 0.55/21 White is more active.
[19.a4± 1.41/22]
19...Bg4 1.00/24
[19...c5± 0.55/21]
20.Bf1± f5 2.15/24 This move loses the game for Black.
[20...Qf6± 0.78/21 21.Qc3 Rb8]
21.Rc1 f4 22.Rd3 Bxf3 2.32/17
[⌓22...Qa8 1.90/20 23.h3 *(23.Rxd6 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Ne5=)* 23...Bxf3]
23.Rxf3+- Qf6 3.55/21
[⌓23...d5 2.31/21 24.a4 *(24.Rxc6 Ne5±)* 24...Rg5]
24.Rxc6 Ne5 25.Bc4+
[25.Rxd6 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Rg5+ 27.Kh1 Qa1∓]
25...Kh8



26.Rxf4 Rf5
[26...Qxf4? 27.Qxf4 *(27.Rxd6 Qxh2+ 28.Kf1 Nxc4* Discovered Attack *29.Qc3 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Re8+)* 27...Re8 28.Qe4+- *(28.Rxd6 Nxc4+-)*]
27.Rxf5 Qxf5 28.Rc7
[28.Rxd6? Nxc4 29.Qe1 Nxd6-+]

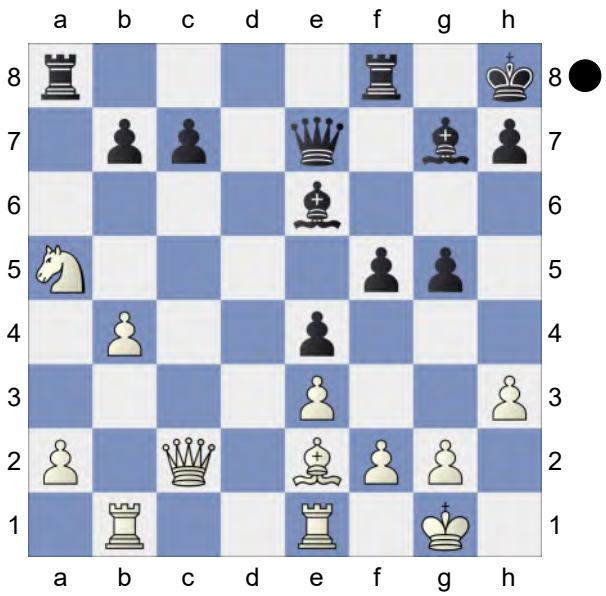
28...h5 29.Bd5
[29.Qxd6? leads to mate. Qxf2+ 30.Kh1 Qe1+]
29...Nd3 30.Bf3 Re8 ...Re1+ is the strong threat. **31.h3 Re1+ 32.Kh2 Rf1** 5.96/24
[⌓32...h4 3.82/19 33.Qc3 Qe5+ 34.Qxe5 dxe5 35.Rc8+ Kh7]
33.Qe2 Re1 34.Qd2 Rf1 5.84/23
[⌓34...h4 3.72/18 35.Rc4 Qe5+ 36.g3 hxg3+ 37.fxg3 Qe3 38.Qxe3 Rxe3]
35.Qe3 Qe8+ would kill now. White is clearly winning. **35...Re1 36.Qd4 Ne5 37.Rc3**
[37.Qxd6? gets mated. Qf4+ *(37...Nxf3+ 38.gxf3 Qxf3 39.Qd8+ Kh7 40.Rxg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 41.Qd7+ Kg6 42.Qd6+ Qf6 43.Qd3+ Kg7 44.Qg3+ Kh6 45.h4-+)* 38.g3 Nxf3+ 39.Kg2 Rg1#]
37...Qb1 38.Bxh5
[38.Qxd6 Rh1+ 39.Kg3 Qf5 40.Qd8+ Kh7±]
38...Rh1+ 39.Kg3 Threatening mate with Qh4. **39...Qf5 40.Bg4 Qg6 41.Qf4 Ra1 42.a3 Kg8 43.Qf5 Qxf5 44.Bxf5 Kf7 45.f4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

A48
□ **Luong Phuong Hanh** **2225**
■ **Tissir,Mohamed** **2342**
Qatar Masters Open 2024 (9.65)
[Kitty Kat]

A48: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6: Torre, London and Colle Systems
A48: Est-indienne (sans c2-c4)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4
[3.c4 c5 4.g3 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Ndb5 Nxc3 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nxc3 Bg7 10.Bd2 Be6 11.g3 Nc6 12.Bg2 Rc8 13.Rc1 Ke8 14.b3 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 f6 16.0-0 Kf7 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Rxc6 bxc6* 1-0 (41) Arsovic,G (2359)-Lusheski,K (1573) FRM-chT2 Gp-A 2022 (5.2)*)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 e4 9.Nd4 0-0 10.Nc2 Be7 11.0-0 Be6 12.b3 Nc6 13.Bb2 dxc4 14.bxc4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxe4 Bg7 1-0 (92) Svidler,P (2727)-Bu,X (2714) Nanjing Pearl Spring 1st 2008 (8)]
3...Bg7 4.e3 0-0N
[4...c5 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 Qxb3 7.axb3 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Bxb8 Rxb8 10.Bb5+ Nd7 11.Rxa7 0-0 12.Nbd2 Nb6 13.Ke2 Be6 14.Nc4 Nc8 15.Raa1 Nd6 16.Nxd6 exd6 17.Bc4 d5 18.Bb5 h6 19.Ra7 0-1 (43) Dreev,A (2698)-Bologan,V (2669) Russie (coupe federation blitz) 2004 (10)]
5.h3 d6 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Be2 Nd7 8.0-0 -0.31/18
[8.d5= 0.15/23]
8...e5∓ 9.dxe5 Black has an edge. **9...dxe5 10.Bg3 Qe7 11.c3 a5 12.Qc2 Kh8 13.Bh4 f6 14.Rab1** -0.69/20
[⌓14.e4 -0.33/21]
14...g5 15.Bg3 f5 16.Rfe1 e4 17.Nd4 Nce5 18.Bh2 Nc5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Nc4 Bg7 21.b4 axb4 22.cxb4 Ne6 23.Nxe6 Bxe6 24.Na5 -1.40/20
[⌓24.a4 -0.75/19]

(Diagram)

24...c5!∓ 25.Bc4 cxb4 26.Bxe6 Qxe6



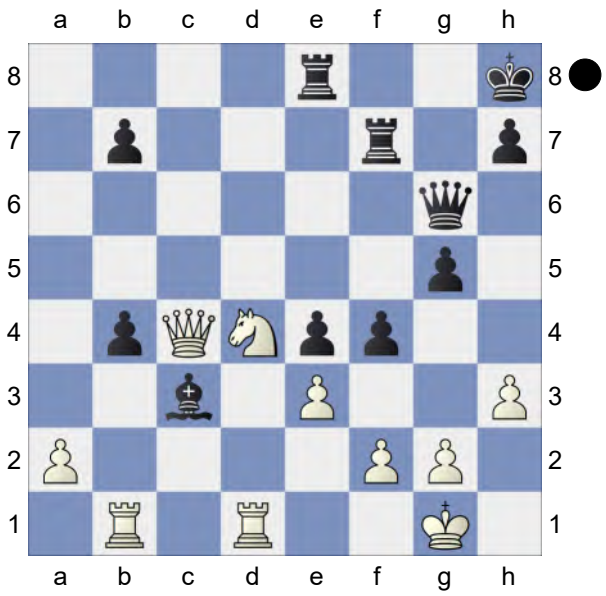
[26...Rxa5 27.Bb3=]

27.Nb3 Rfc8 28.Qe2 Bc3 29.Red1 f4 30.Nd4! Qg6 31.Qb5 Rc7 32.Qd5 Re7 33.Nf5 -0.64/25

[33.Qc5= -0.19/22 Ree8 34.Nc2]

33...Rf7 34.Nd4 Re8 35.Qc4? -2.59/21

[35.Ne2!= -0.17/20]



35...Rg8? -0.45/20

[35...g4!-+ -2.59/21 36.Qb5 Rff8]

36.Ne6? -3.76/22

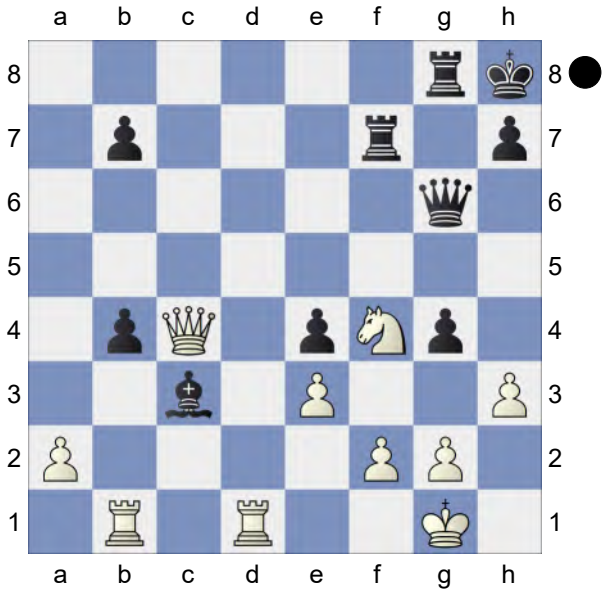
[36.Ne2!∓ -0.45/20]

36...g4? -0.48/22

[36...b5-+ -3.76/22 37.Qd5 Rf6]

37.Nxf4∓

[37.exf4? gxh3 38.g3 e3-+]



37...Rxf4→ Remove Defender. Black has strong attack. **38.exf4** Strongly threatening hxg4. **38...gxh3 39.g3** Threatens to win with Rxb4. **39...e3!** And now ...exf2+ would win. **40.Rd3?** -3.13/21

[40.Qf1!= -0.08/22]

40...e2-+ 41.Kh2 Rxc3! is the strong threat. **41...e1Q**

[41...e1B 42.Rc1 Bxf2 43.Rcxc3 bxc3 44.Qxc3+ Qg7 45.Kxh3-+]

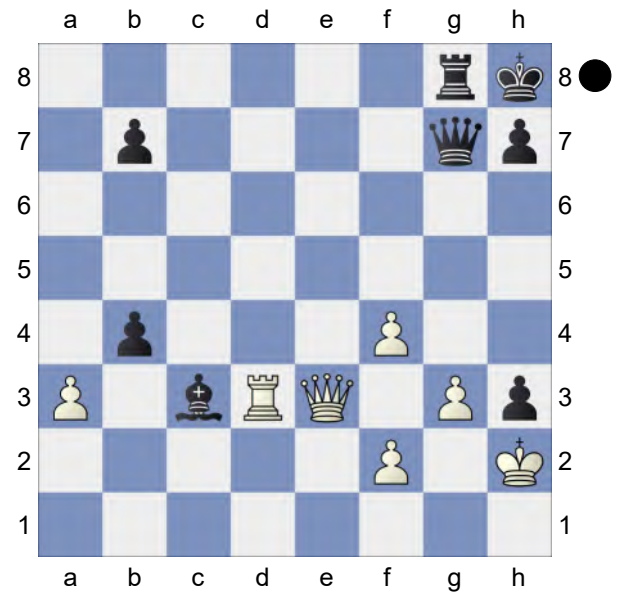
42.Rxe1 Bxe1 43.Qd4+ Qg7 44.Qe3 Bc3 45.a3

(Diagram)

bxa3 0.00/35 **46.Rxc3** Endgame. KQR-KQR. The position is equal. **46...a2 47.Qc1 Qd4**

[47...Ra8!? 48.Rc8+□ Rxc8 Remove Defender 49.Qxc8+ Qg8 50.Qc3+ Qg7 51.Qc8+ Qg8 52.Qc3+ Qg7 53.Qc8+=]

48.Ra3 Qxf2+ 49.Kxh3



White threatens Qa1+ and mate. **49...h5 50.Qd1 Qc5**
[50...h4!? 51.Qh5+□ Kg7 52.Qg4+ Deflection Kf6 *(52...Kf7 53.Qh5+ Rg6 54.Qf5+ Kg7 55.Qe5+ Kh7 56.Qe7+ Kh6 57.Qxh4+ Kg7 58.Qe7+ Kh6 59.Qf8+ Kh7 60.Qf7+ Kh6 61.g4=)* 53.Qxh4+ *(53.Qxg8 Qf1+ 54.Kh2 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qf1+ 56.Kh2 Qf2+ 57.Kh3=)* 53...Kg7 54.Qg5+ Kh7 55.Qe7+ Kg6 56.Qg5+ *(56.Qxb7 Qf1+ 57.Kh4 Rh8+ 58.Kg4 Qh3+ 59.Kf3 Qh1+* Skewer *60.Ke3 Qxb7 61.Rxa2 Qb3+ 62.Ke4 Qc4+ 63.Kf3 Qd3+ 64.Kg2 Qe4+ 65.Kg1 Rh1+ 66.Kf2 Rh2+* Skewer *67.Kg1 Qh1#)* 56...Kf7 57.Qh5+ Kg7 58.Qg5+ Kf7 59.Qf5+ Kg7 60.Qe5+ Kg6=]
51.Rxa2 Qf5+ 52.Kh2 h4 53.Qd4+ Kh7 54.Rg2 Rg4 55.Qb6 hxg3+ 56.Rxg3 Hoping for Rh3+. **56...Qc2+**
[56...Rxf4 57.Qxb7+ Qf7 58.Rh3+ Kg6 59.Qc6+ *(59.Qg2+ Kf5=)* 59...Kf5 60.Qa6±]
57.Kh3 Rxg3+
[Weaker is 57...Rxf4 58.Qxb7+]
58.Kxg3= KQ-KQ **58...Qd3+ 59.Kg4 Qe2+ 60.Kf5 Qh5+ 61.Ke4 Qe2+ 62.Kf5 Qh5+ 63.Ke4 Qg6+** Black had all chances to win.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

B15
□ **Adireddy,Arjun** **2336**
■ **Omar,Noaman** **2315**
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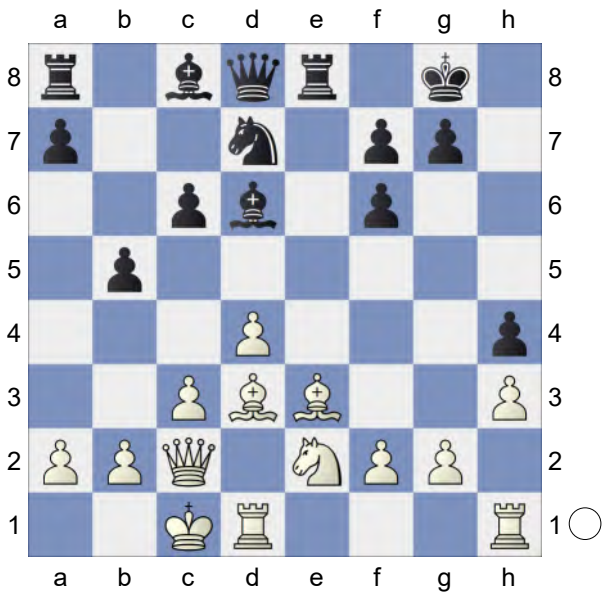
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Active counter play! **8...Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.Be3 h4** White has an edge.
[10...Nd7 11.0-0-0 b5 12.d5 c5 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.c4 *(14.Ba4 Re5 15.Nf4 Nb6 16.Bb5 c4 17.Bc6 Bf5 18.Qd2 Nc8 19.g4 hxg4 20.a4 a6 21.b4 cxb3 22.Kb2 Nb6 23.Bxb6 Qxb6 24.Nd3 Bxd3 25.Qxd3 Qxf2+ 26.Rd2 Qc5 27.Ra1 Re3 28.Qd4 Qxd4* 0-1 (36) 4.♘c3 a6 5.♘e5 39171 (2375)-Eventov,J (2372) 81/120 France 2001 (5)*)* 14...a6 15.Ba4 Re7 16.Ng3 Ne5 17.Ne4 Reb7 18.b3 Rb4 19.Bd2 Rxa4 20.bxa4 Bf5 21.Rde1 h4 22.h3 Ng6 23.Re3 Nf4 24.g4 Bg6 25.Kd1 1-0 (63) Gardon,E (2757)-Molina,R (2863) 22/332 Biel 1976 (9.1)]
11.h3 Nd7N
[11...Bc7 12.0-0 Nd7 13.c4 8) Caro-Kann-Caro Kann: 4...Nf6 #3]
12.0-0-0 b5

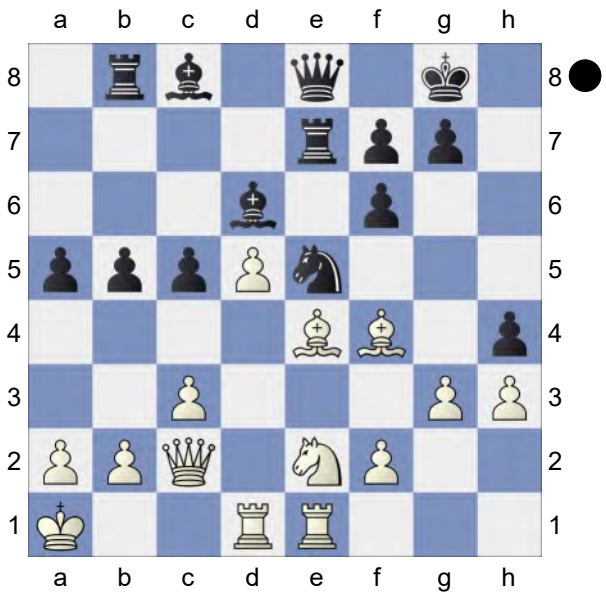
(Diagram)



13.d5! c5 14.Kb1? -0.88/19
[14.Bxb5± 0.67/19 was forced to keep a grip. Re5 15.Bd3]
14...Rb8∓ 15.Rhe1 Re7 -0.66/20
[15...Ne5∓ -1.15/19 16.Be4 Rb7]
16.Bf4 Ne5
[16...Rxe2 17.Qxe2 Bxf4 18.Qe4+-]
17.Be4 -1.33/19
[⌓17.Bh7+ -0.79/19 Kh8 18.Bf5]
17...a5 18.Ka1 -1.59/20
[⌓18.Bh7+ -1.22/19 Kh8 19.Be4]
18...Qe8 -1.00/19
[⌓18...b4 -1.59/20 19.g4 Reb7 20.cxb4 axb4 *(20...Rxb4 21.Bc1∓)*]
19.g3 -2.25/18
[19.Ng1∓ -1.00/19 might work better.]

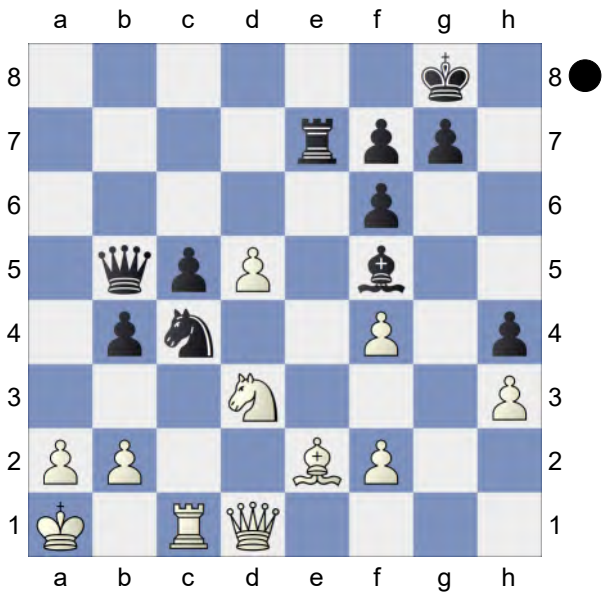
(Diagram)

19...Nc4!-+
[19...Bxh3 20.Rh1 Qd7 21.Bh7+ Kf8 22.Be4∓]
20.Bf3 Bxf4
[20...Bxh3 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.gxh4∓]
21.gxf4 Nd6
[21...Bxh3 22.d6 Nxd6 23.Rxd6±]



22.Qd2 b4
[22...Bxh3 23.Rh1 Qd7 24.Ng1-+]
23.Nc1 Rbb7
[23...Bxh3 24.Rh1 Qd7 25.Nb3∓]
24.Nd3 -2.88/23
[⌓24.Nb3 -2.02/24 Qb5 *(24...Bxh3 25.Rh1±)* 25.Rxe7 Rxe7 26.cxb4 axb4 27.Rc1]
24...Qb5
[24...Bxh3 25.Nxc5 bxc3 26.Qxc3∓]
25.cxb4 Rxe7 is the strong threat.
25...axb4 Hoping for ...Rxe1.
[25...cxb4 26.Ne5∓]
26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Rc1 Nc4
[27...Bxh3 28.Rxc5 Qb8 29.Rc1 *(29.Nxb4? Ne4-+)*]
28.Qd1 -3.26/22
[⌓28.Qc2 -2.23/23 Bf5 *(28...Ba6 29.Rd1=)* 29.Qxc4 Qxc4 Remove Defender 30.Rxc4 Bxd3 31.Rc1]
28...Bf5
[28...Bxh3 29.d6 Nxd6 30.Nxc5]
29.Be2 -4.18/22
[⌓29.Bg4 -2.74/22 Ne3 30.fxe3 Bxd3 *(30...Qxd3 31.d6±)* 31.d6]

(Diagram)



29...Nxb2! 30.Kxb2
[30.Ne5 Qa5]
30...c4 -1.96/20
[30...Bxh3? 31.d6 *(31.Nxc5? Rxe2+ 32.Rc2 Rxc2+ 33.Qxc2 g6-+; 31.Rxc5 Qa6+-)* 31...Re8 32.Ne5± *(32.Rxc5 Qb6+-)*]
[⌓30...Rxe2+ -3.75/25 31.Qxe2 Bxd3 *(31...Qxd3? 32.Qxd3 Bxd3 33.d6+-)*]
31.Ne5
[31.d6? Ra7 32.d7 Rxd7-+ *(32...Bxd3 33.d8Q+ Kh7 34.Bxd3+ g6 35.Rxc4 b3 36.Rc8 Rxa2+ 37.Kb1)*]
31...c3+ -0.76/18
[31...fxe5-+ -2.70/19 and Black stays clearly on top. 32.Rxc4 Qa5 *(32...Bxh3? 33.Rc8+* Discovered Attack *Bxc8 34.Bxb5+-)*]
32.Ka1? -#12/23
[32.Kb3∓ -0.76/18 Qc5 33.Nc4]
32...Qc5? -1.56/20
[32...b3 -#12/23 mates 33.Nd3 b2+ *(33...Qxd5? 34.Qxb3 Qxb3 35.axb3-+)* 34.Kb1 bxc1Q+ *(34...bxc1B+ 35.Kxc1 Rxe2 36.Qxe2 Bxd3 37.Qc2 Bxc2 38.Kxc2 Qb2+* Skewer, Double Attack *39.Kd3 c2 40.Ke4 c1Q 41.Kf3 Qd1+ 42.Kg2 Qbc1 43.Kh2 Qh1#)* 35.Kxc1 Rxe2 Remove Defender *(35...Bxh3? 36.d6-+)* 36.Qxe2 Bxd3 *(36...Qxd3? 37.Qxd3 Bxd3 38.a3-+)* 37.Qc2 Bxc2 38.Kxc2 Qb2+ Skewer, Double Attack *(38...Qxd5 39.Kxc3 Qf3+ 40.Kd4 Qxh3 41.Kc5 Qf3 42.Kd6 h3 43.Kc7 h2 44.Kd7 h1Q 45.Kd8 Qa8+ 46.Kd7 Qhd5+ 47.Ke7 Qf8#)* 39.Kd3 c2 *(39...Qxa2 40.Kxc3 Qxd5 41.Kb4 Qf5 42.Kc4 Qxh3 43.Kd4 Qf3 44.Kc5 Qc3+ 45.Kb6 h3 46.Kb5 h2 47.f5 h1Q 48.Kb6 Qcc6+ 49.Ka7 Qb7#)* 40.Ke4 c1Q *(40...c1B 41.f5 Qxf2 42.Kd3 Qxf5+ 43.Kc4 Qxh3 44.d6 Qe6+ 45.Kc5 h3 46.a4 h2 47.d7 Qxd7 48.Kb4 h1Q 49.Kb3 Qhd1+* Skewer, Deflection *50.Kc4 Q7xa4+ 51.Kc5 Be3#)* 41.Kf3 Qd1+ *(41...Qxa2 42.d6 Qd1+ 43.Kg2 Qad5+ 44.Kh2 Q5h1#; 41...Qf1 42.Kg4 Qg2+ 43.Kxh4 Qbxf2+ 44.Kh5 Qxh3#)* 42.Kg2 Qbc1 43.Kh2 Qh1#]
33.Nc6? -6.52/22
[33.Bd3∓ -1.56/20 Qxf2 *(33...Bxh3 34.Qh5=)* 34.Rc2 Qxf4 35.Nc6]
33...Re8? -2.55/22
[33...Rxe2 -6.52/22 34.Qxe2 b3]
34.Qd4? -6.75/23
[34.Nd4 -2.55/22 Bxh3 *(34...Qxd5 35.Bf3=)* 35.Bf3]
34...Qxd4?? 1.79/21
[34...b3-+ -6.75/23 and all is fine. 35.Rxc3 Rxe2 Double Attack 36.Ne7+ Kh7 *(36...Rxe7?* perishes. *37.Qxc5 Re8 38.axb3+-; 36...Qxe7* gets mated. *37.Rxb3 Re1+ 38.Kb2 Rb1+ 39.Kc3 Rc1+ 40.Kb2 Rc2+ 41.Ka1 Qe2 42.Qd2 Rxd2 43.Rb8+*

Kh7 44.Rh8+ Kxh8 45.a4 Qf1#) 37.Nxf5 *(37.Qxc5? Rxa2#)* 37...Qa3 *(37...Rxa2+ 38.Kb1)* 38.Qd2 Re1+ *(38...Rxd2?* leads to mate. *39.Rc2 Rd1+ 40.Rc1 Rxc1#)* 39.Rc1 Rxc1+ Back Rank 40.Qxc1 Qxc1#]

35.Nxd4+- And now Bb5 would win.

35...Bxh3 36.Bf3 Prevents Re4

36...Bd7 37.Nc2 0.73/23

[37.Kb1+- 1.74/22 has better winning chances.]

37...b3? 3.09/21 **38.axb3 Ra8+ 39.Kb1 Bf5 40.Re1 Rb8 41.Kc1 Rxb3 42.Re8+** 2.50/5

[⌓42.Re3 1.83/21]

42...Kh7 43.Be4 Bxe4 44.Rxe4 Endgame. KRN-KR **44...g5 45.d6 h3 46.fxg5?** 1.22/23

[46.d7+- 3.07/27 Rb8 47.Re3]

46...fxg5± 47.Re1 Rb6 48.Rh1 0.04/25

[48.d7± 1.29/28 Rd6 49.Rh1]

48...Rxd6= The position is equal.

49.Rxh3+ Kg6 50.Rxc3 Rf6 51.f3 Rf4 52.Ne1 Ra4 53.Nd3 f6 54.Kd2 Threatens to win with Rc6. **54...g4 55.Ke3 gxf3 56.Kxf3 Ra7 57.Nf4+ Kf7 58.Rc6 Rb7 59.Nd5 Kg7 60.Kf4 Rb5 61.Nxf6 Kf7 62.Ke4 Ra5 63.Nd5 Ra1 64.Rf6+ Kg7 65.Rb6 Kf7 66.Kf5 Rf1+ 67.Nf4 Ke7 68.Rb2 Kd6 69.Rd2+ Kc5 70.Rd8 Kc6 71.Rd4 Kc5 72.Re4 Kd6 73.Re2 Rd1 74.Rf2 Kc5 75.Ng6 Kd6 76.Kf6 Kd5 77.Rf4 Re1 78.Ne7+ Kc5 79.Nf5 Kd5 80.Rd4+ Kc5 81.Rd2 Rf1 82.Rd8 Kc6 83.Rd3 Kc5 84.Ke5 Re1+ 85.Ne3 Kc6 86.Ra3 Re2 87.Rc3+ Kd7 88.Rd3+ Kc6 89.Kd4 Rh2 90.Rc3+ Kd6 91.Nc4+ Ke6 92.Re3+ Kf6 93.Kd5 Rh1 94.Re6+ Kg5 95.Nd6 Ra1 96.Ne4+ Kf4 97.Rf6+ Ke3 98.Rh6 Ra5+ 99.Nc5 Kf4 100.Rh8 Ke3 101.Re8+ Kf3 102.Kd4 Ra7 103.Rf8+ Ke2 104.Rh8 Kf3 105.Rh3+ Kg4 106.Rh1 Ra8 107.Rf1 Ra5 108.Rf8 Ra1 109.Ke5 Ra5 110.Kd5 Kg3 111.Rf5 Ra8 112.Kd4 Kg4 113.Rf7 Ra1 114.Ke4 Re1+ 115.Kd5 Rd1+ 116.Ke5 Ra1 117.Rf4+** What a bad dream for Black.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.63

½-½

D83

□ **Ezat,Mohamed** **2312**

■ **Binu,Devdutt** **2274**

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D83: Grünfeld: 4 Bf4 Bg7 5 e3 0-0

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'' A great game by Botvinnik, which shows that despite being considered a master of positional chess, he was a genius to attack as well. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Rc1 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Qa5 8.cxd5 Ne4N** 0.81/19 Repels Qd2

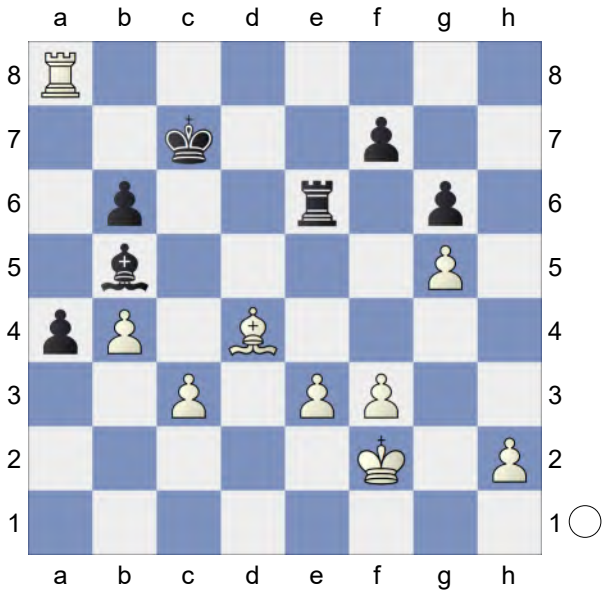
[8...Nbd7= 0.30/20 remains equal. 9.a3 Ne4 10.b4 Bxc3+ 11.Rxc3 Nxc3 12.Qa1 Qa4 13.Qxc3 a5 14.b5 Qe4 15.f3 Qxd5 16.Bh6 e5 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.c6 bxc6 19.bxc6 Nc5 20.Bc4 Qxc6 21.Ne2 Qd6 22.0-0 Be6 23.Bxe6 Nxe6 (46) Jankovic,N (2514)-Juilfs,G (2582) FIDE World Cup 2019]

[8...Rd8

A) 9.Bc4 e6 *(9...Qxc5 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.Nf3 Na5 12.0-0 Bg4 13.e4 Qb4 14.Bc7 Bxf3 15.Bxa5 Qxa5 16.Qxf3 Nd7 17.Qe3 Rac8 18.f4 Qc5 19.Qxc5 Nxc5 20.e5 Nxb3 21.axb3 f6 22.Rce1 Rc5 23.g3 fxe5 24.fxe5* 1-0 (53) Disconzi da Silva,R (2565)-Pergericht,D (2665) BCCA v Sunday Referee 1929 (7)*)* 10.Nge2 Nxd5 11.Bd6 Nxc3 12.Nxc3 b5 13.Bd3 b4 14.Ne4 b3+ 15.Qd2 Qxd2+ 16.Kxd2 bxa2 17.Ra1 Bb7 18.Rxa2 Bd5 19.Ra4 Nc6 20.b4 Ne5 21.b5 f5 22.Nc3 Bxg2 23.Rha1 Nxd3 ½-½ (37) Grankin,F (2748)-4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 43147 (2757) SSZ FT-97 corr Switzerland 1938 (6);

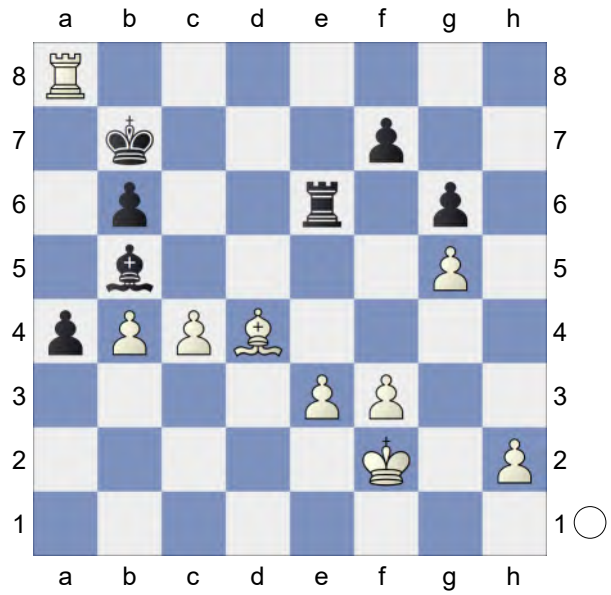
B) 9.Qd2 Nxd5 10.Bc7 Qxc7 11.Nxd5 Rxd5 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.Rd1 Rd8 15.Qc1 Qa5+ 16.Rd2 Rd5 17.Ne2 Rxc5 18.Nc3 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Rxc3 20.Qb2 Ra3 21.Qb5 Qc3 22.Qb2 Qc5 23.Qb1 0-1 (38) Tolush,A-Botvinnik,M USSR-Ch11 Leningrad 1939 (2)]

9.Nge2± Nxc5 10.Nd4 0.54/23
[10.a3± 1.08/23]
10...Rd8 11.Nb3 Nxb3 12.Qxb3
[Don't play 12.axb3 Rxd5 13.Qxd5 Bxc3+ 14.Rxc3 Qxd5=]
12...Na6 13.a3 0.07/23
[White should play 13.e4± 0.68/21]
13...Bf5 0.51/24
[13...Rxd5= 0.07/23 should be considered. 14.Be2 Rd8]
14.Bxa6 0.12/24
[14.f3± 0.51/24]
14...Qxa6= 15.f3 Bd3 16.Kf2 Bc4 This pair of bishops is nice. **17.Qb4 Bxd5 18.Rhd1 Bc6 19.Qxe7 Qb6 20.Qb4**
[20.Rxd8+ simplifies Qxd8 21.Qxd8+ Rxd8 22.e4]
20...Qxb4 21.axb4 a6 22.Bc7 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rc8 24.Bb6 Be5 0.53/25
[24...f5= 0.06/21]
25.Rd2 0.08/20
[25.Bd4± 0.53/25 Bd6 26.Bc5]
25...Bxc3 0.98/19
[25...f5= 0.08/20]
26.bxc3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **26...Kf8** 1.16/21
[⌓26...h5 0.79/23 27.e4 Bb5]
27.g4± Ke7 28.g5 Bb5 29.Bc5+ Ke8 30.Rd4 0.70/22
[30.Bd4!± 1.42/21]
30...Rc6 2.14/23
[30...a5!± 0.70/22]
31.Re4++- Re6 32.Rh4 b6 33.Bd4 a5 34.Rxh7 Hoping for Rh8+. **34...a4 35.Rh8+** 1.10/21
[Better is 35.f4!+- 1.86/22]
35...Kd7± 36.Ra8 1.06/23
[White should try 36.Rf8 1.50/23]
36...Kc7 2.03/23
[36...Rc6± 1.06/23]



37.c4!+- Kb7 2.42/26

[37...Bxc4± 1.50/23 was necessary. 38.Rxa4 Kc6]



38.Rf8! Be8 3.54/24
[⌓38...Bxc4 2.13/24 39.Rxf7+ Ka6]
39.Bb2 Kc6 40.e4 Kd7? 6.17/22
[40...b5 3.79/21 41.c5 Kb7]
41.b5 Rd6 42.Ke2 6.55/22 Inhibits Rd2+.
[42.Ke3± 0.54/19 Rd1 43.Rg8]
42...Kd8 White is clearly winning. **43.h4 Kd7 44.Rg8 Kd8 45.Rh8 Kd7 46.h5 gxh5 47.Rxh5 Kd8 48.Rh1 Rd7 49.Bf6+ Kc7 50.Rh8**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

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□ **Yakubbaeva,Nilufar 2241**
■ **Socko,Monika 2402**
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D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nbd2
[3.c4 c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 d5 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nf3 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 e4 9.Nd4 0-0 10.Nc2 Be7 11.0-0 Be6 12.b3 Nc6 13.Bb2 dxc4 14.bxc4 Qb6 15.Rb1 Qa6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxe4 Bg7 1-0 (92) Grube,J (2696)-Chitrit,N (2732) Candidates Tournament 1950 (6)]
3...d5N
[3...c5 4.e3 Bg7 5.c3 Qc7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.Ne5 Nfd7 9.f4 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nc6 11.Nf3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Rad8 14.Bd2 Qb6 15.Rab1 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Qe2 e5 18.c4 0-1 (42) Vorotnikov,V (2446)-Shankland,S (2581) (open) 115/22 2012 exf4 19.cxd5 fxe3 20.Rxf6 Bxf6 21.Bxe3 Re8 22.Qf2 Rxe3 23.Qxf6 c4 24.Kh1 cxd3 25.dxc6 Qxc6 26.Qd8+ Qe8 27.Qxe8+ Rxe8 28.Rd1 Rd8 29.Kg1 Kf7 30.Kf2 Kf6 31.Ke3 Kg5 32.Rxd3 Rxd3+ 33.Kxd3 0-1 (42) 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 ♗c5 (2446)-Sybil (2581) Leningrad-Moscow m., Leningrad (Game 2) 1962]
4.b4 Bg7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.e3 a5 7.b5 a4 8.Rc1 c6 9.Ba3! Bg4 0.50/21
[9...Bf5= 0.09/23]
10.c4 0.13/22
[10.Bd3± 0.50/21]
10...Nbd7 11.bxc6 bxc6 12.Be2 Re8 13.0-0 Qa5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Ne4 16.Qc2 e6 17.Bd3 Nef6 18.cxd5 cxd5 19.Qc7 Bf8 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Qxa5 Rxa5 22.Rb1 Ra7 23.Rfc1 Dodges Rc8 **23...Rd8 24.Kf1 Kf8 25.Ke2 Ke7 26.Rb4 a3 27.Rc3** 0.31/24
[27.Nd2± 0.72/23]
27...Kd6 0.98/22
[27...Ne4!± 0.31/24 28.Bxe4 dxe4]
28.Rbb3 White is more active. **28...Rda8**

29.Ne1 Ne4 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Nc2 Nf6 32.Rxa3 0.01/23
[32.Rb6+± 0.37/24 feels stronger. Ke7 33.Nb4]
32...Nd5= The position is equal.
33.Rcb3 Rxa3 34.Nxa3 Kc6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½